

Dear Echo Horizon School Parents,

We have exciting news! We have begun the process of establishing limited school bus transportation service for the 2014-2015 school year!

Based upon our initial bus survey, we have identified three possible routes to be operated under contract with Tumbleweed Transportation. The bus will be modern, equipped with seat belts, CHP certified, and operated by certified school bus drivers.

If you are interested in bus service for the 2014-2015 school year, please complete and return the Bus Pre-Registration Form by Thursday, March 27th. We will then be able to confirm routes and issue Bus Enrollment contracts.

If we can provide service for your student(s) beginning September 2014, we will notify you by April 30th. A \$750 deposit to secure your spot on the bus will be due by May 15th. Your transportation packet including estimated pick-up and drop-off times will be mailed to you by Tumbleweed in early August. The packet will describe all bus procedures and rules in detail.

2014-2015 Bus Pre-Registration Form	
Student's Name(s):	
Street Address:	
City:	Zip:
PROPOSED STOP AREAS (Final routes/sto Please check your preferred pick up location	ops based on forms received by Thursday, March 27) n
<u>Mar Vista/Venice/Santa Monica</u> Mar Vista Venice Santa Monica	Bel Air/Westwood/Brentwood Bel Air Westwood Brentwood
Hancock Park/Pico/3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Hancock Park Pico/San Vicente Pico/Robertson 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street/La Cienega	<ul> <li>I would like to offer my home as a potential Meeting Point for the Bus Route.</li> </ul>

If you would like bus service, and your area is not noted above, please indicate the maximum number of miles you are willing to travel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Routes/stops are not final and are subject to change**. Once a route has been established, a deposit of \$750 will be required to reserve your spot on the bus. The remaining Bus fee balance of \$2,000 will be due on July 1, 2014. For a route to operate there must be a minimum of 15 students on the bus. <u>I understand that the receipt of this Pre-Registration form does not in itself ensure that my child has reserved a seat on any bus</u>. Only when I receive written confirmation of the bus route assignment will my child be guaranteed such a space. I agree to pay the fee in full and agree there are no refunds or pro-rations of bus fees at any time for any reason. Bus service is being provided by Tumbleweed Transportation under contract to Echo Horizon School. In an emergency Tumbleweed Transportation has my permission to obtain medical treatment for my child. My child and I agree to abide by all school bus rules established by Tumbleweed Transportation and Echo Horizon School.

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## Top Reasons for Taking the Bus

## Taking the bus...

is fun- kids love it (just see what they have to say)!

is safe- buses have fewer accidents than cars

is easy- we've got routes designed to make the day easier for you and your kids.

saves you time and money- uses less gas, wear and tear on your car, frees up your time to do other things for your kids

helps kids become more responsible- being a "big kid" who takes the bus helps our kids deal with deadlines and makes them more confident

**is better for the environment-** we all stress the importance of keeping the environment clean. Let's make sure our actions are consistent with our words.

helps Echo Horizon School be a good neighbor- fewer cars in the street and by the school helps keep the city and our neighbors happy.

helps our teachers- classes can start on time and there are fewer disruptions from kids arriving late when they arrive by school bus.

helps all of our children have an easier day- bus rides are significantly shorter when more kids take the bus because we can design more efficient routes.

is something we can do as a community- we can make a difference in the safety and lives of our families, our kids, our environment, and our school. Let's work together- we are, after all, the Echo Horizon School family!

