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OCTOBER 19-23 IS: National School Bus Safety Week



This year's theme for National School Bus Safety Week is **Be Smart—Be Seen, I Wait in a Safe Place.** While National School Bus Safety Week is always the third week of October, bus safety is a year-round subject.

SCHOOL BUS MAP
Read the list of places where the school bus picks up students of Acorn Elementary. Mark on the map places the bus stops, then draw the route the bus will take.

432 Cherry St.
567 Sycamore Way
222 Maple Dr.
848 Manzanita Ave.
747 Pine St.
449 Acacia Ct.

Bus Safety Rules Match Game

These are some safety rules from Robin Padgett, a school bus driver from Lynchburg, Virginia. Write the number of the rule each student is talking about next to each student's face.

1. Be at the bus stop early.
2. Wait for the bus in a safe place – away from the road.
3. Listen to the bus driver and follow directions.
4. Keep hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times.
5. Please don't eat or drink on the bus.

Make a safety poster for your class illustrating one of these rules.

A bus is wider than a car, it gets very close to trees and poles, you could be seriously injured if you have any body parts outside the bus.

Wait away from the road because a car could hit you if you are too close to the road.

You could choke on the food and the driver might not see you.

The bus driver's instructions are for your safety.

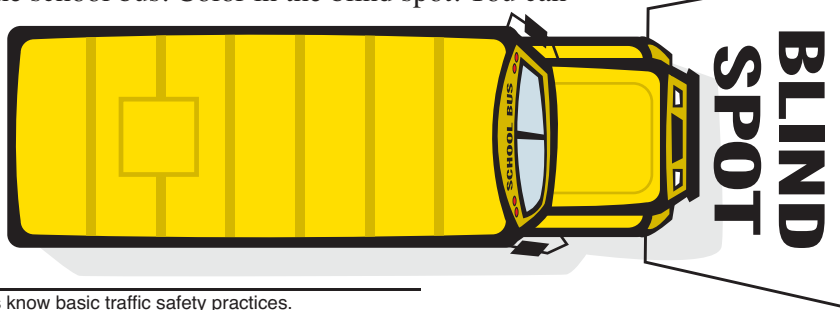
The bus driver may not see you running for the bus if you are late, you could slip and fall under the wheels.

Standards Link: Health and Safety: Students know basic traffic safety practices.

Beware the Blind Spot

Many children are injured each year while getting on or off school buses. This is because the bus driver cannot see the area that is 10 feet in front of the bus. This is called the **blind spot**.

Look at the overhead view of the school bus. Color in the blind spot. You can avoid being in the blind spot by always taking at least 10 giant steps away from your bus before crossing in front of it. And, always wait for the bus driver or another adult to tell you when it is safe to cross the street.



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Number Master

Look through today's newspaper for a number written as a numeral. Rewrite the number as a word using letters.

For example:
18 eighteen

Standards Link: Number Sense: Write numerals to 100.

Word Whiz Challenge!

How many three-letter or longer words can you make from this year's School Bus Safety Week phrase? If a letter only appears **once** in the theme, it can only be used once in a new word. For example the word **peep** would not qualify as the letter **p** appears only once in the theme.

**Be Smart—
Be Seen, I Wait
in a Safe Place**

Standards Link: Spell: Spell grade level words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

- SAFETY
- RULES
- BEWARE
- BLIND
- ROBIN
- FLASHING
- STOP
- BILLION
- NATIONAL
- GIANT
- DRINK
- WEEK
- FACE
- BUS
- DRIVER

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

R E V I R D G S C H
B E W A R E I O L O
L I S U C D A A B U
S K L A P K N I R D
S E F L F O T I A N
S E F E I E T T L I
Y W V T B O T S O B
P B A W U E N Y E O
G N I H S A L F K R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Bus Trip

Look through the newspaper and make a list of five or more places in your town. Now look at a map of your town. Imagine you are a school bus driver and have to visit all the places. Draw a route that would take you to each place in the shortest amount of time.

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map skills to interpret information.

How do bees get to school?

ANSWER: By school buzz!

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