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Safety Newsletter

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: The Interim Superintendent of the Brentwood UFSD, Wanda Ortiz-Rivera, and the Superintendent of Babylon UFSD, Carisa Manza, had the opportunity this week to see what it is like to be behind the wheel in commemoration of National School Bus Safety Week. Thank you to Frank Klein for a lesson in allowing Wanda and Carisa to navigate the bus in their parking lots.

SHOUT OUTS: Tommy Smith has been appointed as President of the New York School Bus Contractors Association. Tommy's knowledge and understanding of the school bus industry will be an asset for the association. Terry O'Halloran was recognized by the New York School Bus Contractors Association with a Distinguished Member Service Award.



-The following email was received from the Hauppauge School District regarding Lisa Oliveri, Dispatcher out of 1849 Pond Rd: "We are writing to thank you for the exceptional work done on your behalf. We have been working with Lisa Oliveri since August, we cannot express how amazing she has been. What should have been a very difficult start was much smoother with Lisa. Lisa worked so hard to expedite the process of placing all of our children."



HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Is from 10/27-11/17. All plans are effective 12/1/23. For current members, you will be receiving important information pertaining to your new rates with your paycheck on Friday, 11/3. We will be introducing the Difference Card program, so it is important to read all the materials given. Keep an eye on future Newsletters that will announce Lunch & Learn dates for educational information on the Difference Card. For new enrollees if you wish to inquire about health insurance, please email benefits@suffolkbus.com for rates and information. This will be the final opportunity to sign up for health insurance this year. Other health insurance options include - the marketplace @ www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov or if you are 65 or older, Medicare open enrollment is currently running from 10/15-12/7. Please go to www.Medicare.gov for more information.



401k OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment for the 401k plan will begin on 12/1 for changes to take effect on 1/1/24. During open enrollment you can enroll in the 401k plan or change your contribution amount. This is also a good time to update your beneficiary form. We will be visiting the following locations on the days noted below for any questions or to assist in completing forms: **Friday, 11/17 - 1980 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM / Monday, 11/20 - 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma - 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM / Tuesday, 11/21 - 50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore - 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM / Wednesday, 11/22 - 1162 Old Town Rd, Coram - 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM** Please contact Jhanella Orellana jorellana@suffolkbus.com with any questions relating to your 401k or to make any changes during open enrollment. Forms can also be found on MPS.

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 week's Facebook spotlight is Bronwen Sessa, Database Coordinator

"If you can't yet do great things, do small things in a great way."