

# DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SAFE WALKING ROUTES

## AREA 1

**Recommended Route:** Children should walk from their neighborhoods to Harvey Blvd. Go east on Harvey Blvd. to the crossing guard. For those west of Dorchester, it is recommended that children turn east to Dorchester and continue on to Harvey Blvd.

**Main Safety Hazard:** *The corner of Harvey Blvd. and Chesterfield is a dangerous spot for children on bikes. There is a crosswalk, however, no crossing guard. It is recommended that children continue on Harvey Blvd. to where the crossing guard is stationed in front of the school. Parents should teach their children not to cross at this corner but to continue on to the crossing guard.*

## AREA 2

**Recommended Route:** Children who are from AF west of 1190 East should walk to Murdock Drive and stay on the west side of 1190 East until they get to the stop sign on the corner of Harvey Blvd. and 1190. Then they should cross east at the stop sign and follow the sidewalk or bike path that is on the south side of Harvey Blvd. Children who enter 1190 East from the east via the Val Vista neighborhood or who walk down to 1190 from the PG neighborhood that is located south of the school, should stay on the east side of 1190 all the way to the stop sign at the corner of Harvey and then take a right and follow the sidewalk or bike path.

**Main Safety Hazard:** *Please tell your children never to cross 1190 East at Murdock Drive. Drivers come down that hill too fast to stop for children. If you drive on 1190 East to take your children please be aware that the speed limit is 25 mph. Speeding along 1190 has become increasingly worse especially before and after school. If your children walk along 1100N/8200N have them walk along the north side of the street as far off the road as possible since there are very few sidewalks along that road.*

## AREA 3

**Recommended Route:** Children should walk from their neighborhoods to access 4000 West. They should travel 4000 West to Harvey Blvd. They should travel on the bike/walk trail on Harvey Blvd. until it meets the sidewalk. At this point all children (bikes & walking) should travel on the sidewalk to the crossing guard at Deerfield. Cedar Hills recommends that children ride their bikes on the sidewalk because the road is so narrow that it presents a safety hazard to bikes when traffic is present. Cedar Hills asks that children disregard common bicycle rules of traveling with traffic on this stretch of road. It is not recommended that any children cross Canyon Road without supervision. It is highly recommended that children be trained by parents on bike safety and walking safety in areas without sidewalks.

**Main Safety Hazard:** *Most children in this area should walk/ride on 4000 West. This road is extremely hazardous because cars travel at high speeds (posted 35, cars routinely clocked at 55), there are no sidewalks and at the point where 4000 West meets Harvey Blvd., there is very large grade gravel that bike riders dodge by riding into the middle of 4000 W. While the children can walk in the ditch during good weather, winter weather renders the ditch slushy and wet, making it useless as a walking way.*

## AREA 4

Parents who are from this area highly recommend that you drive your children to school, especially because of the traffic for the charter school and new subdivision. There is also a lack of sidewalks along 1100 N. If they do walk, have them walk down to the Val Vista subdivision and then follow the safety plan for area 2.

