

## **School Bus Driver Appreciation**

February 28 was School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Cedar Mountain is fortunate to have great drivers who work to safely transport students to and from school every day. There is much more to the job than just driving. Often they are the first school person a student sees in the morning. This helps our students start the day on a positive note. Student health concerns are another thing for bus drivers to monitor. The drivers need to know where everyone lives and remember who rides what day and often remember who is not riding so they are not making unnecessary stops.

Because of driver training and bus safety standards, riding in a school bus is 8 times safer than riding in another vehicle to school. Buses are checked daily to make sure everything works, and drivers receive training throughout the year. We also conduct yearly bus evacuation drills with students.

Driving students can be challenging, but it is also rewarding. Our drivers get to know our students personally. Many times, students also become a sort of family, with older students taking care of younger students.

We have vans and buses safely transporting students every day, and our drivers do a great job. Thank you to all of our drivers at Cedar Mountain.

## **Upcoming Events**

We are now in March and our spring events are coming up quickly. Softball and track practices begin on March 12. Golf and baseball practice begins on March 19. We also have spring play practice underway, as well as speech and Knowledge Bowl. FFA completion practices are happening daily for various teams, and the State FFA Convention to be held on April 22-24. Grades K-5 will have their AAA Program on March 8 at 1:15. Be sure to check out our web site for more news and event information.

Other upcoming events and reminders:

- March 8 – AAA Program – 1:15 PM
- March 9 – No School
- March 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 15 – Kindergarten Connection in Franklin
- March 20 - Kindergarten Connection in Franklin
- March 23 – Early dismissal at 12:10
- March 23 – End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- March 28 – Early dismissal at 12:10
- March 29-April 2 – No School – Easter Break
- April 13 – Elementary Grandparents Day
- April 13-14 – Spring Play – “Hillbilly Reunion” at 7:00 PM