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SmartTrips to School is here!

Be sure to check your mailboxes! Families of 2nd and 5th grade students will be receiving their SmartTrips transportation resource order forms by mail.

You can order maps, activity books, and safety information on walking, biking, public transit, and carpool – all free! You and your family choose what you want, and the materials are delivered to your door by bicycle.

You also get a free gift just for ordering. Your child's school will receive \$5 for each order form returned by the May 1 deadline. Don't miss out – order today!



SMARTTRIPS MATERIALS DELIVERED BY BIKE!

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Let's Celebrate, Walk+Bike Challenge Month is Coming!

May is coming and it will soon be time to take the challenge for more walking and biking to school.

Throughout May, students all across Oregon participate in the Walk+Bike to School Challenge. The Challenge is a free, month-long competition between Oregon students of all ages to see who can walk, bike, scoot, or skate the most. Students keep track of the days they use active transportation to get to school on a scorecard which they then turn in for prizes.

To participate your school must be registered in the Walk+Bike event. Beginning March 1st, you can register your school on the Walk+Bike website at walknbike.org. Safe Routes can assist you in registering your school and getting organized.

In addition, Safe Routes will be holding three free trainings for Walk+Bike Challenge Month. At the trainings you will have the opportunity to:

- **Get extra promotional materials and incentives**
- **Meet and share ideas with other school organizers**
- **Create an action plan for your school**
- **Register for the Challenge on the spot.**

Free Walk+Bike Challenge Month trainings will be **March 1 at Gregory Heights Library, April 2 at Beach School, and April 11 at Woodstock Library**. See the SR2S Calendar for details.



For the latest events, campaign resources, photos and more, go to: www.SafeRoutesPortland.org

GROW HEALTHY. GET THERE.

Meet Our Haiku Contest Winners

Building on the success of our student essay and T-shirt design contests, in our winter newsletter we asked students to come up with a winning winter walk haiku.

Students from all over Portland sent us haikus. Some were carefully illustrated, some typed and some were emailed. A classroom at Access @ Sabin submitted one each as a class project. With prizes on the line, we had the Transportation Options staff read them all and vote on their favorites.

Printed below are the winning haiku and the two runners up. Visit our blog at <http://pdx.be/SRblog> to read the six honorable mentions. Each will receive a Safe Routes prize pack. Congratulations and thanks to all who entered!

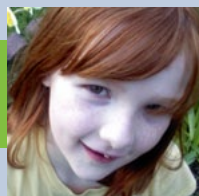


DORA KODESCH

The Winner!

*A trailer bike trip.
My dad pedals fast. I don't.
Happy in the rain.*

*by Dora Kodesch
age 5, Kindergarten, Bridlemile*



MADELEINE RIGGS

Our two runners up!

*His hand in my hand
We walk to the lines and look
left then right, we cross.*

*by Madeleine Riggs
age 10, Mill Park*



URMI KUMAR

*Walking in the snow.
Seeing coats of ice and frost.
Feeling winter's joys.*

*by Urmi Kumar
age 12, homeschool*

Engineering: New Sidewalks near Faubion Elementary

The new sidewalk and crosswalks at Faubion Elementary provide safe access for students across Rosa Parks Way and to the school.

Before



FAUBION ENTRANCE BEFORE

After



SAFER ACCESS TO SCHOOL!

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SPONSORING PARTNERS



SR2S Calendar

Saturday, Feb 26, 8:30-2:00pm
FREE Bike Tune-Ups for Students and Families
Jefferson High School, 5210 N Kerby Ave, 97217

Saturday, Feb 26, 10:00am-12:00pm,
\$5 and \$15 Booster Seat Sale
American Medical Response, 1 SE 2nd Ave, 97214

Monday, Feb 28, 6:30-7:30pm
West-side Walking School Bus Workshop
Multnomah Art Center, Room #4
7688 SW Capitol Hwy, 97219

Tuesday, Mar 1, 4:00-5:00pm
May Walk + Bike Challenge Month Workshop
The first of 3 opportunities
Gregory Heights Library
7921 NE Sandy Blvd, 97213

Wednesday, Mar 2, 5:30-6:30pm
BTA Bike Safety Volunteer Training
Laurelhurst Whole Foods Market
2825 E Burnside, 97214

Saturday, Mar 26, 10:00am-1:00pm
\$5 and \$15 Booster Seat Sale
Fire Department, 2915 SE 13th Pl, 97202

Saturday, Apr 2, 10:00am-2:00pm
Safe Routes Spring Kick-Off – a citywide celebration!
Beach PK-8 School, 1710 N Humboldt St, 97217

Saturday, Apr 2, 10:00-11:30am
May Walk + Bike Challenge Month Workshop
The second of 3 opportunities
Beach PK-8 School, 1710 N Humboldt St, 97217

Monday, Apr 11, 10:30-11:30am
May Walk + Bike Challenge Month Workshop
The third and last opportunity
Woodstock Library, 6008 SE 49th Ave, 97206

Saturday, Apr 23, 10:00am-2:00pm
\$5 and \$15 Booster Seat Sale
Emanuel Hospital
2801 N Gantenbein Ave, 97227

May - all month long
The Walk+Bike to School Challenge!

NOTE: All trainings are ADA accessible. Childcare and translation services provided at most events upon request.

For more information, visit
www.PortlandSafeRoutes.org or call 503-823-4998.

SR2S Resources



BIKE FAIR KIT AND CONTENTS

Bike Fair Kit:

Organizing a bike fair at your school? Borrow a Bike Fair kit for free; includes materials and instructions for five fun activities.

Tabling Kit:

Want to share Safe Routes materials at your next event? Borrow a tabling kit for free; with maps, safety resources, stickers, and more.

\$50,000 to Support Safe Routes

This February, Coca-Cola announced a generous donation of \$50,000 to the Safe Routes to Schools Program in Portland. "We are delighted to be partnering with Safe Routes to School and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to support the important work they are doing in the community," said Michele McKillip, Vice President of Public Affairs & Communications for Coca-Cola's Northwest Region. This investment will help support Safe Routes education efforts, teaching students how to safely navigate their neighborhood on foot or by bike.



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SAFE ROUTES Word Search!



This puzzle shows some of the places you can go by walking or biking in your neighborhood. Circle all the words below and the leftover letters will reveal a secret message.

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| CONCERT | GYM | MALL |
| MOVIE | PARK | POOL |
| SCHOOL | STORE | ZOO |

Secret Message: Challenge month is coming in May

Secret Message!

Safe Routes is a great program! Thanks!
-Llewellyn parent



Our Mission— Safe Routes to School brings transportation together in partnership with our schools, neighborhoods, and community organizations to encourage students and families to get to and from school in ways that reduce traffic, increase safety, build strong bodies and clear minds, plus provide a cleaner environment.

