

Altamont Eagle News

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Transportation Corner

**BUS SAFETY CONCERN,
TIPS FROM THE DRIVERS:**
Parents, please talk to your student regardless of age about some things they can do when being dropped off and they have to walk close to buses that are unloading or loading. Use these tips when talking to them.

- #1. If at all possible, wait in your car until the buses leave and then proceed.
- #2. If your child is very young or small, escort them to the building and use the following tip.
- #3. If they must cross the path of a bus that is unloading, always walk in front of the buses, NEVER between or behind them. Be far enough in front that the driver can easily see you.
- #4. Avoid walking along the side of a bus as you will be in blind spots and the driver cannot see you.



Important Dates

- Dec. 3-7** Christmas Store
- Dec. 7** Student Recognition Assembly @ 2:30
Pajama Day
- Dec. 12** Late Start
- Dec. 18** Christmas Program @ LCHS @ 7:00 pm
- Dec. 19** End of 2nd Quarter
- Dec. 20** Dismissal @ 12:30, No a.m. Preschool, ½ work day for teachers
- Dec. 21- Jan.2** Christmas Break
- Jan. 3** - School Resumes

WELCOME CLEO: A Note from Mrs. Agosto

I am the owner of Cleo the black lab who just turned 1 year old in October. She is such a friendly dog and loves kids. I have always joked saying that I really believe Cleo is a 4th grade girl in a dog's body. She is playful, energetic, and loves attention. I must also

mention water, she loves water! Through Donor's Choose and the generosity of my PTO's Cleo's training to be a therapy dog was fully funded in less than a weeks time.

I am a school counselor who was hired in August in a newly created position for three Labette County Schools. I work in Mound Valley, Altamont and Edna where Cleo and I have the ability to be a part of over 500 students lives. I go into all classrooms to teach lessons K-8 at least once a month. I do individual and small group work with with individual students as well. Cleo is going to be my partner once her training is complete. We hope to be fully registered by the end of January. She will provide assistance to students who need help with self-regulation and need to find a way to calm themselves. She will be a reading buddy with students who need a non-judgmental partner. She will also be trained to provide assistance for students who are in crisis.

Cleo is currently in Joplin receiving week 3 of a 4 week intensive training to learn commands. For 8 weeks following I will be working with Command Canine Training Center staff in my schools to integrate her into the school setting. At the end of the 12 week training I will take her to test and get registered as a Therapy/Service Dog.

