

## School Bus Safety Week

Governor Kitzhaber has proclaimed the week of **April 4–8** as School Bus Safety Week. It is a week to recognize and honor school bus drivers and pupil transportation personnel for their efforts in improving safety in and around school buses, as well as keeping Oregon roads safe for our students, and raising awareness of roadway safety on the part of all motorists.



Remember to thank these very important individuals in your school district and community. [Click here](#) to view the Governor's Proclamation for School Bus Safety Week.

## Summer Assessment Institute

Dates for the Oregon Department of Education's 2011 Oregon Summer Assessment Institute have been announced and registration will open April 15.

The three-day conference, "Leading and Planning for Literacy," will be held August 3-5 in Eugene. Featured speakers for the event include Dr. Rick Stiggins, one of the nation's foremost authorities on assessment and founder of the Portland-based Assessment Training Institute and Kevin Feldman, an authority on improving content area literacy and student engagement.

For more information, visit the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators' website at: <http://www.cosa.k12.or.us/profdev/oregonassessmentinstitute2011-3.html>.

## Being Prepared: Possible Impacts of Japan's Earthquake

Oregon continues to track the unfolding situation in Japan, and the rising number of needs engendered by recent events there. Our thoughts are with all those affected by the devastating earthquake, tsunami, and impacted nuclear reactors.

Oregon health authorities continue to be alert to any increase in radiation from the Japanese nuclear reactors which might affect the citizens of this state. You may access information on the current status in Oregon by going to the following Oregon Health Authority Emergency Preparedness link: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/CurrentHazards/Pages/DailyAirMonitoring.aspx>. Information on the situation across the United States is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Emergency Preparedness site: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation/>.

### 2010-2011 Science Assessment Information Update

New information about the assessment of the 2009 Science Content Standards, set to begin in 2011-12, is now posted at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=240>.

*The 2011-2012 Science Assessment of the 2009 Science Content Standards* summarizes development and outlines how student information will be reported in 2011-12.

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