

## *Frequently Asked Questions:*

### *When are students dismissed on early release days?*

*On teacher workshop days (see calendar) or other circumstances requiring early dismissal, students are dismissed at 11:30 AM. The bus will follow its regular schedule. Walkers and riders should be picked up at 11:30 AM.*

### *What if my child is late or must leave school during the day?*

*If a student arrives after the 8:00AM bell, they should sign in at the office. Signing in and out is also required if a student needs to leave school during the day for any reason. In order to ensure safety while your children are at school, all visitors are asked to sign in at the office before going to a classroom.*

### *Must I contact the school if my child is unable to attend?*

*Yes, your child's safety is our utmost concern, therefore we request that you contact the school if your son or daughter will not be attending. If we fail to hear from you by 9:00 AM, we will attempt to contact you to verify your child's absence. Please feel free to leave a message on the school's answering machine before 8:00 AM.*

### *Is bus transportation provided? How can I find out when/where my child will board the bus?*

*The Townshend School owns its own bus. Bus schedules are posted at the school, town hall, library and post office in Townshend before school opens in the fall. If you have any questions about the scheduled stops, please call the school office for assistance. (365-7506) Bus transportation is provided at the beginning and end of the school day.*

### *What if my child wishes to ride their bike or walk to school?*

*Students riding bicycles or walking to school must bring a permission slip from their parents to do so.*

### *How do I find out if school is closed due to snow?*

*School closing because of bad weather is the decision of the Superintendent of Schools. The list of closed schools is reported on local radio stations (WKVT, WTSA, WYRY). These announcements usually begin at 6:00 AM. In addition to the radio, our school closing phone tree will be activated by the principal as soon as notification is received from the superintendent. You will receive a phone call to confirm that school is closed. Please let the office know if you do not receive a phone call. Please be aware that the number of weather related closings will directly effect the date of the last day of school. If we use any "snow days", the cancelled days are added to the end of the school year. (See Calendar)*