

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: The Superintendent of Middle Country CSD, Roberta Gerald, and the Superintendent of Port Jefferson USFD, Jessica Schmettan, had the opportunity to drive a large school bus in their district this week to commemorate National School Bus Safety Week. This was a great opportunity for them to see what it is like to be behind the wheel. Thanks to Karyn Such, the quick lesson allowed Roberta and Jessica to navigate the bus in the parking lot. As you can see by the smiles on their

faces, they enjoyed the experience.

INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN: The Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management Intelligence Liaison Officers continue to monitor the events in the Middle East. Their personnel have been in direct contact with the New York State Intelligence Center and Suffolk County Law Enforcement. Although there are currently no active, credible threats to New York State, there is an increasing concern that individuals and groups, particularly those ascribing to violent extremist ideologies, may attempt to exploit the current situation to further their agendas. These groups may manipulate or twist narratives to incite hatred, recruit followers or mobilize acts of violence. All first responders are reminded to maintain vigilance while responding to alarms. If you "See Something, Say Something". **Please remain alert and report any suspicious activities.** The toll-free statewide Terrorism Tips Hotline is: 1-866-SAFE-NYS (1-866-723-3697).

NON-VERBAL STUDENTS: Identifying how a non-verbal student communicates allows you the opportunity to either initiate communication or to be open and ready for when the rider tries to communicate with you. What are some ways the students on your bus try to communicate without using words? If you're not sure, look for when students use a physical gesture, sound or touch to communicate. To gather more insight, observe behavior changes when you drop them off at home. Notice how they respond to the person who greets them. When you begin to recognize these non-verbal attempts to communicate, you will begin to learn how to interact with your rider.

CDL PERMIT CLASS: We are holding our next CDL permit class on Tuesday, 11/7, from 12:30PM-3:30PM at the Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma [behind Long Island McArthur Airport]. This is a great opportunity for DA's, and friends and family to come in and get more information on driving and obtaining a CDL permit. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. Remember, you get a \$500 bounty for every driver referral you make after they drive for 6 months!



This week's Facebook spotlight is Al Cannizzaro, trainer out of the Coram yard

"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."