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Students Correspond with Trucker Buddy on World Tour

Wow! No one ever knew how much kids could learn from one person. Marshall Middle School's (MMS) Trucker Buddy, Tim Barton, is making a difference in these 6th graders' lives. Tim Barton is 57 and is from Beaver Falls, PA. He is a freelance writer with a passion for traveling.

Last year, Tim traveled through many countries in Europe in his Volvo truck. Then, he traveled down to the tip of Africa and across the ocean to South America. While in South America, he visited Argentina and Bolivia. Earlier this year he went back and completed his trip. This first leg was a whirlwind of success.



*School mascot,
Plato, visiting
Paris*

Trucker Buddy Tim stopped many times to visit the students at MMS to tell them about his adventures. He has taught the students about the cultures of the countries he has visited. He mails them postcards and emails frequently. He helps the children excel in Social Studies and English.

Tim began the second leg of his trip on February 4. He will visit many amazing sites, including the Loch Ness and Taj Mahal. His estimated arrival back in the U.S. is the middle of June. At a few of his stops, he will set up international schools, allowing the students back at MMS to talk to students from different countries.

The students at Marshall want more schools to become involved in the Trucker Buddy program to enhance their learning experience and to teach them about other kids, like themselves, all around the world.

Visit www.nomadworldtrucktour.com to track Tim Barton.

*By Julia and Kelsey
6th grade students at MMS, Wexford, PA*

Terry Tartt Humanitarian Award

Terry and Teresa Tartt were the Drivers of the Month in June, 2003. Before Terry could receive the award, he succumbed to cancer in March, 2004. Terry's passion for the Trucker Buddy program was evident, and he asked to be buried in his Trucker Buddy "Driver of the Month" jacket. His wife, Teresa continues to drive for J & B Services in Tupelo, MS, which is sponsoring the Terry Tartt Humanitarian Award.



Teresa and Terry Tartt

Trucker Buddy is accepting nominations for this award. Any driver in our program is eligible; you can even nominate yourself. In your letter, please include your match number, name, address, and tell us why the driver should be honored for his or her humanitarian service. The winner will receive a plaque and a monetary award in memory of Terry Tartt at a press conference to be held at the Great American Truck Show in Dallas on August 26. Nominations are due by July 1. Mail to Trucker Buddy, Terry Tartt Humanitarian Award, P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Welcome New Trucker Buddy Board Members

Trucker Buddy welcomes four new members to their Board of Directors: Jill Buhl, Director of Leasing Services, Transport America; Peter Charboneau, Publisher, Over the Road Magazine, Canada; Howard Laga, Vice President of Corporate Marketing, Penray, Inc.; and David McClure, Director of Marketing, Petro Stopping Centers.

Trucker Buddy Receives \$100,000 Grant

Trucker Buddy just announced it is the recipient of a \$100,000 gift given on behalf of J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. The gift, to be presented over a three-year period, was made through the John J. and Ethel D. Donor-Advised Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.



Commenting on the donation, J. J. Keller Executive Vice President and COO, James J. Keller said, "The trucking industry is so very important to our nation. It is good to see Trucker Buddy educating school children so they can better understand and respect the trucking profession. We are proud to be a sponsor."

The donation will be used to pair up more drivers with more classes, develop a new curriculum guide to assist in the interaction between the drivers and students, and publish a book, *Big Rigs, Big Hearts*. The book will feature stories about the heart-warming rapport Trucker Buddy drivers have with the students in the program.



Left to right: Jean Bilitz, Ron Phillips, Bob Keller, Ellen Voie, Jim Keller, Terry Quirk, Mary Murvine

"This gift represents the largest donation commitment Trucker Buddy has ever received," said Ellen Voie, Trucker Buddy's Executive Director. "With this financial assistance we will be able to expand our program to reach more classes and will be able to enhance the relationship between drivers and students with the creation of a new curriculum guide. Not only will children learn to appreciate the importance of the trucking industry as they study math, geography and letter writing, but they will also discover that professional drivers are big hearted, caring men and women," added Voie.



Wal-mart (www.wal-mart.com) has a reputation for corporate generosity, and last year exceeded a record \$170 million dollars in donations to charitable organizations. Through the "Volunteerism Always Pays" (VAP) program, Wal-mart Associates can designate a biannual donation to the charity of their choice in return for that individual's volunteer efforts to the organization.

