



AA Transportation Co., Inc.

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SHREWSBURY, MA 01545

March 2009

NEWSLETTER

Perfect Attendance Awards Drawing

FEBRUARY

**ROBIN
MURPHY**
Lake St.

Won a \$250 Wal-
Mart Gift Card

**DEBORAH
GENDREAU**
Webster

Won a \$250 Wal-
Mart Gift Card

**AMANDA
BRIGHAM**
SPED-Main Office
Won 2 Tickets to
Worcester Sharks

In addition to the MONTHLY drawing for the \$250 GIFT CARDS, every employee with Perfect Attendance for the Month gets an individual monthly award too.

MESSAGE FROM THE TOP

I don't know about you, but I'm fed up with SNOW, and ICE, and COLD. Another 10 inches of snow on March 1st and 2nd, and again on March 9th. What gives? The weather guys say March 1 is the start of meteorological Spring. Well you could have fooled me. Like all of you, I'm ready for warm days. Can't wait.

My thanks to everyone for their good spirits, patience, and above all safe driving. Keep up your good work and driving safely, as you have been doing all Winter. I am sure Spring is coming soon, but WHEN!

Here's an update on my "biggest loser" status: 28lbs lost since October when my doctor said my health was at risk, and 8 lbs since we started this contest. I am psyched and I feel great. I hope it is going well for everyone.

Please read about the "company cook book" later on in this newsletter. I have agreed to release my secret recipe for Root Beer Martinis. This means we will have a "beverage section," so send along your favorite drinks too!!!

*Thank you,
Ron Ernenwein, President*

**2008 W-2's
were handed
out or
mailed. If you
did not get
your's, see
Julie in HR.**

208

That's the number of all employees who had PERFECT ATTENDANCE in February 2009.

Thank You All

**IN-SERVICE
MONTHLY TRAINING
& SAFETY MEETING
SCHEDULE**

**1st WEDNESDAY EACH
MONTH AT MAIN OFFICE 2nd
FLOOR - 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM,
AND 6:00 PM**

**2nd WEDNESDAY EACH
MONTH AT MAIN OFFICE 2nd
FLOOR - 9:30 AM**

**3rd TUESDAY EACH MONTH
AT WEBSTER, BARTLETT
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
- 9:15 AM**

**4th TUESDAY EACH MONTH
AT SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN
HALL 2nd FLOOR - 9:00 AM**

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER
2009 - ALL
MEETINGS
WILL BE ON
TUESDAY'S**

**AA Transportation's Biggest Loser -
Team Challenge**

-144

This is the number of pounds lost by TEAM members after the 1st weigh-in, February 16-20. 39 of the 68 Team members weighed-in, and 3 of the extra participants weighed-in.

One Team member lost 17 pounds in the first month - CONGRATULATIONS!

One Team member lost 11 pounds, and 3 Team members lost 10 pounds each.

The next monthly weigh-in is any day the week of March 16 to 20. Again, this is not a required weigh-in, only the last weigh-in is required. Participants can come to the Main Office and see Julie to record their weight, between 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

You can still be a participant and take Ron up on his individual challenge. He will pay each participant \$2.00 for every pound lost as recorded on the last weigh-in during the week of June 8

WORD OF THE MONTH

INTEGRITY

1. Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code.
2. The state of being unimpaired; soundness.
3. The quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness

RENEWAL REMINDER

THE FOLLOWING CDL DRIVERS ARE DUE FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

APRIL RENEWALS

Webster/Southbridge & Auburn

Margaret Chenevert,
Laura Corriveau,
Sherry Jovan,
Marcel Langlois,
Roland Paulhus

Lake Street

Roberto De Jesus,
Paul Moisan
Cherry Street
Roy Blanchard,
Annamarie DaSilva,
Monique Desrosiers,
Cynthia Fish,
Blanca Lugo,

to 12. Three more extra participants were added in February. The extra participants will not be included in the Team numbers, but can still individually win by losing.

