

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
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Dear Otisville Elementary Parent or Guardian:

Today your child participated in a *School Bus Safety Drill* and rehearsed how to ride the bus safely, how to get on and off the bus safely, and emergency preparedness. These drills are required by the State Education Department.

Please take a few minutes to review these important points with your child. Work with us to reinforce the safety procedures your child has learned so they become part of your child's daily bus routine.

In today's drill, we reviewed the following important points with your child:

- **How to safely cross the road in front of the bus**
- **The Universal Crossing & Universal Danger Signals**
- **How to "Sit and Slide" to evacuate through an emergency door**

New York State has an outstanding school bus safety record. Statistically, the school bus is by far the safest way to transport children to and from school. Our state's school bus drivers are among the best trained in the nation, and our school buses are maintained to a very high standard.

Despite the outstanding safety record of school buses, today's traffic environment is challenging, and unfortunately, school bus accidents do sometimes occur. Orderly student behavior is essential to helping us drive the bus safely. Children need to understand and master school bus safety rules and procedures so we can help protect them from traffic dangers and so they'll know what to do in the unlikely event of a bus accident or other emergency.

Please help us protect your child! If you have any questions about school bus safety, please contact the school district's transportation department and ask to speak to a School Bus Driver Instructor. We care about your child's safety and well-being, and we're here to help.

Sincerely,

Minisink Valley Central School District Transportation