

Diesel only station! Buses used diesel, therefore, the rising fuel prices did not affect the costs of filling up the buses as much. Even our diesel stop had spirit as it was painted green and gold.

DRIVING FORCE

STEERING US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



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You don't put gas in your bus, you put fuel!" said **Ms. Lori Mayer**, transportation supervisor.

Did you know that most buses can only drive seven to eight miles to the gallon. Gas prices were so high at that time, but luckily the diesel prices were not as affected.

"Drivers get to see the kids grow up," said **Ms. Phyllis Wehrman**, a bus driver of 12 years.

Many of the bus drivers at the Bus Compound had been driving for over 20 years. As outrageous as that may seem, it is quite normal to hear around the compound. The Bus Compound currently has 78 buses, however only 60 were on routes every day. Not only do the bus

drivers drive our students, they also drive private schools' students.

Just like the students did, bus drivers, technicians, and other staff had the summer off. **Ms. Janet Waldneitner (Waldo)**, has worked for 17 years driving students. She joked that the best part of her job was the summer.

Most everyone had ridden the bus since they were younger. Inappropriate behavior happened quite often with younger students riding the bus. As they got older, they acted up less. There were some kids who still rode the bus in high school.

"Most high school kids know how to behave on the bus," said **Waldneitner**.

"By the time I get my books, I just give myself a look, at the corner just in time to see the bus drive by!" **Kristopher Korte, 9**, did not miss his bus. He arrived at school at about 7 a.m. every morning.



Stop- busdrivers crossing! The doors opened to a smiling face and driver waiting to take them to their desired location. **Ms. Janet Waldneitner and Ms. Cindy McKee**, busdrivers, were on break and still smiled thinking of the fun of driving the giant yellow buses.



Fix it real good! Transportation got a few new buses, like every year, so maintaining the buses was extremely important. **Mr. James Phipp**, mechanic, was always prepared to fix anything from a light on the giant dashboard to the huge engine of the bus.