If a team member does not do the next weigh-in, that's OK, because the important weigh-in is the last one, June 6th to the 12th. Remember, the team with the greatest percentage loss will be the winner.

After the 1st weigh-in, the Home Office Team has taken a slight lead in percentage weight lost (1.311%), followed closely by the Corporate Team (.832%)

The winning team will receive a free trip to Foxwoods, including ACT Bus transportation to and from, meal tickets and a slot play voucher for all team members and one adult guest per team member.

Good luck to all teams and individual participants.

We are still looking to give a special prize to the team member who has the highest individual percentage weight loss. The exact prize is still being worked on. More information should be available in a future Newsletter. Any questions, contact the Human Resources Director.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR STICKING WITH THIS FUN EVENT!

CONGRATULATIONS

BILL HOFFMAN

Received March 7th - Bill the driver was excellent - was a perfect trip. Thank you.

Basketball Coach at Worcester State College

CHERRY STREET DRIVERS

Received February 23rd - The Worcester Sharks Booster Club would like to thank you for providing us with top-notch service on the several trips we've taken on away games this year. Your

Pacianita Robles

MAY
RENEWALS

Webster/Southbridge
& Auburn

Lori Boisvert,
Virginia Christianson,
Theresa Cronin,
Laura Dawson,
Gregory Kontoes,
David Milosh,
William Milosh,
Renata Sudyka

Lake Street

Robin Ellsworth,
Kenneth Gordon,
Tara Preble,
Debra Waite,
Albert Walver

Cherry Street

Linda Brigham,
Edward Bourgault,
Kimberlie Hamm,
Jodie Johnson,
Marcia LeBlanc,
Luis Rodriguez,
Lewis Tucker

JUNE
RENEWALS

Webster/Southbridge
& Auburn

Adam Flagg,
Patricia Julian,
Miguel Perez,
Karen Robinson

Lake Street

Emmanuel Asante,
Angela Bryant,
Kenneth DuFresne,
Jacqueline Dunbar,
Debbie Maguire

professionalism, affordability and choice of options has allowed us to go on many trips to support the Worcester Sharks - even through tough economic times.

Rich Lundin, President

AA TRANSPORTATION RECIPE BOOK

We would like to have all the employees submit their favorite recipe(s) to be published in a "Company Cook Book." We will then print and distribute the AA Transportation Cook Book to all employees.

Each employee sending in a recipe will be recognized for their contribution. Recipes can be for any kind of dish. Be sure to provide the list of ingredients, preparation, cooking and serving instructions. The number of servings per recipe would be helpful too.

Send all your recipes to the Main Office, Attention Jim. The recipes received will be grouped together by type, then put into book form. Our target is to have our Cook Book ready give out to employees at the Thanksgiving Holiday Employee Party in November.

Any questions or ideas, please see Jim.

BIRTHDAY PRESENT PROGRAM

The presents are in and we are almost ready to start giving every employee their Birthday Present. All the children of employees, up to age 14, will get a present too.

If you have not given your birthday and shirt size to your Manager, please do so now. Same for the children.

Your Manager will begin handing out your present very soon, starting with birthdays beginning January 1, 2009.

Cherry Street

Tinnelle Bombard,
Eleanor Carroll,
Julie D'Ambra,
Janice Marando,
Sheri Milliken,
John Pond,
Benjamin Wright

**Contact your
Manager with your
renewal
information at least
30 days prior to
your renewal date,
to avoid losing your
driving privileges
while waiting for
your renewal
license.**

***BOSTON
MARATHON IS
MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2009
SCHOOL BUS
DRIVERS
NEEDED.
LAST YEAR
WE SENT OVER
90 BUSES TO
DO
MARATHON
WORK.
CONTACT
YOUR
MANAGER IF
INTERESTED***

HUMAN RESOURCES, TRAINING & SAFETY

Julie D'Ambra, Director

508-791-9100 ext 3

As the temperature gets warmer, more children are outside playing and not paying attention to what is around them. This makes driving safe more important, especially when doing your PM routes.

