



# The Bus Zone

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## Angie's Reminders:

- Bus Evacuations Drills (white sheets) are to be done and the form turned in.
- Make sure every student has your school cell phone number. If you need more of those small notes for students let me know.
- The school has provided cleaning solution (Simple Green) and a brush that can extend to aide you in washing your bus. I am still looking into the best small brush to clean the fuel tank lid area for you. I will have them in my office when they are available.

## Note from Columbia Insurance Group

*By Jerry Phillips, Superintendent*  
Note on the back side of this newsletter is a statement from our insurance provider concerning Cell Phones and Driving. We do expect you to call the office when you drop off your last riders. However, we do not want to place any driver in harm's way. When you are stopped at the last house that would be the best time to call in.

## Loading/Unloading for Activities

*By Jerry Phillips, Superintendent*

We will continue the practice of loading and unloading for activities on the west side of the high school. You need to maneuver the bus off the street as much as possible. This is also true when we have two buses loading up. Staying off the street eliminates the chance of a traffic accident.

## Stop Sign Violators

*By Jerry Phillips, Superintendent*

If you are stopped on the street with your stop sign out and a driver drives through it you need to call the police department. If it happens in David City call **367-3133**; outside of city limits call the Butler County Sheriff at **367-7400**. It is more effective if you, as a driver, call at the time of the infraction. Be prepared to give the license plate number.

## Heroes

**There are heroes in our land today that never receive any recognition.  
Some of these are a child's first acquaintance with education.  
Now a teacher might be the first one who comes to our mind,  
But I speak of the bus driver for which the kids wait in line.**

**For a moment, put yourself in the bus driver's shoes,  
And I'm sure you will find that it's a job you might not want to choose.  
Just think what it would be like to baby sit for sixty kids or better  
And remember you must chauffeur this bus load of kids regardless of the  
weather.**

**I must admit, to be in front of a classroom with 20-30 kids wouldn't be a picnic,  
But to drive 60 kids over icy roads would set my nerves on edge and  
make my stomach sick.**

**A school bus driver is like a postman and must go regardless of rain, snow,  
gloom and darkest of night  
But no postman ever had to have 60 kids, clean up their mess,  
or break up a fight.**

**A child can have a bad day at school without any warning,  
But can be forgotten when a bus driver says, "Have a good evening,  
I'll see you in the morning"**

**Ask any student, what heroes of their never received any fame,  
And I'll bet a bus driver will be among those that they name.**

*This poem was written by David Arnold, a custodian in Brownstown, Illinois.  
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