

shout OUT!

<u>SHOUT OUT TO K-2 TRAINERS</u>: We received the following accolade from the Assistant Principal at Ridge Elementary School in the Longwood CSD: "I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for working with me in setting up Ridge Elementary with the Bus Safety Program. This program was a big hit for the students. The presenters, Karen Flaim, Joseph Payton, Aracelis Castro and Tomika Williams were engaging and informative to the students. The teachers gave lots of positive feedback about the

presenters of the program and I didn't want it to go unnoticed. The students truly enjoyed the program presentation, and we hope they will engage in the correct bus conduct as a result". We are proud to have them on our team! If you would like to learn more about our K-2 Program or become a K-2 trainer, email Linda Licata at <u>llicata@suffolkbus.com</u>

<u>VACCINATION CARDS</u>: Please continue to upload your vaccination cards. Visit MPS, click on "Helpful Links", click on "Vaccination Card Upload". You can also visit suffolkbus.com. Click on "Employee Portal", click on "Vaccination Card Upload". Please only upload your card when you are completely vaccinated. Cards uploaded by Thursday at 4 PM should not be on the COVID testing list for the following week. If you give us a copy of your card, it may not be uploaded by this deadline, leaving your name on the testing list.

<u>COVID TESTING</u>: The process seems to be running smoother now that we are in week two of testing.

If you are having a problem scheduling a test, please see your supervisor before the close of business Friday, 10/15. Testing is a NYS mandated requirement for all school personnel including bus drivers and DA's. Failure to test will result in you being out of compliance and unable to work. The schedule for next week is as follows:

Tuesday, 10/19/21	Bay Shore Hiring Center	9:30 AM
Wednesday, 10/20/21	1849 Pond Rd. Trailer	10:00 A <i>l</i>
Thursday, 10/21/21	Coram Hiring Center	9:30 AM
Friday, 10/22/21	10 Harold Court	10:00 AI

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<u>PAYROLL DISCREPANCIES</u>: We appreciate your patience as we process your payroll discrepancy. This has been a challenging school opening as we have experienced large student and route adds. Your supervisors and payroll team are working at a rapid pace to review outstanding discrepancies. We are working closely with the union to further streamline the process. Keep in mind that entering a duplicate discrepancy only slows up our process. If you have a question regarding your entry, please speak with your supervisor. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



<u>CAN YOU BE SEEN IN THE YARD</u>: please make sure you are wearing a coat or vest with reflective strips. The hours of sunlight are quickly diminishing, and it is important to be seen in the early morning hours and at dusk. If you have a coat or vest without the reflective strips, please stop by the Saxon Safety Center to get a new coat.



Our Facebook spotlight this week will be Karen Flaim, Joseph Payton, Aracelis Castro and Tomika Williams, east end K2 trainers.

"Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine"