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NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOP

THANK YOU

We have survived another harsh winter, and are all looking forward to warm weather and vacations. Spring vacation is almost here. I want to thank everyone for their patience, tolerance, and hard work during the past few months. Working together does produce good results. All of you have proven that teamwork is always better than working alone.

We still have some challenges before us. Marathon Monday is a big day for us with over 90 charter buses out. The heavy Spring charter season requires extra effort by all of us to be successful to our customers.

More work means more buses on the roads, which means more people watching how you drive. Additional effort on your part, driving defensively, watching your speed and being courteous to all other drivers, will avoid calls to the office about bad driving.

The safe operation of all our company vehicles and the safe transportation of all our passengers is always our first priority.

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

Be sure to check out the April Specials listed below at Route 140 Wholesale Auto Sales. Contact me directly if you are interested.

Ron Ernenwein, President

IT'S INSPECTION TIME AGAIN

**CLEAN YOUR BUS. MAKE SURE YOUR PRE-TRIP BOOK IS
FILLED OUT CORRECTLY. DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN**

YOUR BUS. REMOVE EVERYTHING FROM THE FRONT DASH.

CONGRATULATIONS CHERRY STREET

Dear Mr. Ernenwein,

I am writing to you today to express my gratitude for the excellent service and employees of AA Transportation with whom I dealt recently. As the English Language Arts Liaison for the Worcester Public Schools, I planned a field trip for every high school sophomore in the district (approx. 1,500) to see The Tragedy of Julius Caesar at the Hanover Theater on Feb. 24. For two months prior to that date I worked with Rita who gave me exact pick up times at each of 7 high schools. I thought that in itself was marvelous but it gets even better. When schools were cancelled Feb. 24 due to snow, AA Transportation was flexible enough to reschedule 34 buses and one wheelchair van for the following Wednesday, March 3.

To make sure that all buses arrived at the theater on time, Rita met me at the theater by 8 am on a rainy Wednesday morning. She provided me with a check off sheet for each school, had all buses labeled with large signs to assist the students and worked out a system at the theater so that students would be leaving from different doors. Shari Mitchell assisted in getting students on the correct buses and stayed with me while we tried to locate the one student who managed to get on the wrong bus. Shari eventually found her at North High School and made sure that she got to South High without loss of class time.

Every employee I worked with at AA Transportation, especially Rita and Sherri, were professional and efficient, and I will call you again the next time I plan a massive field trip because I know that transportation and service will be flawless.

My best,

Phyllis Goldstein

English Language Arts Curriculum Liaison, K-12

Worcester Public Schools

Letter Received via USPS

CONGRATULATIONS EUGENE BOAKYE

Dear AA Transportation,

It is with so much pleasure that I write this letter regarding our trip to the Medieval Manor, March 28th. I would like to commend your company on the outstanding customer service we received. You helped to raise money for The Relay for Life with your generosity giving us the best price to rent your bus.

We had a great time, from beginning to end.

Your company only put the frosting on the cake, from calling me to confirm, to our fabulous

driver Eugene who was the cherry on the frosting. Eugene called me personally, the night before, to introduce himself and confirm where and what time to meet us.

I have been on many bus trips, have hired many companies. AA Transportation was the best ever. You can bet that we will call you again, as we are planning more trips to benefit our cause to research a cure for cancer. I promise we will tell everyone about your outstanding customer service and would recommend your company to everyone.

Kudos to your company and of course Eugene.

Thank you so very much,

Diane Daniels

The Relay for Life

Letter Received via USPS

CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTOS

Christos drove the Notre Dame Academy girls track team to Blackstone Millville High School on April 1st. during the ride, our water cooler took a tumble, spilling all of its contents all over the bus. Christos returned a while later with gallons of water he had bought to replace the water that was spilled. This was a very unexpected act of kindness and generosity.

The girls and myself really appreciated his efforts, going out of his way to help us. I also learned he was a former track athlete in his high school days! Thank you Christos!

