



# MTN Staff Newsletter Feb. 2018

## SAFETY:

- REMEMBER TO ADJUST YOUR DRIVING TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROAD.
- IF IT'S SNOWING, SLOW DOWN; LESS TRACTION MEANS LESS SPEED.
- INCREASE YOUR FOLLOWING DISTANCE IN SNOW AND SLICK CONDITIONS.
- DRESS FOR THE WEATHER – YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A BREAKDOWN OR ACCIDENT COULD OCCUR; BE PREPARED! **PACK AN EXTRA SET OF WARM CLOTHES FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**
- **YOU MUST DO CHILD CHECKS AFTER EACH AND EVERY TIER.**
- DRIVE DEFENSIVELY.
- STAY FOCUSED AND GET TO EACH DESTINATION SAFELY.

## Feb Safety Meetings

- ✓ **Tues. 2/13/18 – Fridley terminal**  
**\*Fridley drivers & bus aides**
- ✓ **Wed. 2/14/18 – Iverson terminal**  
**\*North Minneapolis drivers only**



## OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- EVERYONE IS **REQUIRED** TO REPORT TO THE CHECK-IN BOARD (**DAILY**) PRIOR TO STARTING AM/PM ROUTE(S).
- **BUS AIDES:** PLEASE **DO NOT PUNCH IN** BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED CHECK-IN TIME.
- IT IS ALSO A **REQUIREMENT** TO REPORT CLEAR TIMES TO DISPATCH AT THE END OF EACH TIER (**AM & PM**).
- IF A STUDENT LEAVES AN ITEM ON THE BUS, PLEASE DO NOT THROW IT AWAY.
- **YOU MUST GET APPROVAL** FROM YOUR ACCOUNT MANAGER BEFORE YOU CAN USE THE ADP MOBILE APP AS A TIMECLOCK.
- WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS 0 DEGREES, OR COLDER, BUSES WILL BE PRE-STARTED. **PRE-TRIPS STILL MUST BE COMPLETED!**
  
- WE'RE **ALWAYS** HIRING AND HAVE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR:
  1. SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS
  2. BUS AIDES
  3. EXPERIENCED MECHANICS/DIESEL MECHANIC APPRENTICES



**\*Encourage those who may be interested to visit our website – [www.metrotn.com](http://www.metrotn.com) or contact Lindsay – [lbrock@metrotn.com](mailto:lbrock@metrotn.com). Also, do not forget about our sign on/referral bonuses!**





# February Birthdays:

- 2/1: John Kuntz
- 2/2: Mohammed Arale
- 2/5: Jodie Jagodzinski,  
Abdirahman Abdi &  
Kevin Johnson
- 2/6: Minnie Hinton
- 2/8: Donald Wilke &  
Steve Rein
- 2/12: Dahir Mohamed
- 2/16: Sandy Mitchell,  
James Schlick &  
Muktar Ali
- 2/17: Patricia Benness
- 2/19: Chuck Schulz
- 2/20: Janine Taft &  
Zack Davis
- 2/21: Gordon Freese
- 2/22: Fontez Owens &  
Jermaine Collier
- 2/24: Janet Johnson
- 2/25: Yaya Koji &  
Said Mohamed
- 2/28: Audrey Kuykendall



# Anniversary Dates:



- 2/6: Ronald Swigart & David Johnson
- 2/7: Mohamed Deer
- 2/8: Kristin Tellander
- 2/9: Matthew Steinberg & Adam Hanson
- 2/11: Worku Tumato
- 2/13: Jaseena Kite
- 2/16: Gordon Freese, Kathy Vogt & Gary Hanson
- 2/20: Evangeline Parker
- 2/24: Philip Trana
- 2/28: Jemal Budicha

## THANK YOU!

- School Bus Driver Appreciation day in MN is Wed. Feb. 28 – We can't thank you enough for all that you do for MTN! Join us for an appreciation gathering in the break room/s on 2/28/18.

## Save the date:

- Our Employee Appreciation Banquet (Fridley/Iverson) will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018.
- Location: Banquets of MN; Grand Olympian Room – 6310 Hwy 65 NE Fridley, MN 55432
- Each MTN employee is allowed to bring 1 (one) guest.
- RSVP to Fridley reception desk (or email Melissa/Lindsay) **no later than Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.**

## Valentine's Day Fun Facts:

1. The phrase to wear your heart on your sleeve has historical meaning. In the middle ages young people would draw the name of their valentine from a bowl. They had to wear the name on their sleeve for one week.
2. There are approximately 1 billion Valentine's Day cards exchanged every year in the U.S. alone.
3. At least 9 million people buy their pet a gift on Valentine's Day.
4. On Valentine's Day every year, there are at least 36 million heart shape boxes of chocolates sold.