

Daily Dispatch

School's Out for Summer

~Alice Cooper~



Newsletter
Summer - 2009

Important Dates & Reminders

Issue 6

• June 19th	Last day of school	Early dismissal	H.S (11:55) Elem. (1:00)
• June 19th	Transportation Lunch	Pot luck	10:00 to 12:00
• June 22nd	Bus Cleaning	All buses must be cleaned before summer school starts.	
• June 22nd	Route Books	All route books to be organized for next year.	
• June 30th	Time Sheets	All time sheets to be turned in.	
• Aug. 20th	Route Posting	Route descriptions for school year 2009/2010 will be posted in the transportation office.	
• Aug. 27th	Route Bidding	Route bidding will take place in the district office board room from 7:00 a.m. until completed.	
• Aug. 27th	In-service	In-service will be conducted for all transportation employees in the district office board room from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.	
• Aug. 31st	First Aid Class	First aid training provided by the district in the district office board room 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm	
• Sept. 2nd	School Starts Again !!!!!!!		

Special points of interest:

- Important Dates
- Plans for Next Year
- Eyes and Ears of the Community
- The Logging Show
- The Rubber Meets the Road
- Lasting Impression
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How About a "Cup of Joe"



As the school year comes to a close I just wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for making my first 6 months at Mt. Baker a truly enjoyable and gratifying time. I have not met a person among you or in the community who hasn't been friendly and helpful in every way. You should be very proud of your school district and your community.

Thank You

I am looking forward to next school year.

Here are a few of my goals for next year.

- Improve student behavior.
- Add more cameras on the buses for your protection.
- Change to a route number system.
- Have an active safety committee.

- Expand employee recognition program.

- Improve the transportation facility.

- Continue to improve communications.

I hope this has been a good year for you and your family.

I hope you are as excited about and looking forward to next school year as much as me.

Safety News

News

New school bus security program launches

June 1, 2009

A new program has been developed to train school bus personnel on identifying and reporting potentially criminal or terrorist activities.

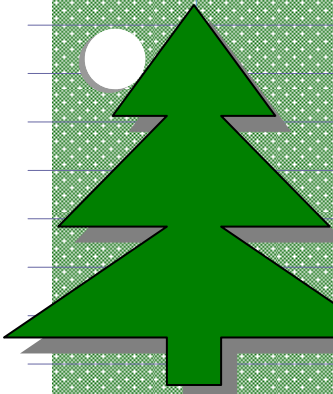
The move comes "in response to worldwide acts of violence involving school children," officials involved in the program said in a statement.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) program, dubbed School Bus First Observer, will become available June 8. The three national industry associations — National Association for Pupil Transportation, National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) and National School Transportation Association (NSTA) — worked on building the training.

School Bus First Observer replaces School Bus Watch, which school bus drivers across the nation participated in a few years ago. The program emphasized the need for transportation professionals to be aware of suspicious people, packages or activities and to report any concerns to the proper authorities. It focused on activity occurring on the highway rather than at the bus yard.



Local News



JUNE 13TH & 14TH, 2009
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THE DEMING 47th Annual LOGGING SHOW
Finley Hays

Bull of the Woods
Ralph Minaker

President
Bob Larsen

The weather ... Warm & Sunny

47th Annual Show

The Deming Logging Show

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. June 13th and 14th Show begins at 1 p.m.
Admission \$6.00 Adults No Pets Please \$3.00 Seniors & Children

FREE DAYTIME PARKING!!
At The Deming Logging Show, we offer free daytime parking.

RV CAMPING
The Deming Logging Show welcomes self contained Trailers and Campers. Come on out for the weekend, bring your RV and camp.

EXHIBITIONS ON THE GROUNDS
Exhibitions at The Deming Logging Show will start at 11:00 a.m. Some of the exhibitions that will be seen are, log processing, log loading, & the drag saw. There are also numerous equipment displays to see.

Follow these directions for a day of fun!!!!

Deming Log Show BBQ
Open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.
The Deming Logging Show has the best BBQ.... The meats to choose from are Salmon, Chicken or Roast beef. Your other choices are Baked Potato, Potato Salad or Cole Slaw...you also get baked beans, garlic bread and your choice of juice, coffee or tea...If you are really hungry, you can even get a combo plate and have two meats...Come on down and try it out, you will not regret it.

QUESTIONS?????
If you have questions about Log Show you can contact the caretakers: Troy & Shannon Chilcote 3295 Cedarville Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226 (360) 592-3051

PROGRAM QUESTIONS?????
Want to advertise in our program or be an event sponsor?????
If you would like to advertise or be an event sponsor in our program, it is very simple. You can talk to the ladies in the Grandstand or you can call, write or email:
Shelly DeBruin
P.O. Box 695 Deming, WA 98244
(360) 592-4390
email: thecrazyplace7@msn.com
Deadline is March 1

Questions Call: (360) 592-3051

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Shop Talk

Tires: past, present and future

It is probably safe to say that most people take tires for granted. Contrasted with the late 1800s, when the first pneumatic tire was developed, the product today delivers many miles of safe and reliable performance and requires only relatively simple routine:

The modern pneumatic tire has applications ranging from bicycles to motor vehicles of all types to giant earth-moving dump trucks that can transport payloads of 350 tons — on only six tires. Also running on six (albeit very much smaller) tires, the yellow school bus safely and reliably transports millions of children every day. This is no small challenge. In concert with braking and other systems (but at the actual vehicle/road interface), tires allow the bus to safely start and stop, transporting its precious cargo on flat, hilly, straight, winding, city, country, dry, wet and snow/ice-covered surfaces.

