**Things Parents Should Know About School Bus Safety:**

* School Buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
* The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus. Due to distracted or inpatient drivers not paying attention to the buses signal lights.
* Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
* The loading and unloading area is called the “Danger Zone”
* The “Danger Zone” is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (10 feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver’s blind spot and the area behind the bus).
* This is why we ask all of students to wait for the driver to signal for them to cross in front of the bus only when crossing a road.

**Things Kids Should Know About School Bus Safety:**

- Arrive at your bus stops 5 minutes early.

- Stand at least 5 giant steps (10 Feet) away from the edge of the road.

- Wait until the bus stops, the doors open, and the driver gives the okay to load the bus.

- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE.

- When crossing the street walk 10 giant steps to the front of the bus and wit for the driver to give the okay to cross the street.

- If you can’t see the driver the driver can’t see you.

- If you drop something under the bus ALWAYS have your driver get it for you.

Please talk with your children about these things**. If you see a vehicle run a bus stop signs (Red lights) please get the license plate # and report it to our Dispatch at 353-5900.**