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Bus Safety & Transportation

By Superintendent Jim Wyse

I feel the most important function of all schools is to ensure the safe arrival and departure of students. The best way to make this happen is to have students follow procedures designed to keep them safe and out of harms way. Once students have safely entered our buildings, our main focus is to provide them with educational opportunities so they can learn, grow and excel academically. I believe that Evergreen Schools does an outstanding job in transporting and educating our students.

Although you cannot remove all risks associated with transportation, our bus routes are designed with student safety in mind. Unfortunately even when safety procedures are in place accidents can occur, especially when car drivers or pedestrians become preoccupied. Phone calls, video games, personal music (ear buds), and texting are just a few ways drivers and pedestrians can become easily distracted. If you have school-aged children does their attention become diverted through the use of technology, putting their lives at-risk?

Perhaps some of you have followed a bus and questioned, "Why is that bus still parked when the child is already in the driveway?" Please do not become impatient, since bus drivers are waiting until the last child who disembarks arrives at the "point of safety." This is an area that is far enough from the bus so the driver can depart and not worry about a child running back and getting caught underneath the wheels. If you have children that ride a bus, do they know their "point of safety" and do they listen to the bus driver's instructions?

At the Middle School, a huge concern for our bus drivers are the pedestrians who cross in front of buses by jaywalking. Please see that anyone who is a car rider uses the crosswalk where bus drivers are expecting pedestrians to enter the building. This crosswalk is directly in front of the main entrance to the Middle School. Better yet, the best location for cars to drop off students at the Middle School is on the south side of the building along the sidewalk. Students dropped off at this location will be able to stay on the sidewalk and will not have to cross in front of any vehicle. I realize students may have to walk a little bit farther to enter the building, but having children exit vehicles directly on the sidewalk is definitely the safest way to avoid traffic. Also by using this location cars and buses are not mixed together, which greatly improves pedestrian and vehicle safety.

As I stated earlier, you cannot avoid all risks associated with transportation. However once students are safely onboard, the "big yellow bus" has proven to be the safest way to get students back and forth to school. Please help us keep students safe by seeing that they follow our transportation rules and procedures, and that car riders are dropped off at proper locations on school grounds. We need everyone to do their part to help keep our children safe!

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPO

Metamora Amboy Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite the Evergreen Community to it's 2nd annual Evergreen Community Health and Safety Expo. This community outreach event will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 10 am till 2 pm at the Metamora Fire Hall. We have something for all ages! Your emergency medical technicians and firefighters will be in attendance to give you important personal health and safety tips; family health and safety advice; and fire safety and prevention tips for your home. Your emergency medical technicians will be available to provide you with blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. We have many vendors including Promedica Hospice, Sylvania Adult & Pediatric Medicine (Family Practice), Life Flight (Helicopter landing at 1 pm, Dolphi will be available for rides all day for the kids), Promedica Health System: Kids in Safe Seats (come early for car seat checks and bicycle helmets will be available for a donation of \$8.00 each), and Community Tissue Services to name a few. The Fulton County Fire Safety Trailer will be there so we can provide first hand education on the importance of fire safety to our communities youth. We are still receiving additional vendors requesting a spot for this event. If interested in having your organization represented, call 419-356-3769.



Ms. Martie and her daughter, Emily, give a pigeon wave during family literacy night at Evergreen Elementary

Pigeons Invade Family Literacy Night at Evergreen Elementary

Sporting their pajamas, Evergreen community students and families enjoyed an educational and entertaining family literacy night with Ms. Martie Yunker from the Evergreen Community Library and Title I Teachers, Mrs. Lintermoot and Mrs. Vance, at Evergreen Elementary. The event was created through a partnership with the library and the elementary school and funded through a 21st Century Grant.

Ms. Martie led the students in an evening filled with story reading, dancing and crafts. She read *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late* by Mo Willems and showed the students how the author taught her to draw the pigeons in his book. They also learned about other animal characters presented in Willems' books. The families later created pigeon hats, egg-carton pigeons, colored pigeon pictures, ate a snack, and played Pin The Beak on the Pigeon. Mrs. Lintermoot and Mrs. Vance provided Make-&-Take math and reading games for the families to create and play at home. While the main purpose of the games is to create an opportunity for family fun, they also reinforce reading and math skills that the students learn in school. The teachers also conversed with parents and shared suggestions for providing academic support for their children at home. The evening concluded with a game of Pigeon Says and the children each received a copy of the book *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late*.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the next Family Literacy Night on April 29, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM when we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Please send a note the elementary office or email the names of your family members who will be attending along with the ages of the children to Mr. Lockwood at evg_el_sl@nwoca.org.

Holy Trinity Students Earn Recognition at Power of the Pen Tournament



7th grade Holy Trinity students Madeline Dominique (left) and Anna Ringel competed in the Power of the Pen interscholastic district writing competition that was held on Saturday, February 13, at Springfield High School. Anna placed sixth among the 7th graders competing, and Madeline won the first place title. Madeline also received an award for writing the "best of best" essay in the first round of writing. Anna and Madeline are preparing to compete in the Regional Power of the Pen tournament in March at Findlay High School. Their coach is Mrs. Teri Tomase.

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