How to select your Walking School Bus routes

1) Spend a morning/afternoon observing which routes children commonly take to walk to and from school. This will give you an idea of likely routes.
2) [OPTIONAL] Use a school survey to learn who has interest in joining a Walking School Bus (WSB). Use the Google My Maps tool to map their locations.
   a) Go to https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/?hl=en_US&app=mp
   b) Create new map
   c) Enter address or intersection of family in search bar at the top
   d) Select “Add to Map” to add the pin to your map
   e) Once all addresses are entered, you will have a map that looks similar to the one below.

3) Use the information from your observations and/or the family location map to develop your routes.
4) Double check!
   a) Walk the proposed routes before making them official. Be sure that there are no previously unseen obstacles: stray dogs, high-speed traffic, poor walking conditions etc.
   b) Talk to your leaders or interested families to confirm that the routes are realistic. This increases buy-in and helps ensure that your routes are comfortable for walkers (ie. one street may be better for pushing a stroller, or a slightly modified route may allow walkers to avoid a large dog).