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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

This Monday is Labor Day, and although Labor Day starts the traditional end-of-summer and back-to-school routines for millions of Americans, like most holidays, the historical significance of Labor Day should not be overlooked. First celebrated in 1882 in New York City, Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894 when President Grover Cleveland, seeking a swift reconciliation to the deadly Pullman Strike six days earlier, pushed legislation through Congress. The legislation was passed unanimously. Since then, Labor Day continues to represent the strength and spirit of trade and labor organizations. I wish all tradesmen and women and union members a relaxing holiday.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM CONCLUDES

The end of summer vacation also marks the end of the annual Summer Reading Program, which I have been pleased to sponsor over the years. The free program is designed for students in 4th and 5th grades, but is open to any young children that like to read.

Reading is an important and valuable part of every student's education. It is vital for students to continue reading over the summer to keep their mind and vocabulary fresh for the school year. Without question, reading provides building blocks for a strong foundation. I congratulate all the young students who submitted Summer Reading logs this year. Great work!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S SAFETY



Dear Neighbor,

With Labor Day on Monday, most children in our area will head back to school this week - and most of those children will ride school buses. In fact, beginning this week, over 45,000 school buses will transport more than two million children to school each day, making New York's record of school bus safety among the best in the nation!

You can help maintain New York's school bus safety record by obeying the rules of the road and using extra caution when driving near schools and school buses. There are many good reasons to stop for school buses - including avoiding severe fines or possible jail sentences - but the best reason to stop for school buses is to ensure the safety of our children.

For more information on school bus safety, I encourage you to contact my office. I hope that all children, parents, and teachers have a healthy and exciting school year. And safe driving!

~ Jim

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