

Ohio Celebrates...

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK



Above Left—The “Buster Team” comprised of Denise Rudolph (driver/OBI), Jerra Shafrath (driver) and Harry Thompson (retired driver) from Sandusky City SD (Erie County) pose with Buster the Bus before starting their district’s safety program. Jerra served as the voice of Buster while Harry coordinated Buster’s movements. **Above Right**—Denise and Buster spoke to students in grades K-6 about school bus safety.

Transportation Director Ted Peters tells SNV that several teachers were so impressed with the program that they jokingly inquired about having Buster work as a teacher in the classroom. Many felt the students really connected with the message presented by the “Buster Team.” Buster was so popular that he won the “Spirit Trophy” in the district’s homecoming parade.

In addition to student safety, the district partnered with the EHOESC, Margaretta Local SD, Perkins Local SD and Huron City SD to provide a county-wide inservice. Topics covered included weapons, drugs and first aid; in addition to a smoke filled bus and in the next month Sandusky drivers will participate in CPI training.



Left—To show her appreciation for the work of the transportation team during National School Bus Safety Week, Fostoria City SD bus drivers were treated to coffee, juice, rolls and muffins by Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Lemmerman. The drivers were also given pins by the district to help show appreciation for the great job they are doing keeping Fostoria’s students safe. On Wednesday all the drivers distributed “Smart About School Bus Safety” certificates to the students.

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