

# Benzie Central Transportation Department

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*September 2009*

Where did the summer go?

The Benzie Central Transportation Department would like to welcome the Graduating Class of 2022, our new kindergartners. As a parent, this time will fly by, but as a student, well you know. So, start saving those pictures from art class, Halloween costumes and take all the pictures you can because Open House 2022 will be here before you know it.

There have been a few changes at the beginning of the school year. Route 42 – Kelley Spaulding, Craig Humstead will be back in October. Route 54 – Julie Sullivan and Route 45 – Aide – Jeri Thompson. The first week in October is our Bid Meeting which means if a driver wishes to change routes this is the time it happens.

September 21 – 25, 2009 is our Bus Safety Week. National Bus Safety Week is in October, but due to schedule conflicts and Fire Safety falls on the same week. And truth be told, a fire truck that shoots water and foam is more fun than a bus but just as important. So this year we are having it early. Pre-primary, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are our main concerns. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders become our helpers and should know all the rules and procedures by now.

Each class will watch 2 short movies, ask questions and tell us their bus stories. Then we go out to a bus and show them everything on the bus up close and slowly. We teach them how to properly sit in the seats, discuss the rules and what to do and not to do in an emergency. Then we practice a rear door evacuation slowly and carefully. This usually is their favorite part.

Please come and join us on your child's scheduled date below, you may have some questions and learn something you didn't know. Bring a camera; you can use it for the Graduation Open House photos.

Platte Lake - Monday, 9/21/09

Lake Ann – Wednesday, 9/23/09

Betsie Valley – Thursday, 9/24/09

Crystal Lake – Friday, 9/25/09

Emergency cards will be coming home soon. Please fill the out and have your child return them as soon as possible. Even though you filled one out for the school, we need the same information at the bus garage. Once your child gets on the bus the school staff leaves and we have no way to contact them. Also if you have an address change or phone number changes throughout the year, please let your driver know as soon as possible.

If your child has your permission to be left alone or walk down the driveway if you are not there, please submit a written and dated letter stating this so we can have it on file for our substitute driver s. If you have given verbal permission to your driver, we still need a written letter.

And last, if you do not have your house address numbers on your mailbox, could you please put them on both sides. This makes it easier for new drivers and sub drivers and emergency vehicles. If you need them, please let your driver know and we will get them for you.

If you have any questions please contact Guy Sauer – Director, Toni Baker – Asst. Director or your bus driver at 882-5072.

Thank you