



# The Bus Zone

MARCH 2009

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## Angie's Reminders:

No School – March 12<sup>th</sup>  
No School – March 13<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 Dismissal – March 18<sup>th</sup>

1:30 Dismissal – April 1st  
No School – April 10th  
No School – April 16th  
1:30 Dismissal – April 15th

1:30 Dismissal & End of  
School – May 19<sup>th</sup>

## Recruiting Drivers- 2009

*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 have assigned all athletic events to the end of the year. 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. Field trips and other unscheduled events requiring busing continue to trickle in. I will assign them as I get them. Thanks for all your help & cooperation.

## Thanks from Mr. Bathen

Everything this year must be going fairly well on the buses. I attribute that to the kids knowing the rules and what is expected of them. I have not received any bus slips for the last two quarters so the kids must be following the rules. I am hoping that with the bus rules that you have followed all year and your camera system (if you have one) that I will not have an influx of bus tickets the last three months of school. Keep up the good work. Bus drivers are a valued part of our staff. Thanks, Mr. Bathen

## Safety Reminders

1. Turn on the headlights and body clearance lights when visibility is poor. Be sure that you can see and be seen by others. Clean light lenses as needed for maximum brightness.
2. Use defrosters as needed to clear the windshield and windows for good visibility.
3. Reduce your speed and be especially alert in congested areas.
4. Brake smoothly on wet or icy roads. Avoid skidding if at all possible.
5. Exercise extreme caution at intersections and railroad crossing. Never assume that the other motorists will or can stop.
6. Be consistent in picking up your students. They will more likely be on time if you are.
7. Pay a lot of attention to the pre-trip inspections. Knowing your vehicle will result in safer driving and more efficient performance.
8. Report defects promptly and in writing, especially components that are essential to the safe performance of the vehicle.
9. Remind your students to practice good riding habits.
10. Use extreme caution when loading and unloading students due to the possibility of drawstrings from certain types of clothing getting snagged on the handrail in the step-well area or in the service door.