

## **Drivers Education**

Community Education School Board Positive Happening Bill Loushine, Coordinator



The Community Education Driver Education Program is immensely popular and respected in our community. We believe in guiding students to become safe, responsible drivers in our community and therefore, we offer a progressive, upto-date program.

Our six instructors are licensed K-12 educators who have additional licensure in Driver Education.

Driver Education is divided into two parts: classroom and behind the wheel. In September of 2009, Community Education began packaging the classroom and behind the wheel registration fees together. This packaging allows us to offer our program at a lower cost and service students in a more efficient manner.

The classroom portion of Driver Education consists of 30 hours of classroom instruction (10 three-hour classes) with a maximum of 24 students in each class. In 2009-2010 school year and summer, we offered 13 sessions of classroom Drivers Education and served 302 students. This year we are offering 15 classroom sessions and will serve approximately 360 students.

The behind the wheel portion of Driver Education consists of six hours of personalized instruction. We are presently operating with two vehicles to offer a year-round behind the wheel program; after school, on weekends and during summer vacation. Last year, 231 students successfully completed their behind the wheel experience with us. This year we have the potential to serve an additional 60 students.

## Did you know...??

Our coordinator, Bill Loushine, has been a part of the Community Education Drivers Education Program for over 30 years.

In 1998, Community Education added another instructor (total of three instructors) to increase the number of students we are able to service in our summer behind the wheel program.

We purchased our first vehicle in August 2006. Owning our own vehicle provides us the opportunity to offer a year-round behind the wheel program.

Currently, Community Education Drivers Education program has six instructors and two vehicles.