

## **MOTORIST ALERT: SCHOOL RECESSES FOR SUMMER - MORE CHILDREN AT PLAY**

In the month of June, school recesses and motorists will encounter more pedestrians and children. Summer brings longer hours of daylight and more children and pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, rollerbladers and moped traffic to our roads. Motorists need to have a heightened sense of awareness and to remain alert to these situations and drive with caution.

### **Important Motorist Safety Reminders**

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. It's the Law!
- Always drive at a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- Refrain from drinking coffee/beverages and/or talking on a cell phone when driving unless you have a hands-free telephone device.
- It's the Law – every motorist must drive an appropriate reduced speed when approaching **an intersection, a curve in the road or a hillcrest.**
- It's the Law – NJSA 39:4-98 requires every motorist to drive an appropriate reduced speed when nearing pedestrians and bicyclists.
- It's the Law – the speed limit on all local roads is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.
- When encountering an emergency vehicle with siren and emergency lights activated, **YIELD FULLY**, as required by law, by pulling to the right hand edge of the roadway and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed and it is safe to resume.
- Headlights are required to be on, anytime windshield wipers are on.
- **BE ALERT**, drive with caution.