



EIPS Student Transportation Safety NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER

WELCOME BACK

A very belated welcome back to our bus operators, monitors and stakeholders. It has been great to catch up with our more seasoned drivers and meet some new people as I visit our schools and transfer sites.

Can you believe that the first month of school is already over? Fall is definitely in the air and as such our focus turns to upcoming School Bus Safety week. For EIPS Student Transportation these activities start several weeks before that date. Our staff has been busy planning practice bus evacuations and the Little Elk Island Adventure. Thank you for all of your help with these programs!

- Christine Hogan, Safety and Compliance Coordinator

BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

Throughout the months of September and October, especially during School Bus Safety Week, Student Transportation has been working with all our schools and students to complete practice bus evacuation drills.

Thank you to all our operators who have assisted EIPS students in learning about school bus safety and what to do in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

OCTOBER 17 - 21

The School Bus Safety Week theme this year is **Know the Zone** - which is all about teaching children the danger areas surrounding the bus. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans, and bus evacuation drills.



OCTOBER EVENTS

5 EARLY DISMISSAL

Routes run 1 hour earlier in the PM

6 CHRISTIAN ONLY

No busing for public schools. SCA / SCE and FSC ONLY

7 PD DAY - ALL NON BUSING DAY

10 THANKSGIVING NON BUSING DAY



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BAND INSTRUMENT POLICY CHANGE

Due to an increased number of parent concerns regarding band instruments, there has been a recent policy change. Effective immediately, please allow band instruments that can be safely secured under the bus seat completely enclosed in a case to be transported on the bus.

Please ensure that any item transported can fit securely under the seat without blocking the aisle or interfering with the foot space of another bus rider. Items must also be fully enclosed in a backpack, bag, or carrying case.

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE



Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Little Elk Island Adventure Program! Kindergarten kids and their parents were able to learn about bus safety, bus conduct, and all about transfer sites during their practice bus ride.

We appreciate all the great work done by everyone who helped out!

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

MARY - Route 41

"Mary is a wonderful lady and goes above and beyond for the students on her bus. I am so thankful for her problem solving skills and her dedication to all areas of my children's safety and well being." - Email from a parent

JEFFREY - Route 141

"My kids like Jeffrey a lot! He's super nice and so good to my kiddos. We've had a bad experience with a bus driver in the past, so we really appreciate it when we get a good driver." - Facebook message from a parent

MICHELLE - Route 71

"Michelle is always willing to help whenever we need rescue buses. She has great communication with our staff and we have heard from multiple parents that she is a great driver." - Student Transportation PA's

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17 SAFETY WEEK

School Bus Safety
Week runs from
October 17 to 21

21 NO CHRISTIAN BUSING

No busing for
Christian Schools
No SCA / SCE / FSC

28 FIRST AID TRAINING

First Aid Training at
Sherwood Park
Chamber of Comm.



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