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A safety newsletter for our employees and friends



Heartfelt Message of Gratitude

Celebrating 8 Decades of Service

As we complete another school year, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who is part of the Beach Transportation family — our drivers, bus attendants, maintenance crew, and office staff, as well as our school partners and the communities we proudly serve.

Beach Transportation has been proudly serving families for over eight decades. As a third-generation, family-owned and operated company, we are honored to carry forward a tradition built on safety, reliability, and community care.

To our drivers and bus attendants: You are the heart of our company. Your commitment to safety, professionalism, and kindness ensures that every student's journey is a safe and welcoming one.

To our maintenance crew: Your hard work behind the scenes keeps our buses running safely and reliably every day.

To our office staff: Your dedication ensures that every route, schedule, and detail runs smoothly for the families we serve.

To our school customers: Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Working together helps us provide a positive and safe transportation experience

for every student.

After eight decades and three generations, our mission remains as strong as ever. Thank you for being part of the Beach Transportation journey.

Sincerely,
Greg Beach & Scott Beach—owners

Photo Contest!

You still have time to submit your photos to enter in the annual photo contest! Entries open till June 9th.

1ST PLACE
2ND PLACE
3RD PLACE

Winners will receive prizes
Announced on Last Day of School!

*see Shawnae for submissions



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From the GM:

Hello Team,

As we wrap up another successful school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment.

You've played a key role in making this year run smoothly, ensuring our students and their families have a safe and reliable transportation experience every day. I truly appreciate all of your efforts, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together.



As we look ahead to the next school year, it's time to begin preparing for what lies ahead. While the summer break will offer us all a well-deserved rest, we also have a few key tasks to focus on as we gear up for the last push these final weeks. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Maintenance and Inspections:

Before the new school year begins, we need to ensure all our buses are in top shape. Our maintenance team will be working hard to complete thorough inspections and any necessary repairs. Let's all keep communication open to ensure everything is running smoothly. If you see something, let them know by writing it down on a shop work order!

Training and Safety:

Safety is our top priority, and ongoing training is essential. In the coming weeks, we will be making

sure all certifications, CPR and First Aid are up-to-date and ready to roll. If there is anything that needs completion, we will let you know. In that regard, please check your inbox at the main office to make sure you are getting all the information.

Routes and Schedules:

We'll be working closely with the schools to finalize routes and schedules during the summer. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to express your love for your current route- let us know! Your feedback is invaluable to improving our service and efficiency.

Team Collaboration:

As always, teamwork is crucial to our success. Please stay connected, collaborate with your colleagues, and support each other. A positive and united team will always have the strength to overcome any challenges that arise. We communicate our info in a variety of ways (your inbox, Facebook, emails, over the radio, and Wednesday messages). Please be checking to see if anything applies to you.



Returning for the Next Year:

For those of you who are planning to return next year, please make sure to check in with the main office by the week of **July 14, 2025**. We need to confirm your availabil-

ity for the upcoming school year so we can finalize staffing and ensure all routes are covered. If you are not returning, please let us know as well so we can make the necessary adjustments.

I know that each of you brings something special to our team, and together, we will continue to provide exceptional service to our students, their families, and the community. The next school year presents new opportunities and challenges, but I am confident that with your continued commitment, we will make it even more successful than the last.

Enjoy the summer break, recharge, and let's get ready for an amazing year ahead! Thank you again for everything you do.

-Carlin



The first _____ for buses!

- ✓ The first school bus was introduced in 1827 and was a horse-drawn wagon.
- ✓ The first motorized school bus hit the roads in 1914.
- ✓ The first school bus with automatic transmission debuted in 1948.
- ✓ The stop-arm on a school bus was first introduced in the 1950's.
- ✓ The first school bus with a wheelchair lift was in the 1970's.
- ✓ The first school bus with air-conditioning was also in the 1970's.
- ✓ The first all-electric school bus in the U.S. was introduced in 2014.



At Beach Transportation, safety is more than a policy—it’s a promise we make to the students, families, and schools we serve. Whether you’re behind the wheel or assisting onboard, our focus must remain on the road and the well-being of every passenger.

One of the most common—and preventable distractions we face is cell phone use.

We all know how much our phones can do. They help us stay connected, manage our schedules, and navigate daily life. But when we’re on the bus, that convenience becomes a risk. National research shows that nearly 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crashes are linked to driver distraction—often within just three seconds before the incident. Those numbers are too high for us to ignore.

And it’s not just drivers. Attendants also play a critical role in keeping our buses safe and need to remain just as focused and alert.

