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SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

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Students enjoying the portland weather on Walk and Bike day

STUDENTS APPRECIATE BIKE SAFETY

"Dear Gregg, Dawn, and Marybeth I really enjoyed you teaching me. I learned right of way. I loved the overlook that you showed us. I never would have known it existed. My favorite part was when we went to Overlook Park and saw that beautiful wide open field. Your friend, Joy"

"Dear Gregg, Marybeth, and Dawn, I had one of the greatest times in my life! I felt so free on the road and at Peninsula Park. Also I ride

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WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Despite a downpour of rain, over 70 Buckman Elementary parents and children managed to make it to the covered playground on October 3 to celebrate their achievement: walking and biking to school.

Recovering from their wet walks with hot chocolate, yummy Noah's bagels, and orange juice, parents and children received fun "door" prizes including blinking reflectors, stickers, pencils, and glow in the dark bracelets for safety. Safer Routes to School director and Buckman parent, Angela Koch, spoke on the importance of safety and the fun of walking and biking to school.



Walk and Bike to School day at Buckman Elementary

Two Nutcase helmets and "Walk and Bike to School" T-shirts were awarded as free raffle prizes. In addition, many students came with decorated helmets and shoes, which were all rewarded with fun prizes. For all of those who braved the cold and rain, it was a great

my bike more than usual. Once in awhile I go to the store with my bike. I always use my signals now when I go to Seven Eleven. Thank you for the inspiration. Your friend, Ethan"

"Dear Mr. Greg, Dawn, and Marybeth,
I had the greatest time ever! I really think people will start riding bikes and stop polluting. We should have cheered and said, "Don't be lazy get on bikes!" You didn't have to come out and get all those bikes, but you did it anyway. I loved the ride to Overlook Park. Now I'll ride my bike more often. I kinda have to get it fixed though. Thanks again, Olivia"

"Dear Mr. Lavender, Dawn, and Marybeth,
I really didn't know the bike signs like stop, right turn, and left turn. But now I know them. My favorite part was the last ride to Peninsula Park. Thank you for being here for 2 weeks with us. I really loved it. Thank you very much. Your friend, Montrail"



morning!

| SCHOOL | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-------|
| Abernethy | 85 |
| Atkinson | 220 |
| Boise Eliot | 105 |
| Buckman | 200 |
| Capitol Hill | 75 |
| Chapman | 75 |
| Chief Joseph | 117 |
| Clarendon | 100 |
| Faubion | 76 |
| Forest Park | 200 |
| Gibbert Heights | 88 |
| Gilbert Park | 71 |
| Humboldt | 90 |
| Kelly | 125 |
| Lent | 225 |
| Lewis | 45 |
| Prescott | 50 |
| Rieke | 97 |
| Rosa Parks | 350 |
| Russell | 55 |
| Sacramento | 65 |
| Scott | 210 |
| Sunnyside | 65 |
| Vestal | 84 |

Safer Routes to School Participating Schools



Students enjoying a group ride to school



INTRODUCING ANGELA KOCH

Angela was hired in May to run the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's statewide Safer Routes programs. She will be stepping in as a manager of our Portland programs as well.

Angela was a founder and former owner of Peanut Butter & Ellies. She is originally from North Carolina but moved to Portland seven years ago, because of the family friendly reputation. In her free time, she rides long distances and will soon begin training for triathlons, a continuation of her former interest in competitive swimming. She also writes and illustrates children's books, but is still waiting to be published.



Angela Koch

Angela is married to a former bike mechanic, and together they are raising two children. Her oldest daughter is a third grader at a SR25 school and has taken Pedestrian Safety Education twice. She now walks home from school every day. Her youngest is still juggling between trailers, trail-a-bike, and training wheels. Everyone in

their family commutes by bike as often as possible.

Angela has a personal focus on children's health and well-being issues and how pop culture, the business world, and the community respond to their needs. Safer Routes welcomes Angela to our team!



COOL WALK AND BIKE PEOPLE DISCOVERED AT ABERNETHY ELEMENTARY

It looks like a new bike rider was created during the recent International Walk and Bike Day at Abernethy Elementary. Walking and biking school "buses" were formed at four nearby locations so students could travel to the school together in a fun and safe setting. Parents volunteered in the school gazebo to greet the students with Clif Bars and an interactive map. Each student placed a star to show where they had walked or biked from. The next day, a very happy father sent this note to Jacqueline Villnave the school coordinator for Abernethy:

"Our son, a kindergartner, said riding the tag-a-long bike to school, having a Clif Bar, putting the star on the map and talking with all of the "cool walk and bike people" was the best day of school so far and he wants to do it every day. This from a kid who's been apprehensive about going to school. Thanks to all who set it up and please have more."