Suzanne Williams

Head Coach, NDA Worcester Girls Track Team

Received via Email

THE WINNERS OF 'LASTLY'

Well, it was an interesting March 'Lastly' contest. The contest format was slightly changed to "finding the answer and location in the March Newsletter to 5 different questions." This proved to be a bit more difficult. Two of the questions required close attention to the words used in the questions, in order to find the correct answer and location.

The questions were:

1. How many pounds did the Lake Street Team lose in February?
2. What is the discount you can receive from AT&T on your cell phone bill each month?
3. Who is the new driver working on the Auburn contract?
4. What is the secret of success?
5. What is International Waffle Day?

The correct answers and location in the Newsletter were:

1. 7 - found in The Biggest Loser Challenge section.
2. 8% - found in the SAVE \$ section.
3. Jeffery Cotter - found in the Webster/Linda Perno section.
4. Consistency of Purpose - found in the left column after the License Renewal Reminder section.
5. International Waffle Day is a day that you can waffle on issues and decisions, and, it certainly is a day to eat waffles. - found in the Cherry Street/Rita Ernenwein section.

We had 1 email response, 4 telephone responses, and 3 in-person responses that came-in starting at 10:00am on Thursday, March 18th. There were only 2 responses with the correct answer to all 5 questions - Cindy Hudon from Webster via telephone received at 10:00:40am, and Terry Costa, received in-person. A \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card was given to each winner. Congratulations!

TRY YOUR LUCK - PLAY AGAIN - READ 'LASTLY' AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

AA Transportation Family ***TID-BITS OF INFORMATION***

2010 AA TRANSPORTATION RECIPE BOOK

We will be printing an update to the very popular 2009 AA Transportation Recipe Book, we gave out to all employees last November at our Holiday Lunch.

If you have any recipes for the 2010 Recipe Book, please email them to cfishaatransportation@yahoo.com or to sharim@aatransportation.com to be included. Make sure you include all ingredients, correct measurements, preparation instructions, and cooking time, if required.

We will take any and all recipes, for any kind of dish, drink, dessert, soup, meal, cake, pie, pastry, appetizer, candy, etc.

The 2010 Recipe Book will be given out at the 2010 Employee Holiday Lunch on Wednesday, November 24, 2010.

DID YOU KNOW....

The National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Department of Transportation and other authorities agree that school buses are the safest form of transportation for getting children to and from school.

Some 475,000 school buses carry 25 million children - more than half of America's schoolchildren - each day, rarely with any serious accident.

Safety features including the color and size of school buses, height, reinforced sides, flashing red lights, cross view mirrors, and crossing and stop sign arms ensure children are protected and secure on and off the bus.

Our school bus drivers are highly trained professionals who have a child's safety in mind. They receive specialized training in student behavior management, loading and unloading, security and emergency medical procedures.

Our Drivers participate in pre-employment and random drug/alcohol testing, as well as frequent driving record checks, and submit to background checks and periodic medical exams to keep their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and all necessary Endorsements.

The school bus industry operates by a set of safety, security, health and driver qualification guidelines, we meet, and in some cases exceed, federal and state laws, and ensure that our school buses are the safest mode of transportation for our schoolchildren.

Just a little tid bit to let you know that we tremendously value each one of our employees!

If you would like to contribute to "AA Transportation Family Tid-Bits of Information" write out your comments, thoughts or questions 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.

THE BIGGEST LOSER CHALLENGE

2nd MONTH UPDATE

The 2nd month update information was not available at the time the Newsletter was sent out. The 2nd weigh-in was the week of April 5th to the 9th.

If you are interested in the 2nd week update information, contact Jim in the Main Office for the details. We will print all update information in the next Newsletter.

