



# The Bus Zone

NOVEMBER 2008

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## Angie's Reminders:

- 1:30 PM Dismissal on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- 1:30 PM Dismissal on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>
- No School on Thursday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>
- No School on Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Please wish Butch 'Best of Luck' on his back surgery which is scheduled for Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.*

## Emergency Evacuation Drills

At least twice during each school year, each pupil to be transported in a pupil transportation vehicle shall be instructed in safe riding practices and participate in emergency evacuation drill.

### Reminders:

- Drills should be held in restricted off-street areas and not on bus routes.
- All types of emergency evacuation should be practiced with emphasis on utilizing the rear emergency exit.

## A Note from Heather...

*By Heather Yates, Bookkeeper*

Heather needs your activity trip sheets, time cards and electric/wash sheets at the end of each month. If she receives them after the last day of the month then you will have to wait until the following month to get paid for them. She also requests that you write either 'activity' or 'personal' on the time cards for the days you are gone and a substitute drives. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Safety Precautions

*By Angela Moore*

- As always be observant while driving.
- I have germ spray available for you to spray your seats.
- Encourage your riders to dress warmly.
- I will have fuel conditioner available for you soon.
- Keep your steps and aisle dry as possible.

Mr. Batten has observed that when the buses arrive at the elementary school that there are students standing up in the bus while the bus is still moving. For safety purposes he is asking that the bus drivers review the rules of bus safety with their riders. Bus drivers make sure that all the students are seated on the bus until it comes to a complete stop.

## Safety: Speed Limits & Railroad Crossing

*By Pupil Transportation Guide, Nebraska Department of Education*

Generally, the maximum pupil transportation vehicle speed limit shall be as posted or as provided. However, speed should be governed by reasonable judgment and existing road or weather conditions.

The following regulations shall apply to school buses, either loaded or unloaded, during the process of approaching and crossing railroad tracks except at any such crossing where a police officer or a traffic control flagman directs traffic to proceed.

- Approach tracks with caution and decelerate.
- Activate the hazard warning flasher lights at a distance of not less than 500 feet and not more than 1,000 feet from the nearest railroad track in rural areas and at least 300 feet and not more than 600 feet from the nearest railroad track within the corporate limits of town or city.
- Stop the bus within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail.
- If there is no "Park" shift point, place in neutral and press down on the service brake or set the parking brake.
- Command the cooperation of the students in an effort to provide maximum quietness.
- After the students are quiet, open the door, listen and look in both directions along such track for any approaching train and for signals indicating the approach of a train. If no train is approaching, proceed in a gear low enough to permit crossing the tracks without having to shift and deactivate hazard warning flasher lights after crossing last rail. The entrance door must be closed by the time the bus is clear of the track.

***Bring a good attitude, and others will follow.***