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All Aboard The Education Train: West Roxbury Preschoolers Learn About Rail Safety

When: Tuesday, September 20th
10:00 A.M.

Where: MBTA Commuter Rail, Needham Line, Highland Station
Intersection of Corey and Hastings streets
West Roxbury

What: Preschoolers who read the legendary *Thomas The Tank Engine* book series authored by Wilbert and Christopher Awdry often become enamored with railroads and trains.

For more than two decades, youngsters from the West Roxbury-based Kidz Shoppe and Precious Cargo Child Care Centers have visited the Highland Station to wave at commuter rail trains as they go by. These children have become beloved mascots of the rails for the men and women who provide commuter rail service in Eastern MA.

On September 19th, MBCR will treat the kids to a special day with a friend of "Thomas" as well as important lessons about railroad safety and to learn about Operation Lifesaver, a national program whose mission is to end collisions and injuries at rail crossings.

Who: **Steve Quinn**, Operation Lifesaver
Cory Moniz, MBCR Assistant Conductor
10-15 toddlers from Kidz Shoppe and Precious Cargo Child Care Centers, along with staff.

Why: Safety around the tracks is an essential element of railroading. MBCR and Operation Lifesaver are dedicated to educating children of all ages about the importance of rail safety.

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