FOR MORE DETAILS OR A COPY OF THE RULES FOR THE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE, SEE YOUR MANAGER OR CONTACT HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE MAIN OFFICE.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE for FEBRUARY

212

THAT'S THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAD PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN
FEBRUARY

WINNERS ON THE DRAWING FOR A \$250.00 WAL-MART GIFT CARD WERE:

CAREN RAAD - CHERRY STREET

VENESSA CHARTIER - SPED MAIN OFFICE

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE for MARCH

196

THAT'S THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES WHO HAD PERFECT ATTENDANCE
IN MARCH

WINNERS ON THE DRAWING FOR A \$250.00 WAL-MART GIFT CARD WERE:

BLANCA LUGO - CHERRY STREET

ROLAND PAULHUS - SOUTHBRIDGE

A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR TWO \$250.00 WAL-MART GIFT CARDS IS HELD EACH
MONTH DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE EMPLOYEES

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

**GENIUS IS THE ABILITY TO REDUCE THE
COMPLICATED TO THE SIMPLE**

2009-2010 IN-SERVICE

TRAINING & SAFETY MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTHLY FOR CDL DRIVERS

***ALL MEETINGS ARE ON TUESDAY
8 HOURS OF SAFETY TRAINING IS REQUIRED
TO RENEW YOUR SCHOOL BUS LICENSE***

1st TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT MAIN OFFICE 2nd FLOOR

8 :30 AM, 9:45 AM, AND 6:00 PM

2nd TUESDAY 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 - 9:30 AM

QUARTERLY FOR 7D SPED DRIVERS

ALL MEETINGS ARE ON THURSDAY

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 10th

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

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS UNSAFE

LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER

THE FOLLOWING CDL DRIVERS ARE DUE FOR THEIR ANNUAL RENEWAL.

Contact your Manager with your renewal information at least 60 days prior to your renewal date, to avoid losing your driving privileges.

MAY RENEWALS

Auburn, Southbridge & Webster

**Virginia Christianson, Gregory Kontoes, David Milosh,
William Milosh, Renata Sudyka
Lake Street**

**Robin Ellsworth, Kenneth Gordon, Tara Preble,
Edward Peluyera, Debra Waite
Cherry Street**

**Lori Boisvert, Linda Brigham, Edward Bourgault, Kimberlie Hamm,
Jodie Johnson, Marcia LeBlanc, Lewis Tucker, Albert Walver**

JUNE RENEWALS

Auburn, Southbridge & Webster

Adam Flagg, Karen Robinson

Lake Street

Angela Bryant, Kenneth DuFresne, Jacqueline Dunbar,
Debbie Maguire, Vladi Terezi

Cherry Street

Eleanor Carroll, Julie D'Ambra, Amy Lizotte,
Janice Marando, Sheri Miliken, John Pond, Benjamin Wright

JULY RENEWALS

Auburn, Southbridge & Webster

Claire Degon, Bonnie Hensley

Lake Street

Barbara Coleman, Gina Mantelli, Tracey Snow

Cherry Street

Nicole Barthelmes, Theresa Benoit, Perry Briggs, Noel Chamorro, Darlene Fraser,
Alfred Hauelsen, William Hoffman,
Caren Raad, Cynthia Stone

AUGUST RENEWALS

Auburn, Southbridge & Webster

Carrold Gregory, Laura Horanzy

Lake Street

Patrick Cullen

Cherry Street

Jose Blanco, Eugene Boakye, Christopher Campbell, Sulma Carreno, Brett Cheney,
Michael Ciesluk, Patricia Duran, Ron Ernenwein, MaryLee Frederickson, Matthew
Hennessey, Cheryle Lapierre, David Mahoney, Kathy McFarlin,
Christen Paddock, Allan Weagle

APRIL SPECIALS



2006 TOYOTA Highlander - Retail Price \$18,350 - OUR PRICE \$14,495

2004 VW Beetle - Retail Price \$7,420 - OUR PRICE \$5,694

2001 VOLVO V70AWD Wagon - Retail Price \$9,970 - OUR PRICE \$5,999

2001 CHEVY S10 4x4 Pickup - Retail Price \$8,985 - OUR PRICE \$6,499

2002 FORD F350 Dump Truck - Retail Price \$18,066 - OUR PRICE \$16,000

2001 FORD Taurus - Retail Price \$3,040 - OUR PRICE \$2,400

GOOD CREDIT? WE CAN GET 4.5% APR. BLEMISHED CREDIT? NO PROBLEM! WE CAN FINANCE MOST PEOPLE WITH OUR CREDIT REBUILDING CAR LOANS. CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL VEHICLE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, WE CAN HELP FIND IT AND AT A GREAT PRICE.

