



**PA Department of Transportation
Special Driver Programs**

School Bus Safety Activity Book



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Dear School Teachers/Parents:

We, at PennDOT, are glad that you are taking the time to talk to your students/children about the importance of school bus safety. School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation, but unfortunately every year children are injured across the country in school bus accidents.

Education is the key to prevention. School bus drivers are required to retest and retrain every four years in order to maintain their certification. During National School Bus Safety Week each October, PennDOT organizes an event called "Operation Safe Stop." This is a public awareness campaign to educate the motoring public that passing a stopped school bus is both dangerous and illegal. We need your help to educate the children on the basic school bus safety rules. Please take some time to speak to your students/children about the following school bus safety rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand back from the curb.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus.
9. Never crawl under a school bus.

These safety rules have been outlined in different activities in this book. We hope that you find this activity book helpful and useful. Please feel free to contact us at (717) 787-6453 with your comments or for additional books.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet L. Dolan".

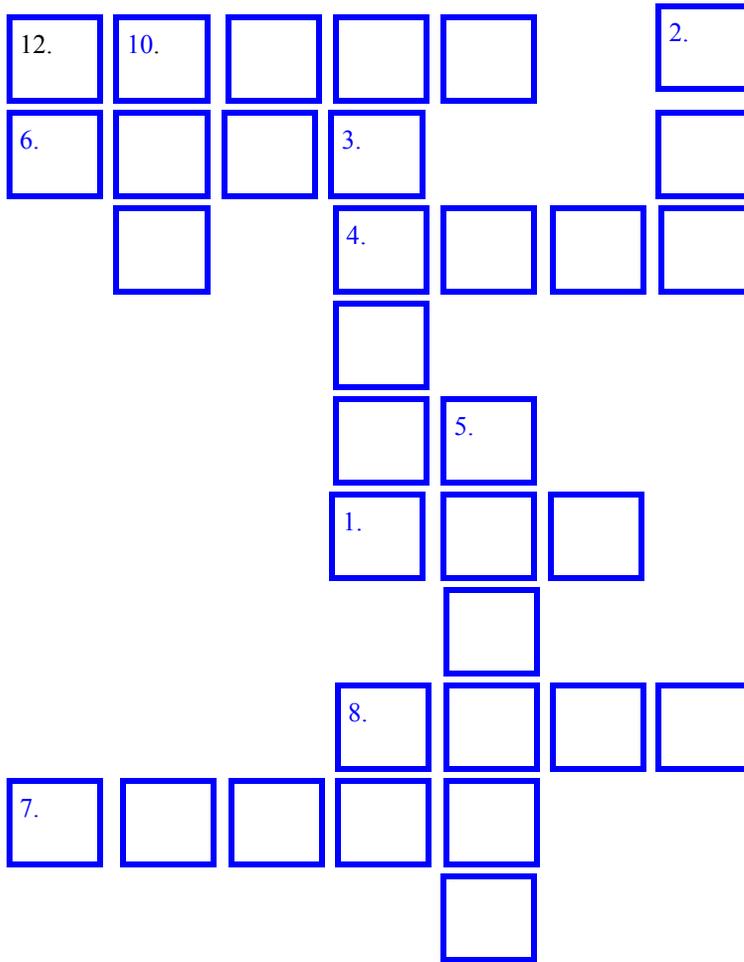
Janet L. Dolan, Director
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FUN SCHOOL BUS FACTS

- Most school bus seats are 39 inches wide.
- There are approximately 450,000 public school buses.
- U.S. students get on and off a school bus 20 billion times each school year.
- The first form of transportation for school students was a horse drawn wagon, which was borrowed from local farmers.
- The basic design of the Large Yellow Bus has not been changed since 1977.



SCHOOL BUS RULES CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Always ____ in your assigned seat.
- 6&7. Don't ____ or ____ while getting on the bus.
- 8. Look both ways before crossing the ____.
- 11. Always cross at least ten ____ in front of the bus.
- 12. Never ____ under the school bus.

DOWN

- 2. Wait until the ____ stops to get off.
- 5. It is important to ____ to the school bus driver.
- 9. Always be on ____ for the school bus.
- 10. Never ____ to or from the bus.

DOWN/ACROSS

- 3&4. Don't put ____ or ____ out of the bus window.
(DOWN) (ACROSS)

WORD BASE

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| Arms | Run |
| Bus | Shove |
| Feet | Sit |
| Hands | Street |
| Listen | Time |
| Push | Crawl |

COLORING PAGE



If your school uses a crossing guard, remember to wait for him or her to wave to across the street before crossing.



