

School Bus Safety Week: October 15–21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15–21. The theme: Rider Rules = Safe to School, which is all about teaching children about proper school bus safety. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans and bus-evacuations drills.

In addition, the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) is holding a provincial [poster contest](#) for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Each winner—one from each grade level—whose posters best illustrates the theme, Rider Rules = Safe to School, will receive a \$25 gift card, a framed original of their poster, an engraved plaque and \$100 for their classroom. **Pine Street School** is excited to have our students participating in the contest again this year.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/transportation or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.