

ESD Transportation October Update 2023

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Transportation Activities for October, 2023

- * Our department completed our first student count of the year that the State Dept. of Ed Transportation requires. The count took place the week of October 9th - 13th. We count all the regular riders, safety riders, and our educational shuttles between the schools. Compared to our first count last year we are down about 70 students riding the bus, but we were only in school 2 days last year when we counted and many of my drivers stated that they were missing quite a few students. Our highest count is usually the 2nd one that will happen after we get back from Christmas Break.
- * We held a transportation all-staff training/meeting on October 18th. It happened to fall on National Bus Safety Week so we started off the meeting with a breakfast for our staff to show our appreciation for all their dedication and hard work.
- * There have been a few road construction delays that have had us rerouting some buses. Thank you to Gem County Road and Bridge and the City of Emmett for keeping us informed on where the closures are so that we can get routes line out before the closures.
- * One of our buses that was rear-ended was repaired and it is back on the road. Our 2nd bus that was hit has been in the body shop for a few weeks now and they are hoping we can get it back next week. They said that they have had a hard time getting parts in that were needed.
- * We have hired another driver and have one who has been studying to get his CDL. Yesterday he was able to get his driving test scheduled for Nov. 21. We still need to hire 2 or 3 more before spring sports start up and we get really busy.
- * Our drivers have been reporting an increase in Stop Arm Violations. I will be contacting the sheriff's department this week and asking them to help out on Highway 52 to help stop violators. Just a reminder for everyone that in Gem County there are no exempt roadways. If a bus has yellow overhead lights on it is getting ready to stop, and when the Red overhead lights are on ALL traffic from both directions is REQUIRED to STOP.

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