## THEBUSSTOPSHERE



Safety Newsletter

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NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH: October is National Pedestrian Safety Month. According to national statistics, 6,516 pedestrians were killed in 2020. As professional drivers, you need to be alert to pedestrians. Following the steps below can help ensure you are not adding to the statistics:

Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times / Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather / Slow down and be prepared

to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk / Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too / Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk, there may be people crossing where you can't see / Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians

<u>CDL PERMIT CLASS</u>: We are holding a CDL permit class on Tuesday, 10/18, from 10:00AM-12:00PM 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 6 months! DA's - you also get a \$1,000 bounty when you upgrade your license to a CDL and get a school bus route.

OBSERVE THE RIDERS ON YOUR BUS: There are many ways to see the same situation. Make observations about your riders, both big and small, to give insight of what their perception of the current situation is. Some nonverbal cues to look for as you are getting to know each rider is when they smile. Is it at the beginning or end of the ride? Is it when their friend sits next to them or when they sit alone? Do they smile when you ask questions about how their day was or what they will do when they get home? During the interactions with your riders, notice if they look directly in your eyes when talking about a certain subject. This could be an indicator of feeling calm and confident about the topic or does the child look down which could indicate uncertainty or disappointment.

FREE FLU SHOTS: If you are interested in getting a flu shot, you must call to make an appointment. All employees must bring their Company ID along with them. The locations and schedules for Dr. Guida's offices are as follows:



- 373 Sunrise Hwy, West Babylon (631) 422-3377-Monday through Friday 9AM-3 PM
- 1647 Route 112, Medford (631) 758-2220 call to make an appointment MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER: If you are interested in participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk being held on Sunday, 10/16, at Jones Beach Field 5, please contact Donna Hunt by email: <a href="mailto:dchunt8237@aol.com">dchunt8237@aol.com</a>





FB SPOTLIGHT: Our Facebook spotlight this week is Kirk Dookie, cover DA out of 10 Moffitt

"If a mind thinks with a believing attitude, one can do amazing things."