Back to School:
Safety tips for motorists

Sharing the road safely with school buses
School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road today. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers. Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For this reason, it is necessary to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses:

- Texas law states that it is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.
- Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
- Texas law requires that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert. Children are unpredictable. They are usually very comfortable with their surroundings walking to and from the bus. They may fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.
Safety tips for riding a bicycle to school

- Always wear your helmet when riding your bicycle.
- Make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that two fingers fit between it and your eyebrows.
- To ride safely, so need to know the rules of the road. If you don’t, then you should not ride in traffic or without an adult.
- Ride on the right side of the road or trail in a single file line in the same direction as other vehicles and come to a complete stop before crossing streets.
- Wait for a driver’s signal before crossing the street.
- When you ride your bicycle, you should wear bright colors during the day and right before the sun rises or sets.
- Riding at night can be dangerous. If you have to ride at night, you should ride with an adult. You should have a white light on the front of your bicycle and a red reflector on the back. You also can get lights and reflective materials to put on your shoes, helmet and clothing.
- Practice makes you more skilled at riding your bicycle. The more skilled you are at riding, the less likely you will be to crash. Practice such things as riding in a straight line, looking over your shoulder, signaling with your hands and starting and stopping.

Tips for walking to school

- Walk to school with a group of kids and always have a responsible adult with you.
- Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk facing the traffic.
- The safest place to cross is at a street corner or intersection.
- If you are 10-years-old or younger, you need to cross the street with an adult. You should not cross by yourself.
- Before you step off the curb to cross the street, stop and look all ways to see if cars are coming.
- When no cars are coming, it is safe for you and an adult to cross.
- Walk, don’t run. This gives time for drivers to see you enter the roadway. Running also makes you more likely to fall in the street.
Canyon ISD would like to remind parents of a few rules to help our kids be safe and get drivers on their way.

- First, remember to slow down and observe the posted speed limits in the school zones at all times. Area law enforcement will be patrolling the school zones and enforcing the zero tolerance for those violating the speed.
- As a reminder, it is a state offense to use a cell phone in a school zone. The bill makes the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone a class C misdemeanor, unless the vehicle is stopped or the device is being used in a hands-free mode. A fine up to $200 can be issued if in violation of this law.
- The district would also like to remind drivers to be alert for children who might dart into the street without looking. Be careful to watch for children walking or biking to school especially in areas where there are no sidewalks. Watch for students playing and gathering near a bus stop.
- Ensure each child is buckled in a child safety seat, a booster seat, or with a lap/shoulder belt that is age, weight and height appropriate when driving children to school.
- It is safer for all children ages 12 and under to sit in the back seat of a car whenever possible. Leave home in plenty of time to meet your child’s schedule and your own. Many accidents occur due to hurried drivers that are late for work.
- At times, students may not pay close attention to practicing traffic safety. Keep in mind, children do not consistently possess the skills to cope with traffic.

- Take some time to discuss safety rules with your children, especially if they walk, ride their bike or ride the bus to school.

We are looking forward to being back at school. Help us keep our students and staff safe as we start another great year!

**focus on funnies**

Q: What did the ground say to the earthquake?
A: You crack me up!

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
A: To reach the high notes.

Q: How do you get straight A’s?
A: By using a ruler!

Q: What did you learn in school today?
A: Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow.

Q: How does the barber cut the moon’s hair?
A: E-clipse it!

Q: Why didn’t the sun go to college?
A: Because it already had a million degrees!

Q: What goes up and down but does not move?
A: Stairs

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?
A: I’ll meet you at the corner!
Enrollment numbers are up for 2014-2015

Online registration is complete and Canyon ISD has 9,410 students enrolled as of September 4, 2014. That is up from 9,381 at the beginning of school last year. Below are individual campus enrollment numbers.

The online registration program streamlined the process so parents could fill out most information from home and did not have to spend as much time on the campus when getting their children enrolled for the new school year. Enrollment figures may change through the year due to students moving in and out of the district.

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Foundation names Ashley Shadbolt as new director

The Canyon Education Foundation Executive Board is pleased to introduce the new Executive Director, Ashley Shadbolt. Ashley attended Abilene Christian University and earned a degree in Elementary Education, as well as a Master’s Degree in Education Administration from WTAMU. She has ten years’ experience in the education field and has a passion for student success. Prior to accepting the position with the CEF, she was a stay at home mom to her two children, ages 3 and 5. Ashley is married to Ross, a firefighter with the Amarillo Fire Department. She has many years’ experience in the nonprofit world with agencies which include A Time to Share – A Project for Senior Adults and the Junior League of Amarillo. Ashley and her family are members of First Baptist Church in Amarillo. She is very excited to begin her new endeavor with the Education Foundation. Please feel free to contact Ashley at 677-2605 or email her at ashadbolt@canyonisd.net.

Education Foundation Sustaining Partners for 2014-2015

Please support these Partners who support the Education Foundation!
The Canyon Education Foundation has already geared up to support CISD for the 2014-2015 school year. With the slogan, ‘I Love Canyon ISD’, the Foundation hopes to reinforce appreciation for our first-rate school district, its programs, and its people.

EF Board President, Deanna Porter says, “The mission statement of the Education Foundation of Canyon ISD is to generate and distribute resources to provide enhancements for excellence in education to CISD, its students and staff. Nothing has given me greater pleasure as a board member than awarding the grants. These grants are made possible because of donations made by people in our community who want what is best for Canyon ISD teachers and students. I am honored to serve as President of the Education Foundation of Canyon ISD and along with my dedicated and supportive board I look forward to a successful year enhancing our children’s education.”

In line with the CISD 2014-2015 theme, ‘Ensuring Success in a Changing World’, the Education Foundation will also be looking ahead to continue to expand the enhancements that it offers to CISD students and staff. The EF Board of Directors continues the new programs that were started last year. The Board increased the number of scholarships it awards from two to ten, as well as the three new programs that were set in place last year.

The New Teacher Startup is a gift of $50 to every teacher new to CISD to assist in setting up their new classroom and meeting district priorities.

Student Leadership Grants are funds to assist student-led projects at any campus (K-12) for students working with a faculty sponsor to serve their community or engage in leadership development.

Department or Special Grants are larger amounts to be awarded to groups or teams of educators with goals for program improvement on a grander scale. Furthermore, since its start in 1999, the Education Foundation, through the generous support of community partners and donors, has provided grants to individual CISD educators for ‘extras’ to directly improve the experience of our students. A proven winner, the Board hopes to continue this successful program for years to come – but it needs your help!

The Foundation is very excited to announce that they are in the planning stages of a first annual Fundraising ‘Big Event’ which will be in the Spring of 2015. Please watch for more information about this Fundraising event. Fundraising VP, Keith Brown says, “With the first ever Big Event coming up in March, I’m looking forward to the Education Foundation having a year like we haven’t had in many years. Our fundraising goal for the school year is $60,000 which is a little more than we raised last year. But I really believe we can blow that figure out of the water!”

If you love Canyon ISD, please support the Canyon Education Foundation today!

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