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Schools to Dismiss for Summer Break Please Drive Carefully

Brevard County Schools will be releasing students on May 24th for summer break. As the school year comes to a close, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization is reminding motorists to take extra safety precautions while driving while students are out of school. Here are a few things for motorists and parents to remember to keep children safe around traffic:

- Pay special attention to your speed, especially when children are present.
- Pay attention for children who might dart into the street without looking.
- Be careful on streets lined with parked cars, as children could be between or behind vehicles and out of your line of sight.
- In neighborhoods, turn corners slowly- since children like to play in or near the street.
- Back out of driveways slowly, children may be walking or bicycling behind you and be hard to see.
- Use extra care in neighborhoods where children are more likely to be present, especially if there are no sidewalks in the area.
- Keep your eyes on the road and avoid other distractions, such as cell phone use, when driving
- Give younger children more time in crosswalks-they walk more slowly and will take longer to get across the road.
- As parents, always be a good role model, obey traffic signs and signals, wear a helmet when bicycling, and follow pedestrian safety rules.

If everyone does their part, we can have a happy and safe summer.

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