



OKINAWA STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BUS & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

BUS STOP BEHAVIOR

We are still getting reports of bus riders causing problems at on/off base bus stops; throwing rocks, climbing trees/cultural monuments, making excessive noise, littering, graffiti etc... This can be intolerable to home or business owners, occupants trying to rest, conduct business, etc. It is also a poor reflection on SOFA personnel to our community, & Host Nation. **Please ensure that your children understands the expected Standards of Behavior.**

OFF-BASE BUS STOP PARKING

Please remember: Do Not park at off-base Commercial Bus Stops. This interferes with School, & City Bus operations, & delays established bus schedules. If you need to remain near a bus stop to wait, park at available convenience store, or other neutral locations that are not vendor/shop specific parking areas. **Do not impede the bus route by parking in the bus stop.**

ACTIVITY BUS INFO

Activity buses provide transportation home for students participating in after school clubs, athletics, or other school events. **Most** activity bus riders will be taken to their regular PM bus stop as indicated on their bus pass. However, some stops are too far out of the way for the route. Those students will be dropped at the closest to their normal stop as possible. Coaches, Administrators, etc. check the students bus passes against the bus stop list **prior** to them riding for the **first time**. We can either add the stop, or coordinate an alternate bus stop with parent prior to the student riding. Bus stop locations are posted on the bus window, times are also listed, but are approximate due to the daily changes of which students are riding that particular day. Please email/call the STO if you have any questions.

BUS SAFETY

During the month of October our Ambassador "Barney The Baby Bus" paid a special visit to EC Killin Elementary School. Barney always does such a great job to promote our message:

Be safe while in and around the school bus.



HOT TIP

Please ensure to update your contact information. Cell phone, & Email contact are critically important during emergencies, or mass communication messages. Please take a moment and update your information through your child's school.

FREE / REDUCED LUNCH

The Free /Reduced lunch program has moved its operation to bldg. 99 on Kadena AB. If you have questions 632-5932/5934.

18msg.kadenalunchprogram@us.af.mil

Noteworthy Events/Dates:

- Early Release
- 1 Nov: Amelia Earhart IS / Bob Hope PS (11:35)
- 21 Nov: Bechtel ES (11:15) / Kinser ES (10:45)
- No School
- 2 Nov: Teacher Work Day
- 8 Nov: ES/MS Parent Conference
- 9 Nov: Parent Conference
- 22, 23 Nov: Thanksgiving



Tel No: 645-7820/2036
From cell phone 098-970-7820/2036

Visit our website:
www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu/transportation.html

Email: okin-bus@pac.dodea.edu

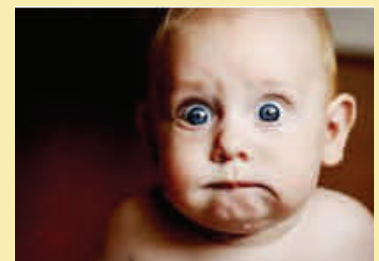
Open 07:30-16:00 Mon-Fri

CURRENT TIME IN NAHA

DISCIPLINE CORNER
Top 3 "write ups"

- Fighting/Hitting/Pushing
- Jumping over seats/Horseplay
- Not following SA instructions

Please discuss the School Bus Discipline Standards with your children.



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