



# The Bus Zone

MARCH 2008

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## Angie's Reminders:

1:30 Dismissal – March 5<sup>th</sup>  
No School – March 6<sup>th</sup>  
No School – March 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 Dismissal – March 12<sup>th</sup>  
No School – March 21<sup>st</sup>  
No School – March 24<sup>th</sup>  
  
No School – April 14<sup>th</sup>  
  
1:30 Dismissal & End of  
School – May 16<sup>th</sup>

## Recruiting Drivers- 2008

*By Angela Moore*

As you are well aware of we are in need of substitute drivers. If you know of anyone who has an interest in driving, please contact me. It would be great if we could get one or two more substitute drivers in rotation for next year. Perhaps a neighbor or a parent of one of your student passengers has inquired about what it takes to drive a school bus. I can certainly call an individual and start the licensing process.

## Student Update

*By Angela Moore*

I would like to double check with each of you, the names of those currently riding routes.

I will soon be asking parents to fill out transportation requests for next year and I want to be sure I have all those currently riding to be accounted for.

## Spring Activity Trips

*By Angela Moore*

I will be assigning all spring activity trips soon. This will take us to the end of the year. From the feedback I have received you, as drivers, prefer this method of trip assignments. I believe it has worked fine for all involved. The golf team will continue to use the 14-passenger bus with Mr. Van Winkle driving to their meets and it is my understanding that the track team will only need one bus. Music events and elementary field trips will constitute the majority of your busing activities. Thanks for all your help & cooperation.

## Gearing Up For 2008/2009

As noted in the side bar, I would like to go over who is currently riding your bus so I can send out 'Busing Requests' for next year. In that same line of thinking if you have any suggestions/ideas/thoughts about next year's routes please talk to me or Mr. Phillips. We also need to know if you plan to drive for us next year or not. I know it seems early to be thinking about August 2008, but the reality is we need to know how to plan for bus routes, activity trips and substitute drivers.

## Bus Tickets

If you have an elementary student who misbehaves on the bus it would be appreciated if you could write the slip up immediately or as soon as you can. The more time that goes by, the less effective the discipline. If the discipline sheets are going to have any affect on the child the child has to know right away that they are going to be written up. Don't wait until after school or the next day when an incident happens. Stay consistent with the discipline policy on your bus. Use your camera, if you have one and make sure you listen to the kids when they tell you something. Please investigate all allegations of misbehavior on your bus when reported to you. Being a bus driver is a tough job. All of you have a big job to do and that is keeping all your kids safe. Keep up the nice work.

## Safety Reminders

*From the Safe Pupil Transportation Plan from the NASB ALICAP program*

- Know where the fire extinguisher is located.
- Know where first-aid kits are located.
- Know how to operate fire extinguishers.
- Know what items are found in the first-aid kits and how to use the items.
- Double check your first-aid kits to see if they need replaced.