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Board Salute

Penny Powers - IL Central Bus Driver

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Miss Penny is a bus driver from IL Central for Pioneer Preschool. She began driving our son, Abel, last school year for his PM route. Miss Penny lights up as she welcomes the kids every morning and builds strong connections with students and their families. Other parents on the bus route comment that Miss Penny will go out of her way to make routes convenient and safe for our little learners.

Last school year, Miss Penny noticed our son took naps on the bus ride home after his long days at preschool. She brought him a special pillow to use daily for his catnaps. This cute gesture is one example of how she goes above and beyond. She also recognizes birthdays, gets to know siblings, and more.

Our family recently moved, and our son was so sad that Miss Penny would no longer be his PM driver. He made her a card on his last day, and she proudly hung it in her bus. We had the best surprise the following morning when we found we now have her as a driver in both the AM and PM routes from our new house. Double the Miss Penny! We would like to thank her for her kindness and love for our kids.