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CENTRAL OKANAGAN
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School Bus Safety Week February 1 through 5, 2016

Kelowna, B.C. –

On Monday, February 1, 2016 the Central Okanagan School District kicks off School Bus Safety Week. This year's theme is:

"# STOP ON RED!"

School Bus Safety is always our "Number One" priority and at the start of every school year the District focuses on teaching bus safety to all students. The Central Okanagan School District has a School Bus Safety Program taught to all students in grades 1 and 3 each September. "The ABC's of School Bus Safety" is a set of lessons and activities with the objective of cultivating conscientious, safety-minded school bus passengers.

At the mid-point of the school year we like to reinforce our safety message by recognizing School Bus Safety Week.

Media Opportunity:

Date: Monday, February 1, 2016
Location: Pearson Road Elementary School
700 Pearson Road
Kelowna, BC
Time: 9:00 am

In attendance will be Dave Gibson - District Traffic Safety Officer, David Misener - Transportation Manager and Const. Steve Holmes. representative from the Kelowna RCMP Traffic Division.



REMEMBER:

When you see a school bus stopped with its red lights flashing, you must stop too. You stop whether the bus is oncoming or you are behind the bus.

When you see a bus with flashing amber lights, slow down and prepare to stop. The bus is preparing to stop or may already be stopped.

Stay stopped until the bus moves on, or the driver signals that it's safe for you to proceed, by turning off the flashing lights. (Some buses also have a stop sign that swings out from the bus or a digital display).

Be aware of signs, school buses, playgrounds and other things that indicate that children could be close by.

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