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Safety Newsletter

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NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: Will take place from October 21-25. The theme for this year is "Driving Safely into the Future". This is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators and school administrators to promote school bus safety throughout the country.

[Poster winner: Melissa Yang, Bethlehem Central Middle School, Delmar, NY]

SHOUT OUT: We received the following commendation from the Islip School District regarding large bus driver, LaQuantra Thompson: "We just want to thank you and your driver, LaQuantra, for the "extra" step that was taken during the CRES late runs. All too often, the good things that happen aren't acknowledged and they should be! LaQuantra had a student who didn't recognize his stop or see anybody he knew waiting for him. As it was the first day of late runs for orchestra, his Mom wasn't at the correct late bus stop and the driver radioed in. When no one at the building could be reached, the parent was called directly. LaQuantra waited at the stop with the student to hear back about what she should do. The Mom was told the driver was waiting at the correct late bus stop. She sent her husband there and the child was picked up safely by his father. Again, thank you to you and the driver for calling, confirming, and waiting. Those five or six extra minutes feel very long at the end of the day but it was necessary. We appreciate it very much!" We are proud to have LaQuantra on our team!



STS BACK TO BASICS - INSTRUCTIVE BEST PRACTICES IN OUR WORKPLACE: We welcome you to join your Center Managers as they guide you through 'Getting Back to Basics'. Each session is specific to your Center and will review key information on parking, safely picking up and dropping off driver assistants, reading route sheets, accident protocol and more. Below are the dates per yard for the Breakfast Series. You will be receiving a MARS message (text/email) to RSVP:

Center	Date & Time	Center Manager / Location
Moffitt	10/25/24 - 10am - 11am	Anjelica Umana-Lopez - 50 Saxon Ave. Classroom
Pond Rd/Smithtown	10/28/24 - 10am - 11am	Terri Massa - 1780 Smithtown Ave. Classroom
Harold Ct/2nd Ave	11/01/24 - 10am - 11am	Anthony Frisina - 50 Saxon Ave. Classroom

CDL PERMIT CLASS: Our CDL Permit Class is a great opportunity for our DAs, our families, and friends to learn more about our great Company. Our next CDL permit class will be held on Wednesday, November 6, from 10:00AM - 1:00PM at 1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. To register, please email Karen Sheehan: ksheehan@suffolkbuss.com and include your first and last name as well as your contact number. Remember, for a limited time we offer a \$1,000 bounty for every driver referral and you will receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a bus route.



FACEBOOK: This week's Facebook spotlight is Debora Colindres Guevar, Assistant Dispatcher out of 10 Moffitt Blvd.

"To handle yourself use your head; to handle others use your heart."

