

In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent

This week’s Oriole Corner has been written by guest columnist

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Ride With PRIDE

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year! Charlotte Public Schools Transportation Department would like to take the opportunity to share information with you about the service we provide to the students of CPS. This year, we have fifteen regular route buses and one LCC (Lansing Community College campus) bus. The sixteen regular drivers and seven part-time substitute drivers have more than 250 years of accumulated experience behind the wheel of our school buses. These valuable employees safely transport approximately 1,400 students registered to ride the bus this year to and from school. This does not include the number of students we transport to sporting events and field trips.

Our number one focus is on safety. With that in mind, we started preparing for the school year with a mini training session on dealing with “Distracted Driving,” which includes any activity that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving. We further focused on “mental distractions,” which is not something most drivers take into consideration. In addition, this month, we had a couple supervisors from the Eaton County Department of Human Services come and do a presentation on how to report suspected abuse and neglect. We have found these additional trainings to be very beneficial with our main focus and cargo being children.

At the beginning of the school year, we did a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program regarding School Bus Safety for all student’s grades DK through 8th. We focused on student safety and expectations when riding the bus. The younger students were each given a visual reminder in the form of a coloring book or book mark, and the older students were given Charlotte Oriole pencils or Oriole Pride stickers for participating. Our team at the Charlotte Public Schools Transportation Department strive to be on time and provide the safest service to our students as possible. We look forward to serving them this year!