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Let's watch out for the young ones today

School's in, Milton.

Today thousands of local youngsters head to class — many for the first time. It's an exciting and nerve-wracking time for both children and parents alike. But it can also be a particularly dangerous time, with school buses loading and unloading children all over town and young ones crossing busy intersections on their way to school.

It's a time when a little driver impatience or sheer carelessness can be costly — even deadly.

Remember to exercise extra caution when traveling through town before school begins and after classes let out, because chances are you'll be passing by a school, school crossing area or designated pick-up/drop-off site.

Of course school crossing guards and bus drivers are usually good about

watching out for potential dangers, but it's everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children.

Be sure to stop at least 20 metres behind a school bus when the red lights begin to flash and remember that school buses stop at all railway crossings and that traffic is required to stop in both directions of a stopped school bus, except if the road is divided by a median.

Familiarizing yourself with school zone areas and giving yourself a few extra minutes to get to work or run errands can also go a long way toward preventing an accident.

A little extra care and patience shouldn't be too much to ask when considering the precious cargo aboard those buses we all get caught behind from time to time.



Our Readers Write

Treatment of our local parks is shameful

Dear Editor:

I'm very disappointed by the way people treat our local parks.

We've spent millions of dollars to provide our children safe places to play and many people don't care to keep them clean and free of debris.

I walk to Lions Sports Park every day and am appalled at the garbage and dog feces left behind by selfish people. I could understand trash lying around before the garbage bins were put in place, but now there's no excuse for this.

These parks are for everyone's use. How many people would leave garbage lying around their own backyard? Then

why do it in a public park?

As for dog lovers, I've owned many a dog and would never have thought of leaving my pet's doo-doo on the walkway or God forbid on someone's lawn. These people should try tracking some of that stuff into their home and see how long it would take them to clean up after their animal.

This may not stop people from shirking their responsibility, but we could try to teach our children to be more responsible. We could and should all do our part to keep Milton and Canada clean.

Teresa Mio
Ellis Crescent

Milton in need of continuing education facility

Dear Editor:

Now that it appears the transit situation in town has been resolved, there are some other problems that need addressing.

Most immediate, in my opinion, is the fact that there are three high

schools in Milton with students requiring continuing education.

The closest are Sheridan College campuses in Oakville and Brampton, yet there's no public transportation to either.

Not all students have available

transportation.

Isn't an education facility in Milton — especially with the increasing population — more important than a Wal-Mart?

H. Shaver
Milton

Intermodal terminal simply doesn't belong here

Dear Editor:

I think it's appropriate that we have been reminded that the proposed CN Intermodal site is still an ongoing issue for Milton.

I'm certain members of RAIL (Residents Affected by Intermodal Lines) welcomes Halton MP Gary Carr's involvement in opposition to the building of this

site in this location.

The proposed facility will be a large, noisy and dusty industrial site which belongs in an industrial area — not down the road from our hospital and new subdivisions.

John Gent
Tremaine Road

Theft of TV/DVD player from van hurt young boys

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to the creep — and I'm being polite — who broke into our two vehicles and stole our children's television and DVD player from our van.

Now we are left to explain to our three sons why

some inconsiderate jerk stole something of theirs.

We hope you feel good about what you've done — making three little boys very unhappy.

Sonya Sheppard
Lyndsay Court

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