

## Back to School 2005-2006



### Back to School Safety Tips

By: Lara Greco

The National Safety Council has many rules for safety regarding riding on a bus, and walking/biking to school.

#### Riding the Bus:

Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.



Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

Below are many suggestions on how to be safe on your way to school this year.

Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach. Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do.

#### Walking and Biking:

Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard—never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.

Walk your bike through intersections.

Walk with a buddy.

Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.

### Playground Safety

By: Katie Carse

Emergency rooms see more than 200,000 children per year in the U.S. for injuries related to playground equipment. Most of these injuries occur from falls and recent studies show that 80% of playground surfaces are un-

safe. A safe surface will allow for shock absorbance that can help disperse the momentum of a falling person, thus, reducing the risk of life threatening injuries. The National Program for Playground Safety and the



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission highly recommend the use of at least 12 inches of loose-fill materials such as: pea gravel, wood fiber, mulch, sand,

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"The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards."

Anatole France  
(1844-1924)

## Kids' Back To School Word Find

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## Back to School Checklist

**By: Stephanie Lindemann**

Back to School time brings its own unique stresses for parents. There are back to school shopping trips, parent orientations, extracurricular sign-ups, and scheduling conflicts.

Making sure you and your child know the following information should help you avoid being caught unprepared on the first day of school.

**-Is your child registered?** When is the first day of school? What time does school start?

**-Who is your child's teacher?** Does your child know where

their classroom is located?

**-What school supplies** are needed? Are any supplies provided or is your child required to bring their own supplies?

**-What time is lunch?** Can your child buy it at school, and how much will it cost? Will they need a snack?

**-Have you filled** out all of the health forms or emergency contact forms?

**-Has your child developed** any new health problems over the summer that will affect their

school day? Does the school nurse know about this condition, or is an appointment set up to discuss it?

**-If your child needs** to take medication at school, have arrangements been made for this?

**-Does your child know** where he/she is going after school (e.g., home, babysitter)? Do they know how they will get there? If you will not be there when they arrive, does they know who will be responsible for them, what the rules are, and how to get help in an emergency?

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shredded rubber, or rubber mats. Surfaces such as, asphalt, cement, dirt, grass and rocks should not used as the surface.

The following are some additional ways you can check to see if your child's play ground is safe:

Check that protective surfaces extend at least 6 feet in all directions from playground equipment.

Check for dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends.

Make sure spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails

or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.

Check for sharp points or edges.

Look out for tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.

Make sure elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps have guardrails to prevent falls.

Check playground's regularly to see that equipment and surfaces are in good condition.

Checking all these steps are a great idea to check before your

child plays at any public playground. Also remember constant supervision is necessary for safety!



## Lewisville Independent School District Calendar



### August 2005

4, 5, 8, 9 Teacher In-Service Days  
 10 Teacher Work Day  
 11 Students' First Day of School  
 Fall Term Begins

### September 2005

5 Holiday – Labor Day  
 23 End of first 6 weeks

### October 2005

10 Holiday – Fall Break/Fair Day  
 14 End of first 9 weeks

### November 2005

4 End of second 6 weeks

21-25 Holiday – Thanksgiving Break

### December 2005

21 Last Day of Classes/Fall Term Ends  
 Early Dismissal  
 End of third 6 weeks

End of second 9 weeks

22-30 Holiday – Winter Break

### Fall Term

August 11 – December 21 (88 Days)

### Spring Term

January 4 – May 24 (92 Days)

### January 2006

2 Holiday – Winter Break  
 3 Teacher Work Day  
 4 Students' First Day of School  
 Spring Term Begins  
 16 Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.

### February 2006

17 End of fourth 6 weeks  
 20 Holiday – Presidents' Day

### March 2006

10 End of third 9 weeks  
 13-17 Holiday – Spring Break

### April 2006

13 End of fifth 6 weeks  
 14 Holiday – Good Friday  
 17 Holiday or Bad Weather Day if needed

### May 2006

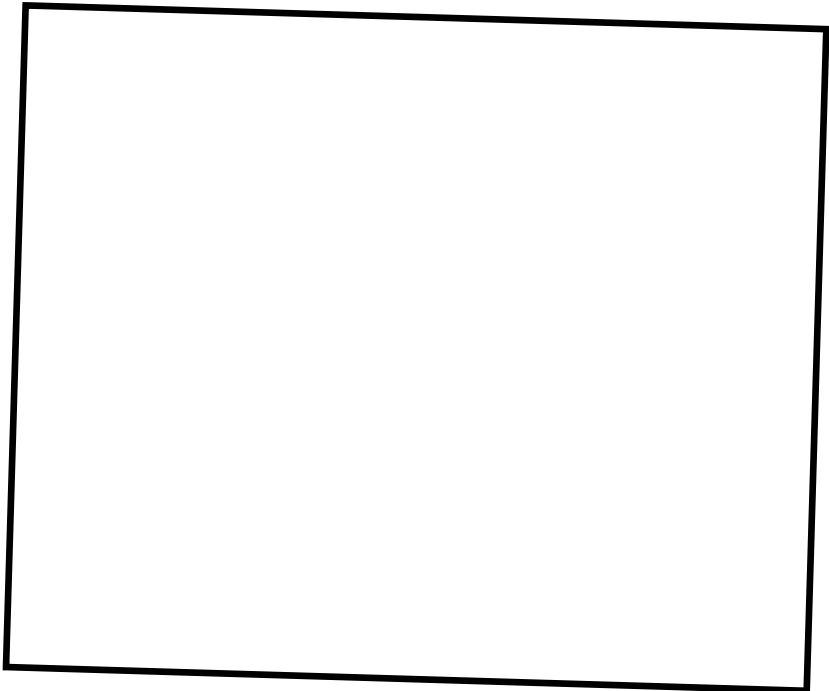
24 Last Day of School  
 Spring Term Ends  
 End of sixth 6 weeks  
 End of fourth 9 weeks  
 25 Teacher Work Day or Bad Weather Day if needed  
 26 Teacher Work Day if needed  
 29 Holiday – Memorial Day

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**AUGUST 2005**

**SEPTEMBER 2005**

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