Watch your speed and always be prepared to stop when children are in the area.

LAKE STREET YARD

Shrewsbury, Elm Park, Rainbow

Sean Lyonnais, Manager

508-753-6322

WOW! Spring is finally here. As the nice weather approaches, now would be a perfect time to consider cleaning out your bus. Please feel free to bring your lost and found items into the office and give the bus a good "Spring Cleaning," as they say. Speaking of springtime, bus inspections start after April 1st. Please continue to write-up repairs and turn them into the office.

Shrewsbury Public Schools and AA Transportation Co., Inc. wish to continue to thank everyone for a safe winter season with all the snow. Although you may not hear it, your students are all the most thankful for all for your safe and caring service to this community.

School Dates to keep in Mind:

3/20/09 Shrewsbury Public School - Professional Day; NO School

Al-Hamra - Professional Day; NO School

Montessori - Conferences; NO School

St. Mary's / St. John's DO HAVE SCHOOL

4/10/09 St. Mary's - Good Friday; NO School

***IN WORKING
THIS
CHARTER.***

**FLEET
MAINTENANCE**

**John Hartman,
Manager**

508-845-7216

We are computerizing our scheduled maintenance program to make it easier to schedule our oil changes. Please make sure you record the odometer reading (mileage) accurately on your time sheets. This will help us out a lot.

Inspections will be starting again very soon. Be sure to keep your bus clean and your pre-trip book up-to-date. The Registry has been spot checking school buses, autos and vans, and giving out tickets for violations.

If you need something repaired, report it to your Manager to get it fixed. If it is a continuing problem, please see me in the Garage.

Always drive safe,
always.

St. John's - Good Friday; NO School
Montessori - Professional Day; NO School

4/20/09 Patriot's Day; NO School

4/21-4/24 Spring Vacation

4/27/09 St. Mary's - Professional Day; NO School

****All Daycare Drivers & Monitors Only****

March 9-12th - Worcester Public School will be dismissing 45 minutes later.

March 13th - Worcester Public School WILL be attending (SNOW DAY MAKE UP).

March 16-19th - Worcester Public School will be dismissing 45 minutes later.

March 23-26th - Worcester Public School will be dismissing 45 minutes later.

March 30-April 2nd - Worcester Public School will be dismissing 45 minutes later.

April 10 - Worcester Public School WILL be attending (SNOW DAY MAKE UP).

April 20 - Patriot's Day; NO School

CHERRY STREET YARD

**Abby Kelley, Grafton, METCO, Sutton, AMSA, St. John's,
SPM, Fay, Assabet, Charters**

Rita Ernenwein, Manager

508-791-9100 ext 2

**CHARTER SHEET IS POSTED FOR
APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30 CHARTER WORK**

AA LIMOUSINE SERVICE

John Pond, Manager
508-791-9100 ext 1

On behalf of AA Transportation a great big thank you to Kim Hamm, Darlene Ward, Pat Tighe, Tinnelle Bombard, Matt Hennessey and Cindy Stone for donating their time to drive a bus for the Massachusetts Special Olympics. The Special Olympics held their winter games February 28 to March 1, 2009 in Worcester. The weekend was a tremendous success thanks to the many people who volunteered their efforts. We appreciate those drivers who donated their time to proudly represent our company.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2009 BOSTON RED SOX TRIPS

\$235 PER PERSON PER TRIP

AUGUST 1 to 2, 2009 vs
Baltimore
in Baltimore, MD

SEPTEMBER 19 to 20,
2009 vs Baltimore
in Baltimore, MD

If you are interested in doing IN-BETWEEN, NIGHT, WEEKEND, or LATE NIGHT (end after midnight) charter work, be sure to sign-up on the sheet in the Driver's Room. The sign-up sheet will be posted until the end of March.