A school bus is made of many parts. Some of these parts are:

Door Seat
 Wheel Lights
 Window Motor
 Tires Steps
 Bumper Stop Sign
 Mirror

Can you find these words in the block below? They can be spelled across, backwards or they might be up or down.

D	V	D	O	O	R	B	N	Z	D	F	G	H
F	Y	G	H	D	F	B	M	X	W	Z	C	V
S	G	P	G	Q	R	V	N	C	H	Q	X	B
R	G	D	T	W	T	F	B	V	E	W	Z	N
G	S	C	R	E	Y	D	V	B	E	W	A	M
H	T	V	E	R	H	M	C	N	L	E	S	L
Y	E	F	D	R	G	O	X	M	V	R	D	K
U	P	D	S	E	A	T	Z	L	B	T	F	J
J	S	W	R	T	A	O	A	K	N	Y	G	H
T	D	G	G	Y	S	R	S	J	M	U	H	G
I	M	H	F	U	D	E	L	I	G	H	T	S
R	N	J	F	I	D	R	F	H	L	L	J	F
E	B	K	D	O	S	T	G	G	K	K	K	D
S	V	L	F	P	D	Y	H	F	J	J	L	S
M	N	P	V	B	U	M	P	E	R	G	P	A
V	G	I	B	L	S	R	O	D	H	H	O	Q
X	I	D	M	J	D	E	T	S	G	F	I	W
C	S	Y	N	H	F	W	U	A	G	D	U	E
Z	P	R	B	G	D	R	R	D	F	R	T	R
X	O	E	W	I	N	D	O	W	S	O	Y	T
C	T	S	C	F	S	T	E	T	A	R	R	Y
V	S	W	X	D	D	R	W	R	Q	R	E	U
B	Q	D	Z	S	F	E	Q	E	Q	I	W	I
N	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	P	O

COLORING PAGE



ALWAYS OBEY THE CROSSING GUARD



School Bus Safety Words

FILL IN THE MISSING LETTERS TO SPELL THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WORDS.

1. B__S S__O__
21 20 16

2. D__N__E__ Z__N__
1 7 18 15 5

3. N__V__R R__N
5 5 21

4. F__L__O__ T__E B__S R__L__S
15 12 23 8 21 21 5

5. R__D L__G__T__
5 9 8 19

6. D__N'__ P__S__ A__D S__O__E
15 20 21 8 14 8 22

7. E__E__G__N__Y D__O__
13 18 5 3 15 18

8. S__E__K Q__I__T__Y
16 1 21 5 12

9. F__O__T B__M__E__
18 14 21 16 18

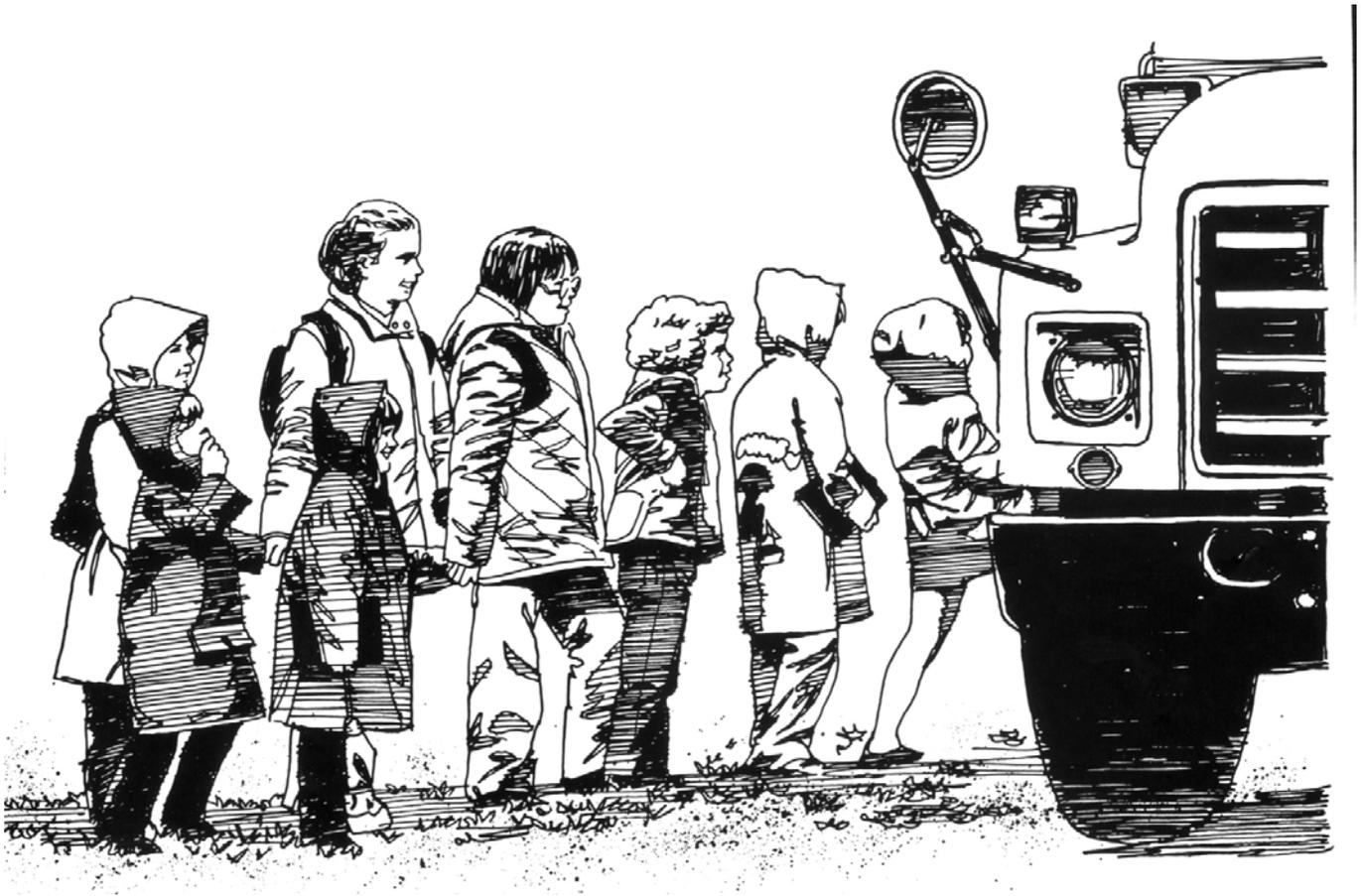
Y__U A__E I__ T__E M__S__ D__N__E__ W__E__
15 18 14 8 15 20 1 7 18 8 14

