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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE TOP

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE

Can you believe it? Another year has almost passed us by. I want to wish each and every one of you and your family a Happy, Healthy, Joyous and a Safe Holiday Season.

I look forward to 2010 with a high level of optimism. Our businesses are stable and we expect a great year in 2010.

I have been enjoying many of the recipes from our Recipe Book collection. I hope you have too.

I hope everyone had a good time at our Holiday Lunch. It was nice to see so many of our business family together enjoying themselves. The turkey was great, wasn't it? A special thank you to **Bill Hogan** who organized and supervised his team of helpers: **Bill's two children ReAnnen and Taylor, Dino, Mike Zuo, Shari Mitchell and her daughter Katie, Shane Fish, Amanda Fitton, Jerry Bellows, Jackie Christian, Fred Haueisen, Ryan Paddock, Marsha Desroisers, Andrew Ambrose, Marylee Fredrickson and Charlie Ernenwein.** Your hard work preparing, cooking, serving, cleaning, and all the other things you did made the afternoon special for everyone. Also thanks to **Rita** for organizing the raffle and getting the gift packs for everyone. I appreciate the contributions of each of you to make this event a success.

Remember to send me your comments and ideas about our Company and what we can do for our customers. Your views are important to me, and I will respond to every comment and idea I receive.

Check out the December Specials at our new company, **Route 140 Wholesale Auto Sales**, which are listed below. Contact me directly if you are interested.

Be safe over the holiday school break, and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2010.

Ron Ernenwein, President

AA Transportation Family

TID-BITS

OF INFORMATION

Two of our young Monitor's Andrew Ambrose and Patrick Plante will be deployed (U.S. ARMY) in January.

Andrew will be going to Iraq and Patrick will be going to Afghanistan.

Andrew is Cindy Fish's (Cherry Street SPED Manager) soon to be son-in-law -- soon to be Amanda Fitton's (AA Limo Dispatcher) husband.

Patrick is Kim M's (Main Office) nephew - whose sister Kylee had been transported for a long time by AAT SPED to the Mercy Center.

If you would like to contribute to "AA Transportation Family Tid-Bits of Information" write out your comments or thoughts and bring them to the Main Office, or give them to your Manager to send on to us. Your name and work location would be helpful. All submissions will be reviewed for appropriateness before placing in our Newsletter.

**MERRY
HAPPY
JOYOUS
HEALTHY
SAFE
HOLIDAY
SEASON
TO ALL**

**CONGRATS and
THANK YOU ALL!**

**AMANDA FITTON &
BILL HOFFMAN
LIMOUSINE**

Received via email November 12,
2009

We rented the 40 passenger
limo coach this past Sunday
11/8 for the Patriots game

and were very happy with the whole AA Transportation experience. From the booking of the bus, very reasonable pricing, to the great customer service (Amanda I believe) up until the time of the trip. And last, but not least, our driver Bill, went out of his way to make sure everyone has a great time. He was even willing to tidy up some of the tailgate while we were at the game. Could not have been happier with the whole experience. I would recommend AA Transportation and the limo coach to anyone. In past years we have hired similar buses and none of them were in as nice condition as this bus was. All the equipment actually worked! Thanks and I'm sure we'll be using you folks again in the future.

from Chuck

**JERRY BELLOWES
CHERRY STREET**

Received via US Mail

Mr. Bellows:

Thank you very much for being so honest and turning in my IPOD after finding it on the bus.

Maria Brenner

She also enclosed a gift card to Dunkin Donuts.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

CHERRY STREET, LAKE STREET, MAIN OFFICE, WEBSTER & LIMO OFFICES

- THURSDAY, 12/24/09 CLOSE AT NOON
- FRIDAY, 12/25/09 CLOSED
- SATURDAY, 12/26/09 CLOSED
- SUNDAY, 12/27/09 CLOSED
- MONDAY, 12/28/09 8:00AM - 4:00 PM
- TUESDAY, 12/29/09 8:00AM - 4:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY, 12/30/09 8:00AM - 4:00 PM
- THURSDAY, 12/31/09 CLOSE AT NOON
- FRIDAY, 1/1/2010 CLOSED
- SATURDAY, 1/2/2010 CLOSED
- SUNDAY, 1/3/2010 CLOSED
- MONDAY, 1/4/2010 REGULAR HOURS

STARTING MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, THE CHERRY STREET OFFICE HOURS WILL BE MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 6:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. THESE HOURS ARE EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

LOOK AT THIS

AA TRANSPORTATION ART CONTEST

AA Transportation announces its first Art Contest for employees and the children of employees. The Art Contest begins on November 23, 2009 and ends on December 23,

LOOK AT THIS

JUST IN!