Contact Ron in the Main Office 508-791-9100 ext 5

AA LIMOUSINE SERVICE - John Pond, Manager
508-791-9100 ext 1

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BINGO AT FOXWOODS ON SUNDAY

APRIL 18 - MAY 16 - JUNE 13 - JULY 11 AUGUST 15
SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 17 -NOVEMBER 21

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SUPER BINGO WEEKEND TRIPS

MAY 1 & 2 - JULY 17 & 18 - SEPTEMBER 11 & 12 - OCTOBER 23 & 24

Penobscot High Stakes Bingo

Indian Island, Old Town, Maine

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RED SOX BASEBALL in Baltimore

2 WEEKEND TRIPS TO CHOOSE FROM

MAY 1 & 2 - JUNE 5 & 6

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RED SOX BASEBALL at Fenway Park

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 21

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BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

WEEKEND TRIP JULY 23 TO 26

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NYC DAY TRIPS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 - FRIDAY, NOV 26

CONTACT AA LIMOUSINE 508-791-9100 ext 1

IF INTERESTED IN ANY EVENT, TRIP OR PACKAGE

HUMAN RESOURCES, TRAINING & SAFETY

Julie D'Ambra, Director, 508-791-9100 ext 4

SCHOOL BUS RODEO The 2010 Massachusetts school bus drivers Safety Competition is scheduled for Sunday May 16, 2010.

If anyone is interested in competing or judging this event please contact Terry Costa in the Main Office for details.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. Harold R. McAlindon

Recently we have had a rash of phone calls from concerned citizens who see our drivers on cell phones. Remember that use of a cell phone in a company vehicle is not only against company policy but, also illegal. A school bus or van with the company name on the outside is a moving billboard and the general population is equipped with cell phones to call us, or the police, when they see you. If you need to place a call or receive a call, the driver must pull over to the side of the road, shut down and secure the vehicle and finally leave the driver's seat.

While driving a company vehicle the drivers two hands should remain on the wheel at all times in the ten and two position. We will cover this in more detail at the upcoming in-service meeting.

ROADCHECK 2010 TAKES PLACE JUNE 8-10

During a 72-hour period in the second week of June thousands of inspectors will be examining over 70,000 vehicles.

What they find (or don't find) can affect your CSA 2010 Scores. And remember, even violations not resulting in an out-of-service order will be tabulated into the CSA 2010 Safety Measurement System.

Some facts to consider regarding last year's Roadcheck event:

A record 72,782 inspections were conducted. Of the vehicles inspected, 19.6% were placed out of service for mechanical problems (that's about 14,130 vehicles). On average, approximately 17 trucks or buses were inspected every minute.

Roadcheck 2010 is less than two months away.

MEDICAID AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP) OFFER FREE OR LOW-COST HEALTH COVERAGE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHIPRA requires employers to notify their employees that:

- 1) Health plan premium assistance may be available through our state's Medicaid Program or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- 2) An eligible employee may enroll on the company's health plan outside of their open enrollment period.

Medicaid And The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer's health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan - as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer's plan. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.

You may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility:

MASSACHUSETTS - Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid Website: <http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth>

Medicaid Phone: 1-800-462-1120

CHIP Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs>

Click on For Consumers, then Insurance (including Mass Health), then Additional Insurance and Assistance Programs, then Children's Medical Security Plan

CHIP Phone: 1-800-841-2900

For more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor

Employee Benefits Security Administration

www.dol.gov/ebsa

1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

www.cms.hhs.gov

CHERRY STREET YARD, Rita Ernenwein, Manager

508-791-9100 EXT 2

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

April 19th is Marathon Monday.

