



EAST GREENWICH

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your family are off to a great start to the school year! As we settle into the 2026–2027 school year, we would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of bus safety and recognize the essential role our bus drivers play in keeping our students safe each day.

School buses are an extension of the classroom, and it is important that students follow safety expectations to help create a safe, respectful, and positive environment for everyone. We ask for your support in reminding your children about the importance of staying seated, following the driver's directions, and treating both their driver and fellow students with respect. These simple expectations help ensure that everyone arrives at school and returns home safely.

We are also excited to continue our Bus Driver of the Month Program for the 2026–2027 school year. Each month, we will recognize one bus driver for their exceptional service, dedication, and commitment to our students. Parents, students, and staff are encouraged to submit positive feedback and nominations through our Bus Driver of the Month [Google Form](#), which will also be available on our school website throughout the year. Nominations can be submitted at any time.

Each month, one driver will be selected to receive a gift card as a token of appreciation, generously supported by the East Greenwich Home and School Association. In addition, every student registered to that bus will earn one Buzz Buck! On the last day of each month, we will present the selected driver with their gift card and a Certificate of Appreciation. A brief summary highlighting why the driver was chosen will also be shared in our monthly newsletter.

At the end of the school year, we will once again recognize a Bus Driver of the Year. This award will be presented in June and will be selected from the drivers who have been honored as Bus Driver of the Month throughout the year.

Our goals for this program are twofold:

- To recognize and celebrate the critical role our bus drivers play in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students.
- To promote a positive and respectful bus culture that encourages safe, responsible, and enjoyable transportation experiences for all students.

We are excited to continue this program and look forward to another year of recognizing the outstanding work of our bus drivers. We are especially grateful to the East Greenwich Home and School Association for their continued generosity and support, which helps make this recognition possible.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote safe and respectful bus behavior throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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