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Safety Newsletter

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"BOUNTY BONUS": Refer a friend or family member for a school bus driver position and receive \$1,000! Yes, we are doubling the bounty to \$1,000! And you receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a school bus route, no waiting for 6 months. This is effective through 12/31/22. Applicants can visit www.suffolkbus.com to complete an online application or pick up an application at your yard.





Email received from Joe Scutaro, our Facility Manager, regarding DA's Vincent Lo Re and Andre Jean:

"I had the temporary Wilscott Trailer taken out at midnight from 1780 Smithtown Ave. I stopped at the site before 5:00 am in the morning to clean up. Just wanted to let everyone know of these two employees who saw me cleaning up and placing traffic cones around the area. Without even asking, Vincent and Andre just pitched in to assist me. Their help was very much appreciated."

Email received from Transportation Coordinator at Three Village regarding large bus driver David Merzke:

A parent called the district office to say that she called her daughter's cell while she was sitting on the bus and she could hear the driver speaking to the kids. She said he was respectfully explaining why he has rules. And how he needs to keep them safe. The parent was over the moon impressed with the way he was with the kids. Another awesome driver!"

Email received from Assistant Principal at Three Village elementary regarding van driver Danny Pusateri:

"We had a student that started riding a mini today. He struggles immensely with change and transition. It took his mom multiple times to get him to actually get on the bus this morning to ride to school. When I spoke to her shortly after, she was praising Dan, the bus driver. She said he was kind, patient and encouraging. Upon arriving at school, Dan showed the same compassion. At dismissal, he purposely parked in a spot where he knew he could pull over if the student needed a little extra time or attention. When the student entered the bus, Dan was calm, and his demeanor put the student at ease. The student was able to get on the bus and ride home. I don't think the student would have had this major accomplishment if Dan wasn't the compassionate and kind person that he is."



CDL PERMIT CLASS: We are holding a CDL permit class on Friday, 11/18, from 10:00AM-1:00PM at the Safety & Training Center, 50 Saxon Ave. This is a great opportunity for DA's to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. If you have any friends or family who have thought about driving, please invite them

to this class. Remember, you get a \$1,000 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive with us for 60 days! DA's - you also get a \$1,000 bounty when you upgrade your license to a CDL and get a school bus route. HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Health insurance open enrollment is happening now. If you are interested in enrolling, please email benefits@suffolkbus.com and request information. Last day to enroll is 11/18/22. Coverage will begin 12/1/22. Next chance to enroll in health insurance will be in September 2023.



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Luis Mercado, line driver out of 1980 Pond Road



"Thank you to all our Veterans – we appreciate everything you do for our country"