We have over 80 charter buses out for this annual event. If you are interested in working (make extra \$\$\$), sign up with your Manager.

There are DRIVER openings available.

International Waffle Day was a success, with 50 of our employees attending, enjoying waffles with all the toppings.

Winners of the drawings for T-Shirts were:

Sheila Girouox, Webster - Jerry Bellows, Cherry St. - Lisa Sclafani, Lake St. - Charles Ernenwein, Cherry St. - Joanne McDunnah, Webster - Kim Sterczala, Cherry St. - Andrew Hackett, Garage

Thanks to all who attended.

HELPING THE GARAGE FIX BUSES

In order to assist the Garage with repair work, starting immediately, please bring your completed pre-trip slips into the dispatch office. There is a box labeled "REPAIRS." Be sure that your name and BUS number is readable, and put as much information about your problem as possible on the pre-trip slip. If you have a simple problem (wipers, lights, loose seat, etc.), go directly to the Garage for repairs.

If there is nothing wrong with your bus, turn your pre-trip slips in with your Timesheet each week.

FUELING BUSES AT CHERRY STREET

When fueling your bus at Cherry Street, you MUST STAY with your bus. If someone is assisting you with fueling you MUST STAY with your bus. Do not leave your bus unattended, with the expectation of someone else fueling and/or moving it.

CHERRY STREET OFFICE HOURS ARE 6:00 AM TO 6:00 PM, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY.
THESE HOURS ARE EFFECTIVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**DO WHAT YOU LIKE
LIKE WHAT YOU DO**

LAKE STREET YARD, Sean Lyonnais, Manager

508-753-6322

Shrewsbury, Elm Park, Rainbow, Webster Square

Wow, April has finally arrived! It will be nice to see the sun shining. Usually at this time of year I have a few friendly reminders:

Summer Work Sign Up

Summer will be here as soon as you know it. If your route is a year round route then you will be expected to continue with that schedule (i.e. daycare routes only). If your route is not, there will be summer work available. If you are interested in summer work, please sign up on the Sign Up Sheet. If you have any questions regarding summer work, please see Robin or me.

April/May Inspections Stickers

During April and May, the RMV will here anytime to inspect our buses. Every bus should be cleaned at all times, i.e. windshield, dashboard, floors, etc. Also, please make sure you are writing everything up that needs to be checked and/or repaired. The only way we know if your bus needs repairs, is by you writing and turning in your inspection report. If your bus does not get repaired in a timely manner, please come see me.

Two-Way Radio Use

All two-way radios must be turned on with the volume up. You never know if there is an announcement that you are going to have to hear. If you are having problems with your two-way, please let us know in the office so I can work on getting a new radio for you. Just remember, your radio must be on channel 1 for you to communicate to the office. If you have your radio on channel 2, you can only communicate bus to bus.

As always, we would like to thank everyone for a great job that you do every day.

WEBSTER, Linda Perno, Manager

508-943-0482

Auburn, Southbridge, Webster

APRIL SHOWERS = SPRING FLOWERS

I would like to Welcome Jason Silvia-CDL to the Auburn contract and the return of Dick Gould & Ed Soucy CDL-Spare drivers to the Webster Division. Congratulations to Brenda Weeks, winner of the monthly \$100.00 weight loss gift card! Best of luck to all who are participating in the Biggest Loser program.

Marathon Monday (April 19, 2010) will soon be approaching and all CDL drivers are needed to transport the runners from The Boston Common to Hopkinton H.S. If you have not been approached to participate and you are available, please call the office to add your name to the list.

Charter season is quickly approaching. If you have not signed up for the charter times that work best for you, please do so on the Driver list located on the bulletin board at the office.