**A T & T Wireless
is offering an 8%
Monthly Discount on
any NEW or
EXISTING Personal
AT&T Wireless Lines
to ALL AA
Transportation
Employees.**

**For more
information,
contact Kim M. in the
Main Office, 508-791-
9100.**

HOLIDAY LUNCH RAFFLE WINNERS

**CAMERA
CINDY STONE**

**GPS
JERRY
BELLOWS**

2009, with the award of prizes for the best art submission in each of four (4) age groups: Employee, Employee Children age 12-18; Employee Children age 7-11, and Employee Children 6 and under. Employee Children's age shall be as of December 23, 2009.

Contest rules are:

1. Send in a picture or drawing, drawn in pencil, colored pencil, crayon, markers, or paint, drawn or painted on paper, cardboard, artist or poster board, and no larger than 11" X 17" in size.
2. The picture or drawing MUST be hand drawn, and drawn by an Employee or Child of an Employee.
3. Topic of picture or drawing shall be school bus related.
4. All pictures or drawings must clearly show the Name of Artist and Age of Artist.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED

5. **All pictures and drawings MUST be submitted to the Main Office by Noon, Monday, December 21, 2009, to be included in this contest.**
6. All pictures and drawings will be group into the four (4) age groups and judged by non-AA Transportation judges to determine the best depiction of the topic.
7. Prizes will be awarded on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at the AA Transportation's Main Office.

FOR EACH AGE GROUP:

 - a. 1st Place - \$100.00 gift card.
 - b. 2nd Place - \$75.00 gift card.
 - c. 3rd Place - \$50.00 gift card.
8. Pictures and drawings will be displayed in the four AA Transportation Offices for all employees to view them.

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CHRIS GIFFOY

9. The winning pictures or drawings will appear on the AA Transportation website and in the AA Transportation Newsletter. Pictures and drawings may also appear in various Company marketing programs and business publications.

10. All contest participants must be active working employees of AA Transportation and/or a child of an active working employee of AA Transportation. A child of an active working employee is defined as a child up to and including age 18, born and raised and living with the employee parent, a step-child living with the employee parent, or an adopted-child living with the employee parent.

**PERFECT
ATTENDANCE
for OCTOBER**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE
EVERYDAY!**

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**THAT'S THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WITH
PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER.**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE OCTOBER
DRAWING WINNERS FOR THE TWO \$250.00
WAL-MART GIFT CARDS:**

**JESSICA DIGELLONARDO
CHERRY STREET SPED**

AT SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN
HALL 2nd FLOOR - 9:30 AM

2009-2010
QUARTERLY
FOR 7D SPED
DRIVERS

**ALL MEETINGS
ARE ON
THURSDAY**

September 17th

December 17th

March 18th

June 10th

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
THE MAIN OFFICE, 2ND
FLOOR, STARTING AT 4:30PM

**JENNIFER BOISVERT
WEBSTER**

IN ADDITION TO THE DRAWING, ALL EMPLOYEES WITH
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH RECEIVE A
GIFT CARD VALUED AT \$1 per DAY FOR THE NUMBER
OF WORK DAYS IN THE MONTH.

**PERFECT
ATTENDANCE
for NOVEMBER**

THANK YOU ALL

218

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WAL-MART GIFT CARDS:**

**CRAIG BURNS
CHERRY STREET SPED**

work."

Jackie Dunbar

**LICENSE
RENEWAL
REMINDER**

**THE FOLLOWING CDL
DRIVERS ARE DUE FOR
LICENSE RENEWAL**

JANUARY 2010

RENEWALS

**Webster/Southbridge
& Auburn**

Danielle Cote,
William Fikter,
Debra Kemp,
Michael Lamoureaux,
Deanna Wood
Lake Street
Maryann Mancini,
Gerard Pelletier,
Paul Ritchotte,
Patricia Tighe,
Darlene Ward,
Michael Young
Cherry Street
Jerry Bellows,
Doreen Brown-Hamelin,
Ronald Cournoyer,
Rita Ernenwein,
Gail Fior,
Denise Foley,
Aury Garcia,
Eddie Gonzalez,
Floyd Gudanowski,
John Hartman,
Shari Mitchell,
Jennifer Rossi,
Marie Shorette,
Stephen Weagle

**CAREN RAAD
CHERRY STREET**

Something new and different -----

***AA COUNTRY LINE
DANCERS***

***LEARN SOMETHING NEW, HAVE SOME
FUN, AND MEET PEOPLE***

**Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Starts: Thursday, January 7, 2010**

CLASS MEETS EVERY THURSDAY FOR 10 WEEKS:

JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28

FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25

MARCH 4, 11

**AT THE AA TRANSPORTATION DANCE HALL,
2nd FLOOR**

**605 HARTFORD TURNPIKE
SHREWSBURY, MA 01545**

The cost is \$70.00 per person for the class.