G__T__I__G O__ A__D G__T__I__G O__F Y__U__
5 20 14 14 14 5 20 14 6 15 18

S__H__O__ B__S.
3 15 12 21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
		P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		

COLORING PAGE



**ALWAYS WAIT FOR THE BUS IN A SINGLE
FILE LINE.**



Unscramble School Bus Words

1. REIVRD _____
2. UDTSNEST _____
3. SUB TPOS _____
4. SOLCHO _____
5. WLEOLY _____
6. OPTS INGS _____
7. GRENAD NEOZ _____
8. MCYGERENE RODO _____
9. SLEIA _____
10. GTHILS _____

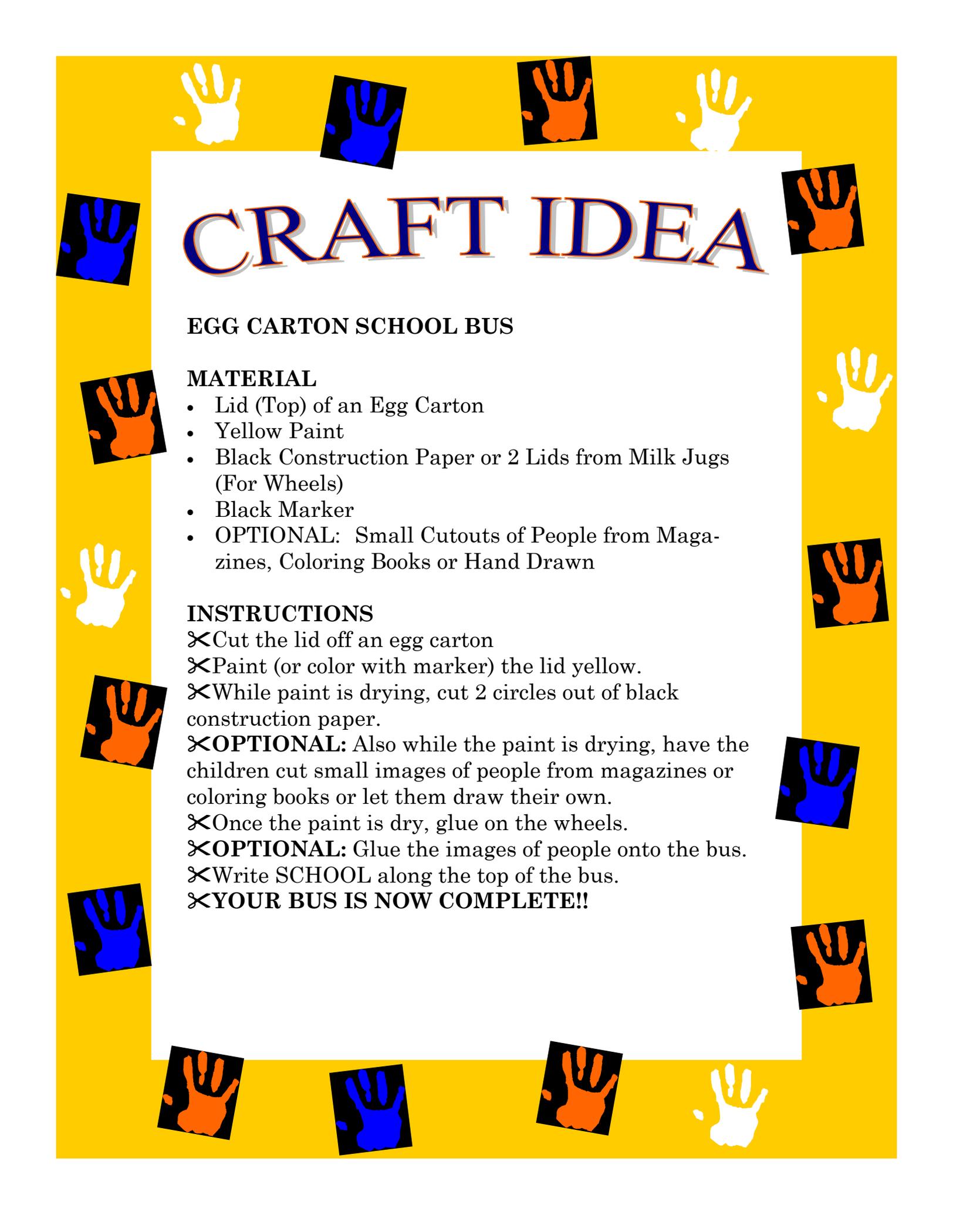
WORD BASE

Bus Stop School
Driver Danger Zone
Lights Yellow
Emergency Door
Stop Sign
Aisle
Students

COLORING PAGE



ALWAYS OBEY THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.



CRAFT IDEA

EGG CARTON SCHOOL BUS

MATERIAL

- Lid (Top) of an Egg Carton
- Yellow Paint
- Black Construction Paper or 2 Lids from Milk Jugs (For Wheels)
- Black Marker
- **OPTIONAL:** Small Cutouts of People from Magazines, Coloring Books or Hand Drawn

INSTRUCTIONS

✂ Cut the lid off an egg carton

✂ Paint (or color with marker) the lid yellow.

✂ While paint is drying, cut 2 circles out of black construction paper.

✂ **OPTIONAL:** Also while the paint is drying, have the children cut small images of people from magazines or coloring books or let them draw their own.

✂ Once the paint is dry, glue on the wheels.

✂ **OPTIONAL:** Glue the images of people onto the bus.