There are 155 Wal-mart drivers in the Trucker Buddy program. Trucker Buddy is based in Waupaca, Wisconsin, where third grade teacher, Donna Lavold at the Waupaca Learning Center has a Trucker Buddy for her classroom. Her experience with the program has been positive, and her students were thrilled to learn that their driver, Harold Moss, was a hero as a young man when he saved another child's life.



Class photo, Waupaca Learning Center, Waupaca, WI

Twice each year, the Wal-mart Associates complete their VAP forms and submit them to the Wal-mart Foundation which then mails a check to charitable organizations to support their efforts. "In the past year, the Wal-mart Foundation has provided \$43,550 directly to the Trucker Buddy program," said Ellen Voie, Executive Director. "Without the support of Wal-mart and our other sponsors, we could not continue to bring drivers into the classroom to help children learn from someone who takes the time to share their experiences from the cab of an 18-wheeler."

Tim Harris, Wal-mart Private Fleet's Regional Manager is pleased with the participation of their drivers. "The relationships our drivers build with teachers and their students is awesome," Harris said; "Wal-mart is pleased to have an opportunity to support the Trucker Buddy program."

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MultiMedia Sponsors Drivers of the Month

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Driver of the Month - January, 2005



David Volkert, Rosemont, MN, is a driver for Praxair Inc., Inver Grove Heights, MN. David is matched with Maria Therres's 2nd grade class at St. John the Baptist School in Vermillion, MN.

Driver of the Month - February, 2005



Duane Winchell, Montello, WI is matched with Dana Jarrett's 4th graders at Royal Oaks Elementary School in Kannapolis, NC. Duane is an owner-operator for Climate, Washington, MO.

Driver of the Month - March, 2005



David Matousek, Rolling Meadows, IL is matched with Sharyn Powell's 3rd grade class at the Half Day School in Buffalo Grove, IL. David drives for Jevic Transportation, Delanco, NJ.

Driver of the Month - April, 2005



Leonard Emery, Las Vegas, NV drives for Andrus Transportation Services Inc., St. George, UT. He writes to Patricia Mawn's 4th grade class at Oxford Elementary School in Fairhaven, MA.

Leonard and Patricia are completing their 10th year together in the program.

To read entire Trucker Buddy of the Month articles, visit our website at www.truckerbuddy.org.

As the Driver of the Month sponsor, MultiMedia provides a jacket for the driver, along with a check for \$300 to be spent on the driver's class. The Driver of the Month also receives \$200 to spend at the Trucker Buddy store.

Print a **NOMINATION FORM** from our website or call to request the form. Mail your nomination form and materials to: Driver of the Month, Trucker Buddy, P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Trucker Buddy apologizes for the wrong photo in the last newsletter.

Driver of the Month - October, 2004



Gary & Pauline Nelson, Woodslee, ON, Canada are matched with Sue Eilenberg's 4th graders at W.A. Olmstead Elementary School in Harpursville, NY.



Kenworth 2006 Calendar Contest

Attention all Trucker Buddy kids. Has your Trucker Buddy driver taught you any safety messages regarding trucks and cars? Create a page for our 2006 Trucker Buddy calendar sponsored by Kenworth.

Start with an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper and turn it the long way (wide). Then draw and color your picture. Make sure your name, age, teacher's name and school, and Trucker Buddy driver's name are on the back of your poster.

All entries must be received by June 15. Mail them to Trucker Buddy Calendar Contest, P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981.

Renew NOW

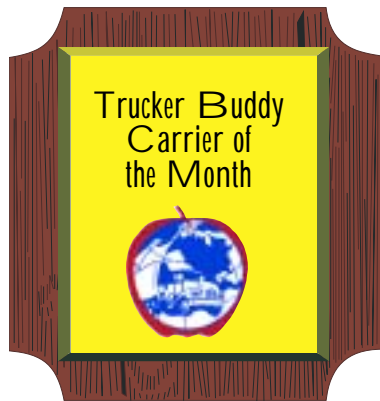
Please complete either the teacher or driver section of the renewal form in this issue and return it to us before August. Even if you choose to withdraw from the program, please return the form. Your confirmation letter and new membership card will be mailed to you in August.

Have a great summer vacation!!!



Carrier of the Month

Driver, does your carrier support you as a Trucker Buddy? Does your company give you small items to give to your class? Do they make the effort to schedule you for a class visit each year? Does your company officially sponsor the Trucker Buddy program? If so, you can nominate them to be recognized as the "Carrier of the Month." Beginning in August, we will provide a plaque to one carrier each month that demonstrates their dedication to the Trucker Buddy program through their efforts to support their drivers. The company will be featured in a full page ad in CCJ Magazine, as well as in a press release to trucking publications. You (the driver who nominates their carrier) and a corporate representative will be invited to a reception to be held at the 2006 Great American Trucking Show in Dallas.



