



DPS TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

TO KNOW

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SHARED CORE VALUE SPOTLIGHT: **FUN**



Go Denver Broncos!!

One Department ~ Two Terminals



Rain, snow or shine, DPS Transportation takes the Shared Core Value of **FUN** to heart! Thank you to both terminals, especially Nita and Chris, for helping rally us all together and show our support for the Denver Broncos. Although for many of us the outcome didn't go as hoped, everyone really came together as one department to show everyone who has the best and most loyal fans.

A special thank you to both groups at Hilltop (Jolene, Laura, Bill, Raeann, Marina & Diane) and Northeast (Cindy, Debra E., Phyllis F., Ramona W., Robin H., Ronette C. and Rose H.) for organizing Super Bowl celebrations for employees and families!!

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

Several Transportation Employees are participating in the Biggest Loser Challenge at both terminals. There are two divisions, competitive and non-competitive, and each week participants will weigh-in for a chance at winning either cash or prizes. Winners at each terminal will be announced in April. Good luck to all participants!!



SAFETY UPDATES



ALL EMPLOYEES must have your DPS ID on you at all times. For your safety and the safety of everyone else, please wear your ID. If you see someone unfamiliar in the terminal, please notify a supervisor or manager.

Snow and Ice Safety: Please use the cleared pathways to safely travel to and from the terminal. If you fall or have an accident, please report it immediately.

Hilltop Employees: The Safety Committee at Hilltop is planning a contest! Keep your eyes open and tap into your creativity!!!



2013 W-2 AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you elected to receive your W-2 online, you will not receive a mailed copy. An email notification was sent to you in January letting you know your W-2 was available. You can now log on to Lawson or Employee/Manager Space and retrieve your W-2. For assistance with this, contact your supervisor.

CDE AUDIT & BUS CHECKS

Here are some tips to remember heading into upcoming bus checks and CDE audits:

- Is your Bus Clean? – REALLY CLEAN?
- Check your tires
- Check your lug nuts
- All items must be secured
- Remove lost and found items
- Are you performing a complete pre-trip/post trip?
- Are you performing a brake test appropriate for your bus?

+PASS UPDATE

A +Pass shout out to Route 830PM, driver Robin Tate and her para Diane Phillips. They were recognized with their students at Place Bridge Academy today for having the highest scan percentage for the month of January!

We know that +Pass can be a challenging task, but it is imperative that you stay positive and continue to encourage positive +Pass usage by all your students.

- If the student does not have a +Pass, please ask them NICELY to go the office and ask for a temporary.
- Use positive encouragement to convince students that using the +Pass is in their best interest to assist you in giving them the safest ride possible to and from school.

Each step of progress toward all of your students using +Pass puts you one step closer to reducing your workload as a driver and para!

EMPLOYEE SHOUT OUTS

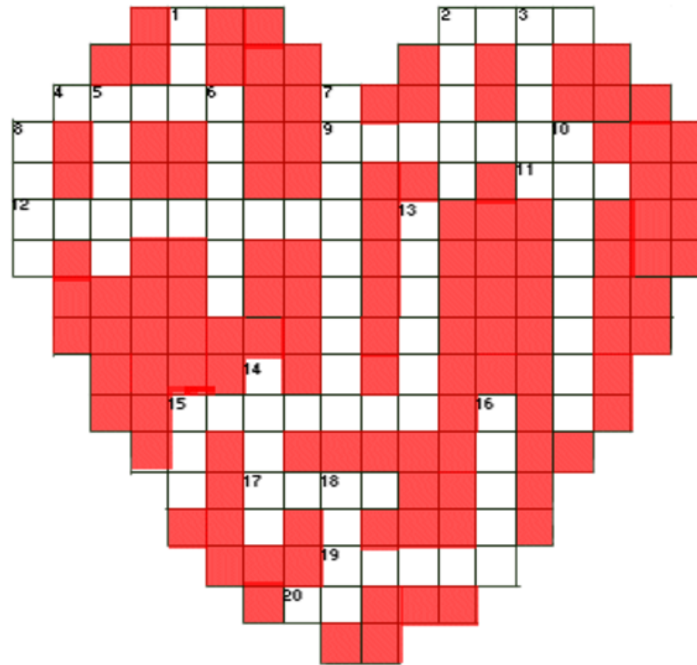
ALL DRIVERS, PARAS & FLEET

“I would like to give a **STUDENTS FIRST** shout out for all our drivers, paras and fleet for all their collaboration and hard work this week during the cold temperatures. They made it happen by coming to work early, and our outstanding mechanics worked diligently to get those buses running! Thank you to everyone, especially my coworkers for all your daily support and encouragement.”

~Christa Hill - Supervisor, Hilltop



Heart Shaped Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Many people give or send one to friends on Valentine's Day.
4. Another term for sweets that are given on Valentine's Day.
9. Sometimes on Valentine's Day, a secret _____ will give you an anonymous present.
11. If you don't get any Valentines, you might do this into your pillow.
12. "Hersheys" is one kind of this type of candy.
15. Roses, carnations, and daisies are these.
17. When you really, really like someone, you _____ them. Also, you _____ your parents.
19. If you give someone a treat on Valentine's Day, it usually is this. This word is also used in the expression "_____ Heart", a nickname husbands and wives call each other.
20. This expression is often said on Valentine's Day: "____ Mine"

Down

1. The color of hearts on Valentine's Day.
2. The fictional character that shoots arrows at people.
3. These flowers come in many colors, but usually red ones are given on Valentine's Day.
5. What cupid shoots at some poor unsuspecting person, that makes them fall in love.
6. If you want to give a friend roses, you would give them this color.
7. The name of this holiday!
8. Doilies are usually made out of this material.
10. Moms and Dads may want to get away for a _____ dinner or weekend.(mushy, mushy, mushy)
13. One of the shapes used often on Valentine's Day is _____ (plural).
14. These are made out of paper or material that is lacy.
15. The abbreviation for the month that Valentine's is in.
16. The man that this holiday is named after is, _____ Valentine.
18. If you get flowers for Valentine's Day, you will want to have one of these to keep them in.