✂ Write SCHOOL along the top of the bus.

✂ **YOUR BUS IS NOW COMPLETE!!**

ANSWER KEY

Unscramble School Bus Words

1. Driver
2. Students
3. Bus Stop
4. School
5. Yellow
6. Stop Sign
7. Danger Zone
8. Emergency Door
9. Aisle
10. Lights

School Bus Rules Crossword

- | Across | Down |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Sit | 2. Bus |
| 4. Arms | 3. Hands |
| 6. Push | 5. Listen |
| 7. Shove | 9. Time |
| 8. Street | 10. Run |
| 11. Feet | |
| 12. Crawl | |

Hidden School Bus Words

D V D O O R B N Z D F G H
F Y G H D F B M X W Z C V
S G P G Q R V N C H Q X B
R G D T W T F B V E W Z N
G S C R E Y D V B E W A M
H T V E R H M C N L E S L
Y E F D R G O X M V R D K
U P D S E A T Z L B T F J
J S W R T A O A K N Y G H
T D G G Y S R S J M U H G
I M H F U D E L I G H T S
R N J F I D R F H L L J F
E B K D O S T G G K K K D
S V L F P D Y H F J J L S
M N P V B U M P E R G P A
V G I B L S R O D H H O Q
X I D M J D E T S G F I W
C S Y N H F W U A G D U E
Z P R B G D R R D F R T R
X O E W I N D O W S O Y T
C T S C F S T E T A R R Y
V S W X D D R W R Q R E U
B Q D Z S F E Q E Q I W I
N A S D F G H J K L M P O

School Bus Safety Words

1. Bus Stop
 2. Danger
 3. Never Run
 4. Follow Bus Rules
 5. Red Lights
 6. Push and Shove
 7. Emergency Door
 8. Speak Quietly
 9. Front Bumper
- Bottom Answer:** You are in the most danger when getting on and getting off your school bus.

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