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Buster the Bus teaches transportation safety

“Buster the Bus” will visit kindergarten and first-grade students at Burns Elementary School at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21, talking to children about school bus safety. The visit coincides with National School Bus Safety Week, which is Oct. 21-25. The theme for this year’s celebration is “My School Bus: The Safest Form of Student Transportation.”

Buster, a friendly school bus robot who is controlled and voiced by a member of the DCPS Transportation Department, provides safety information to children in an entertaining and interactive format. Buster talks about safe boarding and disembarking practices, the importance of staying seated when a school bus is in motion, and other guidelines designed to ensure the safety of our student passengers.

Following Buster’s presentation, the children will go outside to practice bus evacuations and learn how to safely cross in front of a bus. This includes waiting for the driver’s signal that it is safe to cross and never walking behind a school bus.

DCPS bus drivers and monitors undergo rigorous training every year. School buses are maintained by a dedicated team of professionals to ensure they meet the highest standards of mechanical safety. Drivers complete a detailed process of checking their buses before and after every route.

The DCPS Transportation Department operates about 137 buses, which travel an average of 10,210 miles per day (that is not a typo), or 2.2 million miles a year, as they provide safe, efficient transportation for about 8,160 students a day.

Note to Media – Our media partners are invited to join us as Buster the Bus shares safety tips at 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at Burns Elementary School, 4514 Goetz Drive. As we celebrate National School Bus Safety Week, we encourage our media partners to remind our community to always STOP at least 15 feet away from the bus when the red lights are flashing or if the stop arm is out.

For more information or to schedule interviews with members of our DCPS Transportation Department, contact transportation director Downey Ward at 270-852-7080 or downey.ward@daviess.kyschools.us