



Your program is ~6 weeks away from kick off!

You should have the majority of your volunteers at this point.

**Things to work on for this week:**

1. Please collect the absentee and tardy data from the dates of the Walking School Bus program from the fall semester and the same dates from the previous year. Or you could collect for the entire semester if that is easier. Just clarify the data in your email to me. For those of you from a school that elected NOT to participate in this part of the evaluation process, you can skip this.

One school reduced tardies by over 400 during the first and second quarters due to the Walking School Bus! Once the Superintendent heard about those results, he immediately wanted the program started at their other four elementary schools. Data makes a HUGE difference.

2. Schedule your volunteer training dates. I'll ask you for firm dates next week.

3. Write the phrase "I read the PDF" in your form back to me. I'm curious as to how people are reading these. If we're going to substitute this webpage for calls, we need to know if it's working.

Thank you!

-Robert