



The Bus Zone

FEBRUARY 2009

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Angie's Reminders:

February 18th – 1:30 PM
Dismissal
February 26th - No School
February 27th - No School

A Note from Heather...

By Heather Yates, Bookkeeper
Don't forget to turn in all fuel receipts to the office.

Substitute Bus Driver

By Angela Moore

If you know of someone who would be interested in driving as a sub please let me know.

Anton will not be available to drive until the end of February if his recovery goes smoothly.

Don't Forget...

By Angela Moore

I still have Germ-Free Surface Disinfectant spray and Fuel Therapy with Anti-Gel in the office. Pick them up before you need them.

Bus Cameras

Angela Moore

The DCPS Board of Education approved the purchase of digital bus cameras to be installed in each of the route buses. They have since arrived and Jamie Sylvester of SlickGraphics will install the cameras. I will make arrangements for you to take a spare bus home when your bus gets this update. When they are up and running I'll ask you to come in and view the video that the camera system is able to take.

Student Behavior Guidelines for Riding School Buses

From Pupil Transportation Guide (Nebraska Department of Education)

- Students are not to change from seat to seat while the bus is in motion unless the driver grants permission.
- Students are not permitted to stand while the bus is in motion or extend their arms, heads or legs out of the window at any time.
- Students should not create noise to the degree that it interferes with the driver's ability to hear emergency vehicles or an approaching train.
- Students should not place objects in the aisle or in front of the emergency exits.

Student Discipline

From Pupil Transportation Guide (Nebraska Department of Education)

Often times seat assignments can solve behavior problems on the bus. However, poor behavior can quickly escalate resulting in safety concerns that may impact other students and the safe operation of the vehicle.

Defiance results from the student's recognition that the adult is not in control of the situation. If the situation has reached the point where the student will not follow the adult's requests, do not attempt to force the student to obey. It is better to give simple directions that can be followed in order to regain control of the situation quietly.

If you are forced to take disciplinary action to control the situation, stop the vehicle in a safe location as soon as possible. Explain district guidelines you can expect the student to obey and that you can also enforce. Suggest an action that can be performed successfully. Inform the building principal of the incident so documentation of the events can be on file.

Post Trip Vehicle Check

From Pupil Transportation Guide (Nebraska Department of Education)

School bus drivers shall conduct an interior "walk through" inspection for students that may remain on a school bus at the end of each route and activity trip. Especially with long school bus routes, some of the students may fall asleep and not exit the bus at the appropriate time. The school bus drivers are responsible for the safe delivery of their passengers.