It's hard to believe were already gearing up for the summer work schedule. Schedules will be quickly approaching, please stop by the office with your 2 week time off requests for rest & relaxation. If your regular route continues through the summer, you are required to fulfill your schedule. All others are required to be available to cover the many routes, runs, & trips that come in. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Quote:

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to that person's commitment to excellence, regardless of the chosen field of endeavor. Vince Lombardi

Reminders:

Any and all issues, concerns with your Company vehicle should be called into the Office, as well as written on your Pre-trip slip, and your DVR book should be left on your seat at the close of your route.

If your bus is taken out of service, a bus will be assigned to you by the OFFICE. You will be notified upon repair and when to resume use of assigned original bus by the Office Staff.

The warm weather has arrived. Therefore the buses will no longer be running in the mornings upon arrival to the yard.

Reminder: there is an IDLE law in effect that the vehicles cannot be left running longer than 5 minutes.

Spring = Cleanup Time A good time to get your vehicle cleaned up from the winter weather, and disinfect those seats from the creepy little germs that our passengers leave behind.

Thank you ALL, for a great job well done!

FLEET MAINTENANCE, John Hartman, Manager

508-845-7216

IT'S INSPECTION TIME AGAIN

CLEAN YOUR BUS. MAKE SURE YOUR PRE-TRIP BOOK IS FILLED OUT CORRECTLY. DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING IN YOUR BUS. REMOVE EVERYTHING FROM THE FRONT DASH.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN-IN REPAIR SLIPS TO YOUR MANAGER.

ALL DRIVERS MUST CONTACT THE GARAGE WHEN YOUR COMPANY VEHICLE IS READY FOR AN OIL CHANGE.

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 OTHER 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

SPED - CHERRY STREET, Cindy Fish, Manager

508-791-9100 ext 2

Spring has sprung! Warm weather will be upon us soon. Windows will be open, so remember to shut windows when leaving the vehicle. A good spring cleaning may be a good idea.

REMEMBER - the last meeting of the year is June 10th. I want to thank all of you in advance for keeping this date and time available. We cover different topics at each meeting and it is important for you to attend each meeting.

At last month's meeting we had a few guest speakers who covered the following topics: maintenance with Joe Nolette, First Aid (seizure procedures) with Crystal Rider, and Autism and transportation Jennifer Terakedis (Marlborough Schools). A special thank you to all of our guest speakers. We are looking into having them back again.

All stickers were completed in a timely manner. Thank you!

Summer work is right around the corner. If your route is a year around route then you will be expected to continue with that schedule. If your route is not year around, there will be plenty of summer work available, so see me and sign-up in advance.

It's never too early to prepare your summer vacation schedule. Please, bring in your written schedule to the office including the two weeks you are not available for summer work, so we can plan the work accordingly.

Reminder:

DO NOT USE cell phone while you are behind the wheel (texting or talking).

DO NOT make any unauthorized stops especially while you have students in the vehicle (even to the office).

DO USE YOUR RED LIGHTS when loading and unloading students. (required at all schools).



AA Transportation is on the Web at:

www.aatransportation.com

YOU CAN FIND COPIES OF PAST NEWSLETTERS ON OUR WEBSITE

If you would like to receive future Newsletters via email, give your email address to your Manager, or send it to:

james@aatransportation.com

Lastly

Try your luck and find the correct answer and location in this Newsletter to these questions: Who is the driver at Lake Street who renews their license in August? What is our first priority? Who said: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"? What was the topic Crystal Rider talked about as a guest speaker? What is April 19th?

The contest: find the correct answer to the above 5 questions and the location (section) where the answer appears in this Newsletter.

The payoff: a \$25 Gift Card to the first four employees who contact me by telephone, by email, or in-person on Thursday, April 15th, starting at 10:00am, with the correct answer to the questions and the correct location (section) where the answer is located in this Newsletter.

The rules: Prior winners must wait two months before they are eligible to try to win again. Telephone calls received before 10:00am on the above date will not be accepted. Emails received with a time stamp before 10:00am on the above date will not be accepted. In-person responses before 10:00am on the above date will not be accepted. Good luck to all!

Jim Pankonen, 508-791-9100 ext 5 james@aatransportation.com