Dear parents of students who hold school bus passes,

Now that the school year is well underway, it is essential to continue to revisit expectations while riding City of Lethbridge school buses. Most students ride successfully, but some are having difficulty with the rules outlined by the City. While it would be ideal for the drivers to attend to every infraction, things go best when students do what is expected of them, understanding that those rules exist for safety and so everyone can have a good ride. The drivers are trying very hard to focus on the road conditions, stops, and student safety.

Here are the major City of Lethbridge rules I am asking you to reinforce with your child:

     - once on the bus, stay in your seat

     - only get up once the bus has stopped

     - sitting down, facing front with your legs out of the aisle is mandatory

     - use of cell phones is not permitted on school buses

     - no food or drink is to be consumed on the bus

In addition, some added school expectations to go over:

     - speak kindly to one another while waiting for and using the bus, remembering that kids from K-6 ride together

     - older students are expected to be leaders, modeling kindness, care, and support for younger students and siblings

     - we share buses with our neighbours from Children of St. Martha and should seek to make friends on the bus

     - our drivers are so important and should be talked to in a friendly, respectful way. They are for the kids and want them to have a good day, too.

The City of Lethbridge's brochure is coming home this week to help you out. If you have any questions or concerns about bus safety, rules, or expectations for riders and drivers, please do not hesitate to call the school. We will work with you to help your child have the best ride possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jones-Husch (Kathy)