

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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LOADING & UNLOADING: The most important part of safety happens at the loading and unloading of your students. Each driver and DA should review the section of their Safety Manual pertaining to Loading & Unloading (see Section 20.01, Page 102-105). Review the universal crossings hand signals with each of your students. Make sure you ask if your student is crossing. It is important to know your crossers. You owe it to your students to provide safe information.

2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR...THE FIRST WEEKS: The first weeks of school can be a bit confusing, difficult and



challenging to all involved. Most of the children (and drivers and DA's) are anxious and happy to board the bus and get back to school. Some may need to be reminded about school bus safety as they ride to and from school. Some may need to be reassured about leaving their mothers. The initial contact between parents, children and the bus driver must be a positive one. One of the biggest challenges you face is trying to balance being helpful to the parents and maintaining your route schedule. While parent's concerns are important, it is also important for you to get to school bus stops on time. That in itself can be challenging, considering the six conditions of driving: Roads, Traffic, Weather, Light, Vehicle and Driver. The school bus is the first part of the school system that most parents see. For some it will be the only part they see and will become their first impression of the school itself. A clean, well-maintained school bus will give them a favorable impression of school, our Company and you as a driver. Maintaining a clean bus is a matter of safety. Be prepared from the start. This includes fueling the vehicle the day before and always completing a pre-trip and post-trip of the vehicle.

SCHOOL OPENING ODDS & ENDS:

- Pay for the summer refresher will be in your paycheck dated 9/17/2021
- Hourly rate increase of 3.7% will take effect 9/5/2021. The new rates can be found on MPS under Notifications/Forms.
- Make sure you view the non-guaranteed week schedule for the new school year. It can be found in the information your Supervisor provides.
- If you need an ID badge or uniforms, please stop at the Saxon Safety Center.

COVID POLICY: We will be using the same COVID protocols we used in June:

- Drivers and DA's must wear a mask on the bus.
- DA may use the face shield at their discretion.
- All students must wear a mask on the bus as per CDC guidelines.
- Red disinfectant spray bottles will be used by the driver to spray down the high touch areas on the bus.
- Create ventilation on the bus by opening roof hatches and windows on each side of the bus.
- The seat behind the driver will remain empty.
- Electro-magnetic sanitizing of buses will be done monthly.
- Each yard has a supply of PPE if needed.



Our Facebook spotlight this week is all employees who worked throughout the summer! Enjoy the remainder of your summer & THANK YOU!

“Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud”