

# The Center Point Pulse

## Celebrating Billie Jo: A True Driving Force in Our School Community

This month, we're shining a spotlight on someone who keeps our school running smoothly—our amazing school bus driver, Billie Jo! As we celebrate National Bus Driver Appreciation Day, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible impact she has on our students and our community.

Billie Jo goes above and beyond every single day, ensuring our students arrive safely, on time, and ready to learn. Her kindness, patience, and expert driving skills are matched only by her caring heart. Whether it's offering a listening ear, a comforting smile, or simply being a steady, reassuring presence, Billie Jo makes a difference in countless ways.

Here's to you, Billie Jo! Thank you for your unwavering dedication and the vital role you play in our students' daily lives. We are so grateful for you and look forward to continuing this journey together—one safe and happy ride at a time!



## Success Stories from Our Center Point Day Program

This January, we are thrilled to celebrate the successes of five students who have completed their journeys at the Center Point Day Program!

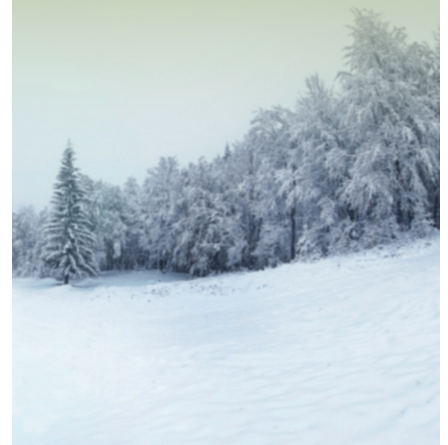
- **Four students**—all 12th graders—have graduated with their high school diplomas and are now ready to pursue exciting career opportunities. Through the abundance of vocational knowledge and training offered at our program, they've built a strong foundation for their future success.
- **One student**, a 9th grader, came to Center Point with the goal of improving self-awareness, learning coping strategies for stress, and establishing positive peer relationships. From the moment he arrived in August, he became a leader among his peers, quickly advancing to level 3 of 3 in our level system. With renewed confidence and valuable life skills, he's excited to rejoin his home school district, where he looks forward to participating in organized sports again. We are incredibly proud of all our students who have shown remarkable growth, achieved their goals, and taken these important steps toward bright futures. Congratulations to each of them on their success!

## Directors Corner:

February is all about taking personal responsibility and spreading kindness at Center Point! This month, let's focus on taking ownership of our actions and understanding how they impact others. Whether it's in the classroom or our personal lives, we can all make a positive difference by treating others with kindness and respect. Together, let's work to create a school community that values personal responsibility and kindness every day.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 10	level incentive
Feb. 13	in-service
Feb. 14-17	closed



## Build up...or be quiet!

Diakon Youth Services has made available a variety of shirts and sweatshirts that reflect one of our program emphases on being positive: #BBQ, or Build Up or Be Quiet! These shirts were provided over the last few years for students and staff members and were a big hit, with others more recently asking how they could obtain one.



As a result, we have arranged for Artistic Imprints to provide these items, which will be shipped directly

to you at no extra cost. Details can be found at the storefront link below.

The best thing is that all proceeds directly benefit Diakon Youth Services programs!

[http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Diakon-BBQ\\_c\\_811.html](http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Diakon-BBQ_c_811.html)

## SEL Theme: Personal Responsibility

Awareness Month: Kindness Month, Black History Month, LGBTQ+ History, and Teen Dating Violence Awareness



HISTORY MONTH

kindness  
MATTERS



### TEEN DATING STATISTICS

**71%**

of youth report being in a dating relationship by the age of 15

**1 in 3**

young people will experience dating abuse

Teen girls are  
**10x**

more likely to experience dating abuse than teen boys

Only **33%**

of teens ever told anyone about the abuse

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH

SOURCES:  
loveisrespect.org/resources/dating-violence-statistics/  
Statistics Canada, Police-reported dating violence in Canada, 2008