**All are welcome, so bring your friends, family,
children, husbands, wives, boyfriends, girlfriends.**

Some of the dances you will learn are:

FEBRUARY 2010

RENEWALS

Webster/Southbridge & Auburn

Daniel Daly,
Laurent McDonald,
Debra McGrath,
Vicki Tankis

Lake Street

Jennifer Butler,
Lori Feola,
Walberto Jimenez,
Dawn Lane,
Edward Peluyera,
Janet Racicot

Cherry Street

Stacey Clarke,
Kori Lee Dennison,
Evan Dumas,
Alexander Franceschi,
William Hogan,
Kristin Keller,
Pamela Konan,
Donat Luvuki,
Paula MacConnell,
Ryan Paddock,
Dales Piard,
Ernesto Ponce,
Cindy Porter,
Terry Therrien

MARCH 2010

RENEWALS

Lake Street

Patricia Cook,
Gail Flynn,
Peter McCabe,
Suzanne Panarelli

Cherry Street

Judy Bricault,
David LaFleur,
Frederick Lewis,

The Electric Slide, Canadian Stomp, Kick It,
The Cotton Eyed Joe, Red Neck Stomp,
Goodtimes, The Bus Stop, Badankadonk,
Boot Scoot & Boogie, Waltz Across Texas,
Watermelon Crawl, Cowboy Charleston

Contact Rita @ the Main Office 508-791-9100 ext 2

DECEMBER SPECIALS



2006 Toyota Highlander 4WD

Blue Book Suggested Retail - \$18,350
SALE PRICE - \$14,495

2004 VW Beetle

Blue Book Suggested Retail - \$7,420
SALE PRICE - \$4,995

2002 Ford Explorer 4WD

Blue Book Suggested Retail - \$6,845
SALE PRICE - \$6,295

1998 Ford Explorer 4WD

Blue Book Suggested Retail - \$6,710
SALE PRICE - \$2,195

Contact Ron in the Main Office, if interested, 508-791-9100

HUMAN RESOURCES, TRAINING & SAFETY

Julie D'Ambra, Director

Ana Lopez,
Alice Weagle,
Ronald White,
Michael Zuo

508-791-9100 ext 4

**LICENSE RENEWALS ARE TAKING
LONGER TO GET PROCESSED.**

**ALL SCHOOL BUS (CDL) DRIVERS
SHOULD BEGIN THEIR RENEWAL
PROCESS AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE
YOUR LICENSE EXPIRES, TO MAKE
SURE YOU CONTINUE DRIVING.**

**IF A DRIVER'S RENEWAL LICENSE
DOES NOT COME BEFORE THEIR
EXPIRATION DATE, THE
DRIVER CANNOT WORK.**

**Contact your Manager
with your renewal
information at least 60
days prior to your
renewal date, to avoid
losing your driving
privileges while
waiting for your
renewal license.**

***AS EVERY
THREAD OF
GOLD IS
VALUABLE, SO
IS EVERY
MOMENT OF
TIME***

CHERRY STREET YARD

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

Rita Ernenwein, Manager

508-791-9100 ext 2

Winter is here. Be sure you start your bus early enough to ensure you do not have any bus problems before your route or charter trip. Also keep in mind there is a 15 minute idle law.

Allow extra time to get to your stops in bad weather. Rushing causes accidents. Use extra caution when loading and unloading students.

FLEET MAINTENANCE

**John Hartman,
Manager**

508-845-7216

**IT'S GETTING COLD IN
THE MORNING, START
YOUR BUSES EARLY.**

**PARK-OUTS - START YOUR
BUS EARLY FOR
YOUR SCHOOL ROUTE. IF
THERE IS A PROBLEM, CALL
THE OFFICE FOR HELP.**

If you need any repairs call the Garage and let me know the problem. DO NOT TALK WITH ANY MECHANIC, TALK WITH ME. We will set you up to bring your bus in for repairs.

The direct telephone line to the Garage is: 508-845-7216

AA LIMOUSINE SERVICE

John Pond, Manager
508-791-9100
ext 1

2010
SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS

FRIDAY,
JANUARY 22
PROVIDENCE
BRUINS HOCKEY
7:05PM at the
DUNK
TICKETS \$13
OPEN TO
EVERYONE

Have a great Holiday Season.

THE CHARTER SIGN-UP LISTS ARE POSTED IN THE OFFICE FOR CHARTER WORK FROM JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2010. SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS INTERESTED IN DOING CHARTER WORK, MUST SIGNUP FOR THE TYPE OF CHARTER WORK YOU ARE INTERESTED IN: WEEKEND, WEEK NIGHT, LATE NIGHT, IN-BETWEEN SCHOOL ROUTES, AND LAST MINUTE CALLS. ALL CHARTER WORK IS ASSIGNED BASED ON COMPANY POLICY.

