

September 21, 2012 – McSwain Continues the “Walking School Bus”

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MCSWAIN CONTINUES THE “WALKING SCHOOL BUS”

On Friday, September 13, McSwain Elementary School participated in this year’s first “Walking School Bus,” with participants walking to school from the Food Lion Shopping Center on Coalter Street. McSwain Elementary School was awarded a Safe Routes to Schools grant last year and started this event as a support to that program. The Safe Routes to Schools programs are aimed at providing opportunities to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more accessible for children, including those with disabilities, and to increase the number of children who choose to walk and bicycle. On a broader level, these programs can enhance children’s health and well-being, ease traffic congestion near the school, improve air quality, and improve the overall quality of life for community members.

Plans are in place to continue the “Walking School Bus” events twice monthly this school year, as participation and enthusiasm for the event have increased. To participate, parents drop off their children at the Food Lion Shopping Center parking lot on Coalter Street, where the children gather together as a group and walk to school alongside many staff members and parents. "Our students, families and staff enjoy walking to school with friends while promoting healthy habits," said Ms. Crocker. The next “Walking School Bus” for McSwain will take place September 28.



McSwain students, parents and staff walk to school as part of the “Walking School Bus.”