Our Expectations Are Clear:

Drivers:

- Your phone must be turned off or stored out of sight while driving.
- No texting, calling, or app use while operating the bus—no exceptions.
- No earbuds, headphones, or “hands-free” devices while driving. Full awareness of your surroundings is non-negotiable.

Attendants:

- Phones are not to be used while riding the bus.
- You are a second set of eyes for the driver—watching for traffic, assisting students, and maintaining a safe environment.
- Your active presence helps prevent incidents and ensures that every student is accounted for and cared for.



Even a brief glance at a phone or moment of distraction can mean the difference between a safe stop and a serious accident. Loud students, sudden traffic changes, construction zones, and changing weather already demand our full attention. We simply can’t afford to add cell phones to the list.



Let’s Stay Focused

When we talk about safety, it’s not just about compliance—it’s about commitment. Every person on the bus plays a role in protecting the lives on board.

MT SPORTS&LEISURE

Across

2. LARGEST STATE PARK

5. “SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD”

6. MOST RECENTLY ADDED TO THE STATE PARK SYSTEM

7. FIRST LUGE CONSTRUCTED HERE

8. ANNUAL SKI FESTIVAL HELD IN JULY IN WHAT TOWN

12. WHERE IS ANNUAL FLOATING FLOTILLA BOAT PARADE HELD

14. JERRY KRAMER WAS BORN IN THIS TOWN

16. HOW MANY SECONDS DOES A BULL RIDER HAVE TO STAY ON TO QUALIFY IN A RODEO

17. MOST VERTICAL FEET OF SKI AREA IN THE NATION IS FOUND WHERE

18. TOWN OF 660 PEOPLE, 11 MILLION TROUT

19. SMALLEST STATE PARK

21. ONLY STATE WITH MORE TRAILS IN NATIONAL FORESTS

22. WHICH MT NATIONAL PARK HAS MORE VISITORS

23. BUTTE’S MOST FAMOUS SON

Down

1. MORE THAN 600 EXIST IN MONTANA

3. ANACONDA’S HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ARE NAMED WHAT

4. SKI AREA THAT RENTS SKI BIKES

9. WHAT DO 57% OF MONTANANS OWN AT LEAST ONE OF

10. THERE ARE 361 OF THESE FOR EVERY 1,000 RESIDENTS

11. WHERE IS THE ONLY WORKING STEAM ENGINE IN THE STATE

13. MOST COMMONLY HUNTED BIG GAME ANIMAL IN MONTANA

15. NUMBER OF MCDONALDS IN MANHATTAN, MT

20. MONTANA SCHOOL RECOGNIZED ON DAVID LETTERMAN SHOW



Check in for 2025-2026 the right way.

JOIN US FOR EMPLOYEE BINGO FROM 12:00-1:30PM ON MONDAY, JULY 14TH.

\$1/GAME (CASH ONLY)



LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING BACK!

Please check in with the office the week of July 14th to let us know you are returning for 2025-2026.

Welcome New Hires



Lillian Sanclair	Charlie Haug
Emily Rhodes	Heather Lyons
Tanner McKinney	Anna Akey
Kelly Brewer	Pam Alexandrovich
Sean McCoy	
Frederique Leiritz	
Willem Van Offfen	
Heidi Nicholson	

LOOKING UP THE ROAD

SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

Please check your email and mailboxes for changes to the calendar

- May**
- 9 DeSmet- No School
 - Woodman- No School
 - Lolo- No School
 - 23 Target Range- No School
 - 26 Memorial Day- No School
 - 30 Woodman- Last Day of School!

July

14 Check in with Beach for Returning

! Please check in with the office staff the week of July 14th to let us know that you'll be back in the fall.