Send us a letter or email which describes why you think your carrier should receive the Trucker Buddy Carrier of the Month award. Be sure to provide an individual's name to receive the award on behalf of the company. Include the carrier's address and your match number. For eligibility, please verify that your company is a sponsor of the Trucker Buddy program as shown on our website and in our newsletter.

This is your opportunity to thank your company for their commitment to your participation in Trucker Buddy.

Big Rigs, Big Hearts Book

Do you have a heartwarming story to share? The *Big Rigs, Big Hearts* book needs your submission. In addition to stories from Trucker Buddy drivers, we will include poems and drawings from participants (teachers and students). Mail your submission to Trucker Buddy, Attn: *Big Rigs, Big Hearts*, P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981 or email to ellen@truckerbuddy.org.

Doug Holtzman Memorial

Doug Holtzman loved children, and this passion was reflected in his dedication to his Trucker Buddy class. Recently, we lost Doug, who suffered a heart attack while making a delivery for Wal-mart's Private Fleet



based in Menomonie, WI. His wife Judy, has established a memorial in his name so that more children will benefit from Doug's kindness in the years to come. If you would like to contribute to the Doug Holtzman Memorial, send your contribution to Trucker Buddy International, P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981. An acknowledgment will be sent to the family and a receipt will be returned for your tax deductible donation. Thanks for continuing Doug Holtzman's efforts through this memorial.

2005 Truck Shows

- Stop in at our booth to visit or help sign up new drivers.
- June 2-4, American Truck Historical Society Convention & Antique Truck show**, Auburn, IN, www.aths.org
 - June 16-18, The Truck Show**, Las Vegas, NV, www.truckshow.com
 - June 17-18, Titledown Trucker's Showdown**, Green Bay, WI, phone 920-430-1510
 - June 25, Pikes Peak International Hill Climb**, Colorado Springs, CO, www.ppihc.com
 - July 14-15, Walcott Jamboree**, Walcott, IA, www.iowa80truckstop.com
 - August 12-13, Waupun Truckers Jamboree**, Waupun, WI, www.truckersjamboree.com
 - August 17-20, Truck Driving Championships**, Tampa, FL, www.truckline.com
 - August 25-27, Great American Truck Show**, Dallas, TX, www.gatsonline.com
 - September 8-10, International Truck Show**, Anaheim, CA, www.intltruckshow.com
 - October 16-19, ATA Convention**, Boston, MA, www.truckline.org
 - October 26-27, Wisconsin Motor Carriers Expo**, Milwaukee, WI, www.witruck.org

Freightliner Postcards

Students, help us create a set of all 50 states Trucker Buddy postcards. Your drawing should be 5 1/2" x 4 1/4". Make sure you include the name of the state on the front of your card and it doesn't have to be the state where you live. Draw something you would see in that state. Mail your drawing to Trucker Buddy Postcards, P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981.



Trucker Buddy Drivers Celebrate 10th Anniversary

These drivers have been in the Trucker Buddy program since 1995. Congratulations!

- Don & Theresa Alverson, R B High Tech
- Ralph Beam, Tyson Foods Inc.
- Keith Bevers, Transport America
- Douglas & Kimberly Bohn, Landstar
- George Bouchard Jr., Marten Transport Ltd.
- Stephen & Ellie Bourderlique, Penner International Inc.
- Lisa & Wayne Buhrow, Roadready Transfer
- Terry Burdette, USF Glen Moore Inc.
- James Conley, Shaw Industries Inc.
- Sandy & Ken Cook, Watkins Motor Lines Inc.
- Larry & Linda Dean, FedEx Custom Critical
- James W. Dugger, Watkins Motor Lines Inc.
- Johnny Glenn, Andrews Transport
- Doug Graves, Crete Carrier Corporation
- Paul Haines, C&P Haines Trucking
- Michael Kahre, Heartland Express Inc.
- Dan Kupke Sr., Halliburton
- Darrell Maxwell, CFI
- Bob Mckay, Crete Carrier Corporation
- Levi Moore, Transport America
- Al Morzuch, Tri-Express
- Tom & Sandy Peters, Prager Storage & Van Co.
- Dennis Reimers Jr., H&M Trucking
- James Sager, Cass Lo Trucking Inc.
- Michael R. Schueller, Yellowstone Trucking Inc.
- Ken Sinden, Cassens Transport Co.
- Ronnie & Dianne Smith, Panther II Trans.
- Stu Smith, Landstar
- Robert L. Sullivan, AAA Cooper Trans.
- Timothy Trotter, Andys Transfer
- Russell Workman, Southwind Trucking Inc.

