

Neighbourhood Watch

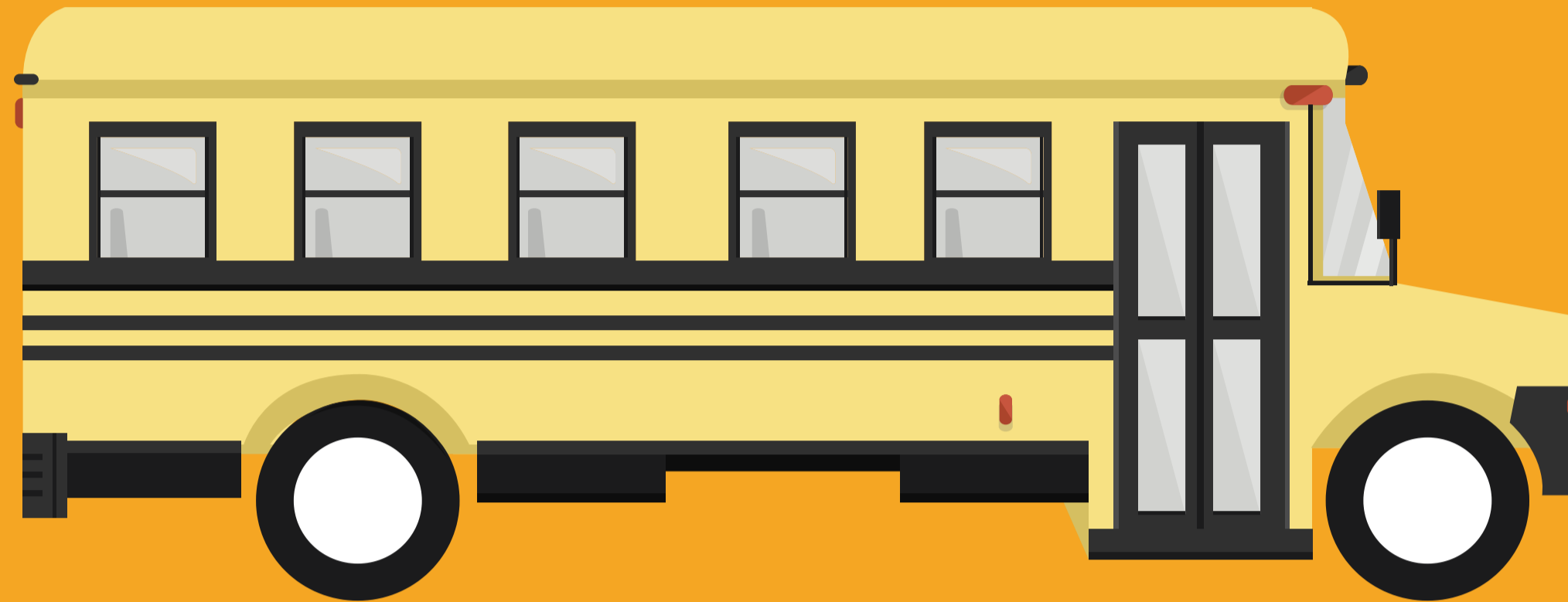
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Help Our Children Walk Safely

School's back in session and so we should all remember to be aware that more kids will be out walking or biking. Please be mindful of them when you're out on the road and keep the following in mind:

- Be aware of school signs
- Reduce speed in school zones
- Be ready to stop at all times as children may not notice oncoming traffic
- Be attentive of school buses - come to a FULL STOP when the Stop Sign arm is out and the upper red lights are flashing. DO NOT proceed until the Stop Sign is retracted, the upper red lights are off and the bus has begun moving.

Hefty fines and demerit points await those who do not drive safely and police are always out on patrol ESPECIALLY near school zones. But remember, the safety of our children should be the most important motivation to drive safely and mindfully during school hours!



Protect Your Vehicles from Break-ins!

Vehicle break-ins are some of the easiest crimes to prevent, but also the easiest for offenders to commit! Here are some reminders on how to prevent your vehicles from being broken into:

- Always double check, even TRIPLE check that you've locked your car. Check every door!
- Ensure windows and sun roofs are FIRMLY shut.
- Keep valuables out of plain sight or remove them from your car entirely.
- Make sure your car is parked in a safe, well-lit place.
- Be vigilant! Even small change left in your cupholder is attractive to criminals.



As always, remember to communicate with your neighbours to ensure everyone is aware and being proactive. Consider the Online Reporting Tool (linked below), should you need to report a vehicle break-in.

Peel Regional Police's Online Reporting Tool

You can access this online tool to report incidents

Use this online feature to report non-emergency incidents or property offences. Examples include:



Damage to Property



Theft



Damage to Vehicle
Theft From a Vehicle



Lost Property

Or, **ADD INFORMATION** to an existing report!



Check out the Online Reporting Tool here!

One benefit of a Neighbourhood Watch is that your neighbours may witness things that help solve incidents that have affected you. For example, if you believe someone stole something from your car during the night, another neighbour might happen to have surveillance footage of the incident taking place. In a Neighbourhood Watch, neighbours communicate, and can share information that helps each other!