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National School Bus Safety Week



National School Lunch Week is October 11 through 15. The School Nutrition Association is encouraging all schools across the nation to participate by preparing the following special meals:

Today marks the beginning of 2010 National School Bus Safety week. Each year about 474,000 school buses hit the road transporting over 25 million children to and from school.

While those big yellow buses are one of the safest forms of transportation, it is still important for motorists to be extra vigilant when sharing the road.

Each year approximately six children die as passengers in school buses, but pedestrians account for a higher number of fatalities. Many of those incidents occur when children are boarding or leaving the bus, or when motorists illegally pass a stopped school bus.

To help keep children safe in and around buses now, here are some important suggestions:

- Supervise children to

get to the bus stop on time.

- Make sure they wait on the curb away from the road and avoid rough play.
- Have the child stand back several feet from the edge of the road until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. A driver cannot see a child who may bend down to pick something up. Have your child use a backpack or bag to keep loose items contained.
- Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps that may get caught in the handrail or bus door.
- Encourage safe school bus loading and unloading.
- If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, talk with your school or transportation office about changing the location.

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