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LAKE STREET YARD

Shrewsbury, Elm Park, Rainbow, Webster Square

Sean Lyonnais, Manager
508-753-6322

Inspections are among us! As drivers, you are required to perform a Pre-Trip inspection on any company vehicle before you leave the bus yard. Whenever you have any defect, please write it up on your inspection sheet. Any defects should be reported immediately to the office so we can schedule it for maintenance. If we don't know about it, we can't have it repaired. Please make sure your buses are swept out, nothing on the dashboards, and the windshields are clean.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Shrewsbury Public Schools

Tracy Snow attended the

November game and had a great time. She highly recommends that everyone attend this event. As a bonus, if 20 or more employees and guests purchase tickets, FREE ACT Bus transportation to and from the game will be provided.

FOR TICKETS, CALL
JOHN POND
at 508-791-9100 ext 1.

**WATCH FOR
MORE EVENTS
IN 2010**

**ARE YOU
LOOKING
TO DO
SOMETHING
SPECIAL? LET
US KNOW AND
WE WILL TRY TO
MAKE IT HAPPEN**

December 24th-January 1st - December Vacation
January 4th - Return to School
January 18th - Martin Luther King's Day / NO School

St. Mary's

December 14th - Professional Development Day (No school for Students)

December 24th- Christmas Vacation Begins
January 4th - Return to School
January 18th - Martin Luther King's Day / NO School

St. John's High School

December 21st-January 1st - Christmas Break / NO School
January 4th - Return to School
January 15th - Professional Day / NO School
January 18th - Martin Luther King's Day / NO School

Montessori

December 21st-January 1st - December Holiday / NO School
January 4th - Schools Opens
January 18th - Martin Luther King's Day / NO School

Al-Hamra Academy

December 24th-January 1st - Winter Vacation
January 4th - School Resumes
January 18th - Martin Luther King's Day / NO School
January 19th - Professional Development / NO School

**SPED - Cherry Street
Cindy Fish, Manager
508-791-9100 ext 2**

I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the appreciation holiday party. Most of these volunteers are children of employees. It takes a lot of work to put that party together and I do appreciate all the effort everyone put into it. Thank you!

To Bill and his crew, I heard you did an excellent job this year. Thank you!

I also want to thank our President, Ron Ernenwein, for the

**CONTACT JOHN POND AT
508-791-9100 ext 1, IF
INTERESTED IN
ANY EVENT, TRIP OR
PACKAGE.**

***THE PERSON
WHO NEVER
MAKES
MISTAKES IS
THE PERSON
WHO NEVER
DOES ANYTHING***

**HOW TO USE
FUEL PUMPS - IN
CASE DINO IS
NOT AVAILABLE**

**READ AND FOLLOW
DIRECTIONS ON PUMP
DISPLAY**

1. INSERT FUEL KEY AND TURN TO RIGHT (FUEL KEY IS IN GARAGE IF NOT ON THE PUMPS)
2. KEY IN VEHICLE CODE # (A=1; C=3; V=8) FOR EXAMPLE: SCHOOL BUS A103 = 1103; CAR C22 = 322; VAN V71 = 871
3. KEY IN PUMP # - 1, 2, 3, 4 (NUMBER IS ON FRONT OF PUMP) 1 & 2 ARE FOR DIESEL FUEL & 3 AND 4 ARE FOR GASOLINE

turkey, cookbook, the party with all the fixings, and the gifts that you passed out. You may not hear it enough but it is a pleasure working for you. Thank you!

REMINDER - THE NEXT QUARTERLY 7D SPED DRIVER'S MEETING IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 4:30PM, AT THE MAIN OFFICE.

WEBSTER OFFICE

Webster, Southbridge, Auburn

Linda Perno, Manager

508-943-0482

On behalf of the Webster Division, I would like to wish you all a happy, safe, & prosperous Winter Season and a Happy New Year!

Thank you all for a great first half of the school year and I have a cankering that the 2nd half will be as good!

Quote:

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes into us at midnight very clean. Its perfect when it arrives and puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday. John Wayne

Reminders:

During the Winter vacation week make sure your timesheet is turned-in to the office, so your payroll can be processed accordingly.

Also, please leave your buses clean, swept, trash emptied

4. REMOVE FUEL KEY
5. REMOVE FUEL NOZZLE AND TURN PUMP HANDLE TO START PUMP
6. WHEN FINISHED FUELING, TURN OFF PUMP AND RETURN NOZZLE TO HOLDER.
7. PLACE HOSE ON FUEL ISLAND.
8. YOU ARE DONE.

REMINDERS:

- NO SMOKING AROUND FUEL ISLAND
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING WHILE FUELING
- DO NOT LEAVE FUEL PUMP UNATTENDED WHEN FUELING
- USE COMPANY FUEL PUMPS WHEN OFFICE IS OPEN

and most of all the service doors closed just in case we get a SNOW storm :) I'm hoping!



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