- June**
- 5 Lolo- Last Day of School!
 - 6 Preschool- Last Day of School!
 - 10 Target Range-Last Day of School!
 - 12 MCPS-Last Day of School!
 - DeSmet- Last Day of School!
 - Willard- Last Day of School!
- End-of-Year BBQ!!**
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- 2025-2026 School Start Dates**
- August 27** MCPS EL-K only Begins
 - MCPS 6th only Begins
 - MCPS 9th only Begins
 - Target Range Begins
 - August 28** MCPS 1st-5th Begins
 - MCPS 7th-8th Begins
 - MCPS 10th-12th Begins
 - September 2** Lolo Begins
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Roduner Anna Akey Debbie Chism Dan Grogan Linda Otway Mike Dickson Will Van Offfen Frenchie Leiritz Brad Zander Shannon Beach Wayne Harwood Lisa Wilson Debbie Funk Tianah Shaw Jake Venolia Mickey Howell <p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherrie Sharp Taylor Jones Ellen Lomega Larry Taylor Rick Caron Lynnda Drouillard Michelle Boland Kim Olson Patrick Andrus 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drew Badovinac Tom Barrett Lyndsey Langley Gery Sautler Dennis Morgan Carlin Cavill Sarah Bissett Silvia Wirick Cindy Dollinger Bob Luceno <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Keyser Larry Gene Allen Gail Partridge Brett Humphrey Donnette Coate Ginny Thormahlen Paul Yelton Maggie Amos Ross Holt Connie Underwood Alex Dotz Val Klautd Carrie Johnson 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Drouillard Dana Green Sandy Thornton Gary Hettick MaryAnn Roe Mike Backstrom Larry Klotz Jared Simkins Kaytlin Pamin Stan Mast Gene Schafer Dennis Conley Dayton Scott Jake Beach Myyah Winchell Michelle Hettick Ryan Neil Rob Ellis Anne Buck Bryan Porch Greg Beach Jim Bendickson Pam Alexandrovich Sophia Redmond Sonja Yardley
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Drivers Needed!

JUNE 29TH

We will be needing 50 drivers for the Missoula Marathon morning



JULY 4TH-5TH

We will also need 30 drivers for the Zootown Festival



Employee Profile: Theresa Gordon

At Beach Transportation, we're lucky to have team members who not only love what they do but bring passion and personality to the road every day. Meet Theresa, a dedicated school bus driver whose journey to Montana — and to Beach — is as inspiring as the paths she travels daily.

Theresa's love for driving is what first led her to become a school bus driver. Nearly five years ago, her passion for road trips, working with children, and her move to Montana brought her to the doorstep of Beach Transportation — and we're so glad it did.



Born in Michigan and raised in Coos Bay, Oregon, Theresa's heart has always been in the Pacific Northwest. Though she spent some time living in San Diego, it wasn't long before her love for the seasons (especially fall and winter!) and the outdoors called her to Montana. Oregon still holds a special place in her heart — particularly the lush, rain-kissed trails of the Columbia River Gorge.

When she's not driving, Theresa can be found tending to her outdoor garden and caring for her indoor plants. "I'm not brave enough for vegetables just yet," she laughs, "but I love planting whatever flowers catch my eye and researching what thrives in Montana weather." At our recent Beach Spring BBQ, Theresa won her very first flower trellis — a dream come true! Now the only question is: Rambling Roses or Clematis?

Theresa's green thumb has clearly passed on to her daughter, too. Each May, they go wildflower picking together in the Blue Mountain area. "She makes bouquets and hangs them upside down in her room," Theresa shares. "There are memories of different seasons all around her."

A lover of traditions, Theresa also organizes an annual 4th of July family camping trip — now in its fifth year. "I'm the one who brings everyone together," she

says proudly. This year's trip is set for Promontory Park near Mount Hood, a beautiful location perfect for reconnecting with family and nature.



At home, Theresa shares her life with her beloved rescue dog, Dewy (a Saint Bernard/Border Collie mix), and Sage, her spirited female minx cat who grew up alongside Dewy.

When it comes to food, Theresa is all about flavor — with Mexican cuisine topping the list. She's already planning a December trip to California, partially for the authentic food! And when it comes to dessert? "Pie is my kryptonite," she admits, especially any kind with berries — a delicious nod to her Oregon roots which include boysenberries and blackberries.

When it's time to unwind, Theresa enjoys reading and watching TV. She's a big fan of reality shows like *Deadliest Catch*, *Survivor*, *The Voice*, and *Life Below Zero*. When she's not watching reality TV, she's diving into the world of Taylor Sheridan's shows, like *Landman* and *Yellowstone*. She's currently reading *Swan Song*, an apocalyptic saga that she says really dives deep into the struggles and triumphs of its characters. Driving is more than just a job for Theresa — it's her passion. She cherishes solo road trips, especially when they include stops at waterfalls like Multnomah Falls or Clackamas Falls. And while she usually goes solo, her husband joined her on the latest trip and even reeled in a large steelhead while fishing.

Speaking of her husband — their story is a beautiful one. Longtime friends for over 15 years, they reconnected when Theresa moved to Missoula. In December of 2018, they tied the knot and have made Montana their home ever since.

Looking ahead, Theresa dreams of learning how to drive a Beachliner. "I'd love to take one of those on the road and explore all the neat places they go," she says with a spark of enthusiasm. Theresa is the kind of person who brings people together, seeks out beauty in the everyday, and lives her life with a spirit of adventure. We're proud to have her as part of the Beach Transportation family.



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