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**Ripon Area School District Recognizes Bus Drivers**

**Ripon, WI** – The Ripon Area School District honored their bus drivers with an Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, August 22. Many drivers gathered with members of the District’s administration team for a delicious kick off in preparation for the upcoming school year!

Bus drivers provide an invaluable service in helping to ensure the safe passage of students of all ages between home and school. The drivers that serve the students of Ripon Area School District serve with a dedication that discounts the rigors of harsh weather, split shifts, and sometimes heavy traffic. They are daily role models to students and most often are the first person to greet students to their school day and the last to assure that they are back safely with their families.

While some of the drivers have been providing transportation to students for many years and others are newer to the job, they all had a common take away from the job – a true enjoyment of spending time with “their kids”

Superintendent Dr. Whitrock noted, “The Ripon Area School District is so very fortunate to have such dedicated and personable bus drivers keeping Ripon children safe on the journey to and from school throughout the year. They are the first connection many of our students have to the district each day and having students greeted first thing by a safe and positive adult is so important. Taking a moment to say thank you and share a special back-to-school breakfast with these wonderful people is really an honor.”

Please contact Superintendent, Dr. Mary Whitrock, at [whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us](mailto:whitrockm@ripon.k12.wi.us) with any questions.

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