Gary & Alex remind you to:

Check the condition of your tires daily

Be careful not to curb your tires when pulling into parking spots

Avoid hitting objects that will break down the tires' structural integrity



Industry News

News

Riding a school bus leaves a lasting impression

May 20, 2009

CINCINNATI — The results of a survey conducted for First Student Inc. reveal that 42 percent of women and 35 percent of men who rode a bus to school remember the name of one of their school bus drivers.

Opinion Research Corp. questioned 1,000 adults for the survey. Baby boomers had the highest recall, with 47 percent of adults ages 45 to 54 and 42 percent of adults ages 55 to 64 stating they could remember the name of their school bus driver.

When asked to share their most memorable experiences on a school bus, most survey respondents recalled having fun and riding the bus with friends. Other fond memories included singing favorite songs, a bumpy ride in the back of the bus, budding romances, field trips and receiving special holiday and end-of-year treats from bus drivers.

Moreover, many of those surveyed still remember riding the bus on their first day of school.

Humor:



Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. And if you have friends who make you laugh, spend lots of time with them.

Making an effort to help a "lonely" child

Sandy began a job as an elementary school counselor and she was eager to help. One day during recess she noticed a girl standing by herself on one side of a playing field while the rest of the kids enjoyed a game of soccer at the other.

Sandy approached and asked if she was all right.

The girl said she was.

A little while later, however, Sandy noticed the girl was in the same spot, still by herself.

Approaching again, Sandy offered, "Would you like me to be your friend?"

The girl hesitated, then said, "Okay," looking at the woman suspiciously.

Feeling she was making progress, Sandy then asked, "Why are you standing here all alone?"

"Because," the little girl said with great exasperation, "I'm the goalie!"

Summer Birthdays and Special Events

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Employment Anniversary Dates:

June

July

Aug

Dave Parrish (6-19)

Kim Gates (7-25)

Dale Anderson (8-15)

Virginia Pederson (8-13-1987)

Dennis Whitmyre (6-25)

Christina Hartle (7-28)

Jim Whitehead (8-22)

Dennis Whitmyre (8-27-1997)

Dean Anderson (6-30)

Suzanne Woodin (8-31-1999)

CONGRATULATIONS





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*Every Student is a
"Guest of Honor"*

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Employee Profile

Paul Porter is the most senior driver for Mt. Baker School District, thus the title of # 1.

Paul has lived in the local area for all of his sixty years. Paul's parents came to Bellingham after W. W. II, seeking employment. His father worked in the Bellingham shipyards helping to build post-war ships and his mother was a registered nurse who later in her career became the administrator for Whatcom County Hospital.

Paul joined the army in June of 1967 after graduating high school. He spent 12 months in S.E. Asia, during the Vietnam War. While there, he is most proud of his efforts along with the help of another soldier from Detroit in establishing a small orphanage for needy children of the area.

"While leaving the chop house (local eating place) one night a small bony arm came out of the small space alongside the building begging for money."

The routine repeated itself many times before Paul and his fellow soldier coaxed the rest of the body attached to the arm to come out of hiding.

They were astonished to find a

12 year old little girl living on the streets and begging for money to survive. She was the child of an American soldier and a Vietnamese mother and was shunned and discarded by her family. She had turned to prostitution and begging at the age of 9 years old to survive.

This troubled Paul and his fellow soldier. They immediately contacted a local woman in the area and found out that for as little as \$6.00 a month the little girl could be fed, clothed, and educated.

It was a no brainer for Paul.

He immediately started paying the \$6.00 along with other soldiers they recruited into the project. The last he heard the orphanage was still providing the help that these young children needed.

Paul's first paying job was flipping hamburgers for \$1.65 an hour. His 1st car was a 1936 Ford coupe, which his dad sold to someone else while he was in the military for \$175.

He wished that he had that one back!

Paul became interested in communications in the army and brought that knowledge

and desire home with him after being discharged from the military.

He opened his own radio and communication store. "CB radios was the rage back then; everybody had one," said Paul

Paul's real love is being a ham radio operator. He has talked to thousands of people all over the world and has used his ham radio skills to help pass on messages to missionaries and other isolated people around the world. He assisted in getting messages out to local family member of residents of New Orleans during the Katrina hurricane and helped establish the 1st emergency notification system for the Whatcom county area way back when. Paul said, " I get post cards every Christmas from fellow ham operators from all over the world."

Paul's business was not doing well enough to provide for his family completely, so he started looking for a part-time job. He ran into Dean Anderson, and Dean suggested that he should look at driving school bus to supplement his income. That was in 1982; he worked 2 years as a sub bus driver and

was hired permanently in 1984.

When I asked him if he had a favorite bus, with a grin he responded immediately, "Old number 28 was my favorite, it was smooth and comfortable, it was also cooler in the summer to drive."

I asked Paul if he ever had long hair since he was a part of that scene.

"Oh yeah, when I got out of the military I had long hair, beard, and a Rat Fink hat. "

Paul also enjoys his Harley and Corvette. *The Toys*, as Paul puts it.

His dream vacation would be to tour Europe on his Harley, visiting the small villages and talking to the locals.

When I asked Paul to complete this sentence:

"The world would be a better place if....."

"Only people would get along and eliminate greed."

**Thanks
"Boot Jack"**