

Sheriff offers school safety advice

***Editors note: the following was submitted by Brown County Sheriff John Merchant***

**I would like to remind everyone about extra precautions and safety now that the school year is starting.**

**Whether you are walking or driving to school, PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN. Students need to be observant at all times.**

**If you are walking to school, LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET.**

**Always wear your seatbelt when riding in vehicles--ARRIVE ALIVE.**

**Drivers--slow down and always be more observant of school children walking, children on bicycles and school buses.**

**Teen drivers---Do not use your cell phone when driving, avoid any unnecessary distractions in your vehicle, drive safely and always wear your seatbelts. Allow plenty of time to get to school and activities.**

**Report any suspicious activity immediately to your parents, teachers or law enforcement AT ONCE. Do not wait or hesitate, especially if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable. If you think you need to report something, make sure you do.**

**BE KIND! We all have the ability to change someones day for the better. If you see a fellow student struggling, kindness and support always wins out over frustration and bullying.**

**We all want to wish all students, staff and parents a safe and happy school year!**

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