



# The Bus Zone

APRIL 2010

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## **Nancy's Reminders:**

Good Friday:  
No School – April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Last Day of School:  
May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM

## **Being Prepared**

*By Jerry Phillips*

*"It is a good idea to think through what you might want to do in the event you get caught in high winds or tornado warnings. It is possible we may delay the routes, but there is no way to avoid the possibility that you might run into some times when you have to do what you think is best under the conditions you are facing."*

Safety is the most important factor for bus drivers. Changing seasons always provide challenges. Our drivers have a great record of safety and we certainly want to continue that record. In addition to weather, spring brings more traffic including farm equipment. Always think safety!

## **Reminders**

*By Nancy Romshek*

- The year is winding down with track and field trips left. Please make sure you are prompt in arriving, so that the class or group can get to their destination on time.
- Mr. Bathen has asked that the drivers not allow students back into the elementary for drinks or to use the restroom. Too many high school students are in the elementary building after school when they should be on the bus.
- Make sure you arrive before the end of school. It becomes a safety issue when students and parents are in the horseshoe area or crossing the street and buses are trying to drive up to the school.
- The second bus evacuations must be done before the end of school.
- Gas receipts must be turned in. Angie needs to be able to match them up with the bills.
- Inspect the fire extinguishers and sign your initials on the tag. This needs to be done monthly.
- Watch for slow moving vehicles such as tractors and pickups pulling farm equipment down the road as it is time for field work to begin. Also watch out for the newly licensed drivers as the weather gets nicer they will be out of the roads.

## **Safety Response to Incidents**

*By Nancy Romshek*

When a car passes you illegally or if a person(s) throws things at the bus or otherwise endangered themselves, the driver or the passengers on the bus the responsibility of reporting the incident to the police resides with the driver. Since it related directly to the bus when on a route or activity, it does affect the school, but is not the responsibility of the principal. The bus driver needs to contact law enforcement as soon as possible when it happens. Then they can describe exactly what took place.

If anything like this happens the driver should report to law enforcement and also tell Nancy or Mr. Phillips that it was reported. Principals need to be aware also, as they likely have continued incidents that they deal with at school.

If anyone has questions, please contact Mr. Phillips directly.