Please remember, it is the driver's responsibility to keep the bus they use clean, whether an assigned bus or a spare bus. IT IS A SAFETY THING. We are working on tracking the bus each driver uses on each charter trip or school route. There have been some customer complaints and driver complaints about dirty buses. Everyone's help is appreciated.

March Recipes

Italian Beef and Lentil Slow-Cooker Stew

Ingredients

1 small onion(s), chopped
1 medium garlic clove(s), minced
1 large zucchini, diced
1 pound(s) lean beef round, cut into 1-inch chunks
1/2 tsp dried oregano, crushed
14 1/2 oz canned diced tomatoes, undrained
1 tbsp canned tomato paste
3/4 cup(s) dry lentils
4 cup(s) canned beef broth
1 tsp table salt
1/4 tsp black pepper
1/4 cup(s) basil, fresh, slivered

Instructions

· Place all ingredients, except basil, in a 5-quart or larger slow cooker; stir well. Cook on LOW setting for 6 to 7 hours.

· Remove cover; stir in basil. Cover and cook on LOW setting for 5 minutes more. Yields about 1 1/2 cups per serving.

Hot 'n Beefy Stuffed Pepper

(Entire recipe: 250 calories, 1.75g fat, 1,080mg sodium, 40.5g carbs, 9g fiber, 13.5g sugars, 25.5g protein = 4 Points)

Prepare to get seriously stuffed. Like this pepper...

\$75.00 Non-Refundable
Deposit
Guarantees
Your Seat
More Details to Follow

Contact John at 508-791-
9100 ext 1. to take
advantage
of any of these Events.

Open to All Employees
and Friends.

3rd ANNUAL BOSTON HARBOUR CRUISE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST
9, 2009 FOR THIS FUN
EMPLOYEE EVENT.

INCLUDES
TRANSPORTATION TO
AND FROM BOSTON,
THE CRUISE, FOOD,
AND ENTERTAINMENT.
MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON.

NEW YORK CITY DAY BUS TRIPS

JUNE 27TH, OCTOBER
11TH AND NOVEMBER
27TH

\$25.00 PER PERSON

DEPARTS 8:00 AM
RETURNS FROM NYC
8:00 PM

IF INTERESTED,
CONTACT JOHN POND

AA Transportation is

Ingredients:

1 very large red pepper
1/2 cup (1/2 pouch) BOCA Ground Burger (or 1 BOCA Original Meatless
Burger*); defrosted
1/4 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup shredded fat-free cheddar cheese
1/4 cup cooked brown rice
1/2 tsp. taco seasoning mix; dry
1/4 cup canned tomato sauce**

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. If using the Boca patty, chop it up into very
small pieces. Stir to combine all ingredients except for the pepper; set
aside. Slice the top off of the pepper and then slice it in half lengthwise;
remove seeds, wash and dry. Place pepper halves in a small baking dish
sprayed lightly with nonstick spray and cook for 15 minutes. Next, remove
pepper halves from oven and reduce temperature to 350 degrees. Evenly
spoon mixture into pepper halves and return to oven for 20 more minutes.
Allow to cool slightly before digging in. Serves 1.

WEBSTER OFFICE

Webster, Southbridge, Auburn

Linda Perno, Manager

508-943-0482

Loving our work : When we approach our work as if we love it -
We may find that it goes faster.

SPED - Cherry Street

Cindy Fish, Manager

508-791-9100 ext 2

REMINDER - MARCH 19TH @ 5:30 PM

**Quarterly meeting at the Main Office for all SPED Drivers
and Monitors.**

**UPDATED ROUTE SHEETS are needed from all drivers.
Please write any changes on your route sheet and turn
them in with your next timesheet.**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
SATURDAY
JUNE 13TH
WRIGHT'S
CHICKEN
FARM**

on the Web

Click Here:

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