

Active and Safe Routes to School

CRANSTON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2026





We Rebranded!

We've officially launched a refreshed brand and updated name that reflects our commitment to our vision and mission. It recognizes both school and community spaces as integral environments to nurture health and well-being and the incredible impact we can have when we work together for healthier futures.





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Together for healthier futures

Ever Active is a registered national charity focused on the well-being of children and youth.

Our Vision

Our vision is for thriving schools and communities where children and youth grow, learn and belong.

Our Mission

Our mission is to lead, activate and build capacity for settings that nurture health and well-being.

Active & Safe Routes to School

In partnership with the City of
Calgary



Student Leadership

Teach students to become change-makers in their school community.



Promote Active School Travel

Encourage children & families to use active school travel to get to and from school.



Safety in the School Zone

Improve community spaces by enhancing safety for those using active travel.

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Student Leadership



Student Workshops

Four 90 minute sessions completed in December 2025

Group of Students

Collaborated with a group of Grade 4 students to improve school community safety and promote active travel.

Topics Included

How to be a change-maker within your school community, data collection, priorities and action planning.

Student Action Ideas

Student change-makers were apart of creating action ideas that could be implemented to address safety in school zones.

Student Action Ideas Included

- Creating banners or posters with safety messages
- Recording a student-led safety video
- Starting Walking & Wheeling Buddies
- Hosting a school assembly to share key messages
- Find Park & Walk locations for students who ride to school in a vehicle.

3.

Safety in School Zone



School Travel Planning

- 1 Set-Up**
Learn about Active School Travel.
- 2 Assess Conditions**
Collect data to identify issues.
- 3 Create an Action Plan**
Find new ideas to solve challenges.
- 4 Implement Action Plan**
Take action and test ideas.
- 5 Reassess**
Measure results to see what works.

Assess Conditions

Gather and analyze data to identify safety issues, patterns, and areas in need of improvement.



Data Collection

Conduct pre- and post-surveys with families and students, and observe traffic patterns to identify safety issues and track changes.

Community Walkabout

Organize a Community Walkabout, inviting partners and stakeholders, to identify challenges and safety concerns along school routes.

Family Travel Survey Findings

148 responses total

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Dangerous Driver Behaviour

Frequent speeding, illegal U-turns, and failure to yield—especially during drop-off and pick-up—have **reduced trust in driver behaviour** and made walking or biking unsafe for students.

Unsafe Parking

Frequent **illegal parking** and blocked sightlines from large vehicles create poor visibility, forcing children into the roadway and increasing intersection risks.

Crosswalk Concerns

Drivers often ignore crosswalks and make U-turns in them, creating high-risk situations; improvements could include crossing guards, flashing beacons, better signage, painted lines, and curb extensions.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Chaos

Limited parking, **misuse of drop-off zones**, and inadequate staff supervision cause congestion and unsafe conditions, blocking buses and increasing risks for students.

Date:	December 4, 2025	Time:	7:45-9am
Address:	205 Cranston Dr SE, Calgary AB	School:	Cranston School
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jennifer George, Principal• Andrea Bodley, Assistant Principal• Karrie Grummett, Teacher Champion• Natalie Goodall, Teacher Champion• Hugh Harms, Calgary Board of Education• Boris Lam, Mobility Safety Team (City of Calgary)• Jacqueline Oriold, Mobility Safety Team (City of Calgary)• Bradley Johnson, Bylaw Traffic Safety Team (City of Calgary)• Kevin Cullen, Calgary Police Services• Les Mills, Calgary Police Services• Valerie Waddell, School Council• Jenn Mireau, Ever Active			



Community Walkabout

**Occurred December 4, 2025
from 7:45am-9am to observe drop off**

At each stop, areas of concern and potential solutions were reviewed. Once approved by the Principal, the report will be presented to the SSTAG (Safe Student Travel Advisory Group) to support infrastructure improvements

Community Walkabout Findings

6 Stops Total

Passenger Loading Zone, Intersection of Cranston Drive SE & Cranston Way SE, Bus Loading Zone, Staff Parking lot, Community Pathway/ Intersection of Cranston Dr SE & Cranleigh Gate SE, Intersection of Cranwell Green SE & Cranston Way SE

Potential Solutions

Animate the Passenger Loading Zone with safety messages using student-made posters in sandwich boards.

Assess the intersection for eligibility for a three-way stop or traffic signals

Seek permission to paint the curb indicating the Bus Loading Zone.

Educate parents about rules to follow in the Passenger Loading Zone/Hug & Go.

Identify “Park & Walk” locations within the community and encourage families to park farther away and walk to/from school.

Teach students about pedestrian safety, including crossing at marked crosswalks (risks of jaywalking)

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Promote Active School Travel

List of Action items

Action Items that Cranston School is hoping to accomplish this school year

1

Poster Contest

School wide banner contest where students create banners or posters with safety messages to put outside school in sandwich board signs.

2

Host a school assembly

Share key safety messages in Spring such as crossing the road/jay walking, Bus loading zone safety, passenger loading zone (how to use properly)

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Safe Student Ambassadors

Look at ways to get students involved in helping the flow of traffic in passenger loading zone.

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Student led safety video

Have students be apart of making a safety video to share at school assembly or share with parents.

Questions?

