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## **SCHOOL IS OPEN – PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. August 28, 2015** — As August ends, a new school year begins with the opening bells ringing Monday morning August 31st. The Purcellville Police Department is encouraging all parents to talk to their school aged children about the importance of pedestrian safety.

Children should be refreshed on the rules of the road:

- ✓ Look left, right, and left again before safely crossing the street
- ✓ Be aware of vehicles while boarding and exiting their bus
- ✓ Listen to the direction of their bus driver and crossing guard
- ✓ Wear bright colored clothing
- ✓ If riding their bike, wear a helmet and follow all rules of the road.

In addition, motorists are reminded to:

- ✓ Obey all speed limit signs throughout Town
- ✓ Stop for stopped school buses with flashing red lights
- ✓ Be aware of children walking to and from school, especially on roadways that have no sidewalks
- ✓ Pay special attention when backing out of driveways and parking spaces for children walking or on bicycles
- ✓ Do not become distracted from their driving

Purcellville Police Officers and Loudoun County Deputies will be monitoring traffic in and around our schools to help ensure the safety of all. Together we can ensure a safe and happy start to our school year.

### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,300 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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