Buddy Bites



Thanks to all the donors of items for the Tennessee Truck Show Trucker Buddy golf outing and auction: Arnold Transportation, ArvinMeritor, Bridgestone/Firestone, Delphi, Freightliner, Idlebuster, J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc., Koolatron, Kris Allen, OOIDA, TruckLite, Turbo 3000D, & Darrell Hicks of Penray.



Thanks to country singing artist Kris Allen for his donation of music CDs. Visit Kris' website at www.krisallen.com.



Drivers and teachers, you can help Trucker Buddy when you stop at Kwik Trip! If you have a Kwik Trip credit card, you can designate Trucker Buddy as the charitable organization to receive your Kwik Reward earnings. Just call the Kwik Trip Credit Department at 800-305-6666 and tell them that you want Trucker Buddy to be the recipient of your Kwik Rewards Rebate! THANK YOU for supporting the program through your purchases at Kwik Trip!!!



Drivers, DOTJobHistory.com is a service that allows you to order your own public, criminal, employment and driving records. You may review the information, get the information corrected (or at least add your version of events up front) and make it available to employers to whom you are interested in working. The employer can get it over the web instantly. If you are a Trucker Buddy, you will automatically receive a 10% discount by entering "Trucker Buddy" in the Partner/Rebate code when registering. (You MUST enter Trucker Buddy to get the discount.) Register at www.dotjobhistory.com.



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Thanks to Western Star for supporting Trucker Buddy at their Mid-America party.

 WESTERN STAR TRUCKS

2005-2006 Renewal Form

It's time to renew for the 2005-2006 school year. You can remain matched with the same teacher/driver, request a change, or indicate if you no longer wish to participate. It is **VERY** important that you notify us if you are dropping out so we can find a new participant for your driver/teacher.

Drivers and teachers may renew separately. Submit your renewal by mail (P.O. Box 527, Waupaca, WI 54981), fax (715-341-9010), or online at

www.truckerbuddy.org. If renewing online, the last screen says "Thank you for registering." If not, some information is missing. Renewals cannot be accepted over the telephone. New Trucker Buddy membership cards and renewal confirmation letters will be mailed in August.

Call our office (1-800-MY-BUDDY) if any of your contact information changes, if you no longer wish to participate, or if your driver/teacher is not writing.

Teacher Annual Response Form

Please complete **ALL** information. Match Number (from label) _____

Teacher Name: _____ School: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Telephone: _____ School Fax: _____

Teacher's Email: _____@_____ Are you willing/able to correspond by email?

School Year Begins & Ends (dates): _____

Grade Level: _____ Number of students in class: _____ Check box if Special Education

_____ I wish to continue with the same Trucker Buddy (name): _____

_____ I would like to be assigned to another Trucker Buddy. My current match is not working out because: _____

_____ I no longer wish to participate in the Trucker Buddy program.

I have read and agree to adhere to the Trucker Buddy rules and will follow the guidelines for class visits.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Driver Annual Response Form

Please complete **ALL** information. Match Number (from label) _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____@_____

Are you willing/able to correspond by email?

Carrier Name: _____ What year did you begin driving for your carrier? _____

Carrier Address: _____

Circle: Owner/Operator or Company Driver Make of Truck: _____

Date of Birth: _____ CDL Number: _____ Social Security #: _____

Have you been charged with a crime? If yes, please provide details: _____

All information will remain confidential and will be used solely for determining eligibility for participation in the program. Nothing will be used for any other purpose. Falsification of any information will result in immediate removal.

_____ I wish to remain with my class. My teacher's name is: _____

_____ I would like a new class in _____state(s). You may choose a region where you prefer to have a class, however, class assignment is subject to availability. Do not specify an area smaller than a state.

_____ I no longer wish to participate in the Trucker Buddy program.

I have read and agree to adhere to the Trucker Buddy rules and will follow the guidelines for class visits. I authorize Trucker Buddy to verify background information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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August 25, 26, 27



The Great American Trucking Show, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX

- Trucker Buddy Golf Outing on the 24th; call Trucker Buddy to register.
- Concerts by Sammy Kershaw (Volvo) & Terri Clark (Mobil Delvac)
- 2nd Annual Truck Challenge of the Genders
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September 8, 9, 10



International Trucking Show, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA

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