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The school year is quickly approaching and we are all working hard to make this the best year yet!

Nationwide, school transportation has been a challenge the last several years. This is a problem that hits close to home for Summerfield as well.

Our transportation department is suffering from a lack of drivers which makes routing very difficult. We of course want to continue providing transportation for all students. Due to the driver shortage we have had to make some unwelcome changes and become creative to continue to provide bus service for our families.

Our team has worked very hard to come up with a plan that we feel has the least amount of impact on parents, students and bus drivers.

We understand that this is inconvenient for all involved and we continue to strive for a better solution to overcome this driver shortage.

For the 2023-2024 school year we will be implementing a weekly rotating bus cancellation. This will allow us to keep all students and stops that are currently enrolled on the bus schedule, including our designated stops in Deerfield and those west of Saline St. in the City of Petersburg.

It is imperative that all students/families have a "Transportation Request Form" on file. You can find this on the school website under the transportation section. If you have not filled out a request form yet, please do so immediately.

Students, teachers, drivers, and parents have come to know our buses by designated animals and colors. We are continuing that as it's familiar with everyone.

We've set up a scheduled rotation of cancellations so parents can plan accordingly for alternate transportation to and from school on their scheduled canceled week.

This rotation does not account for situations where a bus route may need to be canceled due to a driver needing time off for sickness or other absences. We will continue to notify parents in the same manner as in the past, using "Infinite Campus" if a route will be canceled unexpectedly. If you have not previously received these messages, please sign up with your appropriate school office.

Our rotation schedule has been made until the return of school in January 2024, following our Christmas break. We are hopeful we can fill the open route before that time, in which case, we would be able to eliminate the rotating schedule.



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We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and welcome any person(s) who may be willing to help rectify this situation by becoming a school bus driver. Please contact PJ Kottke, Transportation Director of Summerfield Schools, if you would like more information.

We look forward to another great year at Summerfield and as always, GO DOGS!!!

PJ Kottke Transportation Director 734-279-1012 ext. 112

Week	Bus Route Cancelled	Driver
September 5-8	Purple Giraffe	
September 11-15	Green Alligator	Mrs. Kottke
September 18-22	White Horse	Mr. "Mark" Studnicka
September 25-29	Orange Dog	Mrs. Dusa
October 2-6	Blue Fish	Mrs. Craanen – "Ms. Vicki"
October 9-13	Purple Giraffe	
October 16-20	Green Alligator	Mrs. Kottke
October 23-27	White Horse	Mr. "Mark" Studnicka
Oct 30 - Nov 3	Orange Dog	Mrs. Dusa
November 6-10	Blue Fish	Mrs. Craanen – "Ms. Vicki"
November 13-17	Purple Giraffe	
November 20-24	Green Alligator	Mrs. Kottke
Nov 27 – Dec 1	White Horse	Mr. "Mark" Studnicka
December 4-8	Orange Dog	Mrs. Dusa
December 11-15	Blue Fish	Mrs. Craanen – "Ms. Vicki"
December 18-22	Purple Giraffe	