

# William B. Gibbs Elementary School

## Safety Patrol Guidelines



### I. Duties

Gibbs safety patrols are responsible for seeing that all Gibbs Elementary students arrive and depart to and from school safely. Patrol posts are located in and around the school building. Bus rider patrols are responsible for patrolling at the bus stop, on the bus, and as students depart off the bus.

### II. Qualifications

- A. Parent permission – all students must turn in a parent permission slip allowing them to possibly become a patrol.
- B. Checklist from teachers – all students interested in becoming a safety patrol must get their referral forms filled out by 4 different teachers. Student must receive no more than 5 “no’s” on their teacher checklists in order to be accepted into the program.
- C. Persuasive essay – Every potential patrol must write a one page essay explaining why he/she would make an outstanding patrol!

### III. Expectations

- A. All patrols must be on post at 8:45 in the morning and will be off post at 3:50 in the afternoon.
- B. Model appropriate behavior on post (no socializing with other student or playing around.)
- C. All patrols must memorize the patrol pledge and recite it at the beginning of the school year. They will then earn their badge.
- D. All patrols must learn and follow the 14 Reminders for Good Patrol Operation. A Fill in the blank test on the reminders will take place in September.
- E. Attend patrol meetings with Officer Johnson every other week (meetings take place during school).
- F. Call in sick or when student has a doctor appointment. Please leaving me a message though email or on my answering machine.  
\*If you know ahead of time, please see the captains to get a substitute for your post.
- G. All patrols must wear their belt and badge while on duty. Belts should be worn over their coats during the cold season.
- H. Be courteous and respectful when talking to peers and adults.

- I. Every patrol must keep up with their grades, study skills, and model exceptional student behavior throughout the school year.

**IV. Consequences**

Failure to meet the expectations listed above can result in suspension of privileges or expulsion from the patrol team. There is a three strikes and you're out expectation. On the third strike the patrol must hand in their patrol belt and badge.

\*The patrol and their parent will be notified if the patrol receives a strike.

**V. Rewards**

- A. Badge recognition – patrols will be awarded their badge after they recite the patrol pledge. Pledge will be recited with in the first two weeks of the start of the school year.
- B. All patrols will receive a certificate of congratulation after the Patrol Pledge and the 14 Reminders have been memorized.
- C. All patrols will be recognized at the end of the year with a certificate of dedication.
- D. Hot chocolate will be served to patrols on an assigned day of the week (to be determined), when the weather is below 40 degrees, beginning after Thanksgiving break. Posts will be located inside if the temperature is below 25 degrees.
- E. All patrols will be invited to attend the patrol picnic held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

# Post Locations

## Bus Rider Patrols

### A. Bus Patrols-

Bus patrols are patrols who ride the bus to and from school. In the morning these patrols are expected to be at the bus stop before the bus arrives to monitor and oversee the safety of all students at the bus stop while they wait for their bus to arrive. While on the bus the students are assigned to different areas of the bus where they will ensure students are safely boarding, riding, and departing the bus. While departing from the bus the students will ensure the students at their stop safely depart the bus before proceeding home.

## Walker and Car Rider Patrols

- B. Inside Patrol Posts- There are a variety of posts located around the inside of the school. Some patrols help assist the primary grades to their classrooms in the morning from the cafeteria. Other patrols are assigned as kindergarten helpers and will walk the kindergarten bus riders to their bus when it is called in the afternoon. Other patrols are located throughout the hallways and stairwells to insure students are safely walking to and from class in the morning and the afternoon.
- C. Outside Patrol Posts- All outside posts are assigned to ensure that students are safely crossing the streets and crossing in only designated crossing areas on the way to and from school. The outside patrols are located around the building and at nearby streets.

Posts are located at the following streets;

\*Observation Intersection & Royal Crown roundabout (both of these locations are with crossing guards)

\*Village Green Circle, Autumn Rose, and Hawks Nest Road and at the sidewalk at the kiss and ride entrance.

- D. Kiss and Ride Patrol Posts- Patrols that are located at the kiss and ride location will assist with helping to open and close doors for the car rider students. Students are only permitted to open doors once each car has come to a complete stop. They will also assist directing the students into and out of the school building safely.

# Patrol Member's Pledge!

*"I promise to do my best to..."*

- Report for duty on time.
- Perform my duties faithfully.
- Strive to prevent accidents, always setting a good example myself.
- Obey my teachers and officers of the patrol.
- Report dangerous student practices.
- Strive to earn the respect of fellow students.

## 14 Reminders For a Good Patrol Operation

1. Look, act, and be alert
2. Report for duty on time.
3. Always set a good example. Know and practice safe walking rules.
4. Never stop cars.
5. Perform your patrol duties faithfully.
6. Be neat and clean while on duty.
7. Be dependable and trustworthy.
8. Be courteous and polite at all times; treat others as you would like to be treated.
9. Wear your belt and badge proudly.
10. Remind schoolmates of safe walking rules without being "bossy"
11. Give correct crossing signals to classmates.
12. Obey rules of the patrol, school, and home.
13. The Three main functions of a safety patrol are to:  
    Instruct, Direct and Control.
14. I will not stand or walk on the bus when it is moving.

