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Need a Helmet? Get a Coupon!

Safe Routes to School is partnering with Doernbecher Children's Hospital to provide free bicycle helmets to students who need them. Contact saferroutes@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-4533 to get a coupon, redeemable at the Tom Sargent Safety Center, 700 SW Campus Drive. Hurry! Offer expires June 30, 2016.

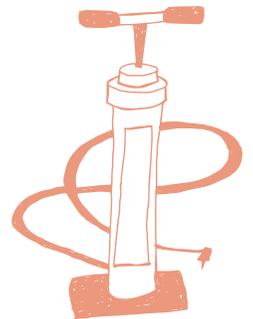


Safe Routes Walk + Roll Fair

Join us for our 6th Annual Safe Routes Walk + Roll Fair (formerly the Spring Kick-Off) on Saturday, April 23rd. This is a family-fun event where you can celebrate health, safety, community, and physical fitness. This year we're teaming up with Playworks at Kelly for Earth Day.

There will be activities for parents, students and younger children:

- » Learn to fix a flat tire
- » \$6 helmets
- » Free bike repair
- » Map reading and safe route planning
- » Information on Walking School Buses, Bike Trains and Park + Walks
- » Free healthy lunch (served at noon)
- » Community bike ride (with some bikes and helmets to borrow)
- » School garden beautification and plantings
- » Raffle, Bike Rodeo and more, all for FREE!



For more information, email saferroutes@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-823-5358.

Thanks



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Saturday, April 23rd, 10am-2pm
Kelly Elementary, 9030 SE Cooper St.

Grow Healthy. Get There.



Bike and Pedestrian Safety: Who We Teach

Guest article by William Francis

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) teaches Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education to roughly 5,000 Portland school children each year through the Safe Routes to School program. Many of these children are from Title IA schools facing risk factors such as poverty and unstable housing.



These students often live in neighborhoods with limited sidewalks and signage and few have access to bicycles. Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education is essential for keeping these students and families safe as they travel to and from school.

Teachers and administrators agree these programs are important. "[Bike safety] is a skill they will take with them for a lifetime. I saw such a sense of confidence develop once they learned the rules of the road" according to Marysville School teacher Kelli Joy. Spanish immersion teacher at Rigler School, Risa Nabielski adds, "Bike Safety is such a fun and meaningful activity for our students. For some, it is their first time on a bike; they are the ones that really benefit!"

The BTA is always looking for volunteers to assist on school community rides. If you are interested please contact William Francis at william@btaoregon.org for more information.



Engineering: New Bike Shelters

Chief Joseph Elementary students have new covered bike shelters thanks to a grant from Lowe's. Portland Public Schools (PPS) uses a simple pre-engineered structure, designed to be built by volunteers. The four new bike shelters are located on N Delaware Ave. and serve the school as well as Arbor Lodge Park across the street.

"I feel that our son is a safer bicyclist after working with a Safe Routes teacher."

- Arleta parent

See kids



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Spring SRTS Calendar

March
12

Saturday, March 12, 9am-12pm Car Seat Check-Up Event

Make sure your car seat is the right size for your child, and that it's installed correctly. Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center
1015 NW 22nd Ave.

April
23

Saturday, April 23, 9:30am-2pm Safe Routes to School Walk + Roll Fair

Fun, active event for the whole family, including a community bike ride at the end of the day. Free basic bike repair, free healthy lunch, low-cost helmets, and more. Kelly Elementary School
9030 SE Cooper St.

May
1-31

May 1-31 Walk + Bike to School Challenge Month

Register your school at walknbike.org for this friendly competition to encourage more kids and families to walk, bike and roll to and from school and in their neighborhoods.

May
15

Sunday, May 15, 11am-4pm Portland Sunday Parkways

East Portland
Sunday Parkways opens miles of traffic-free streets for you and your family to walk, bike, run, and roll. The routes connect beautiful parks filled with food, activities and entertainment.

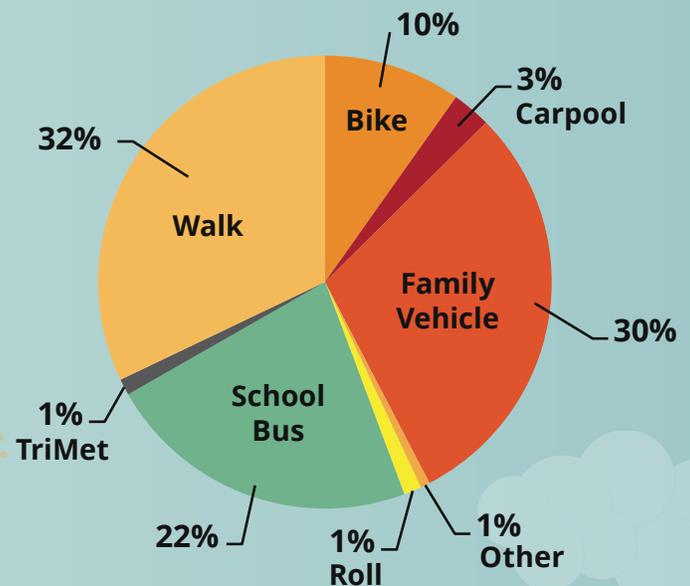
portlandsundayparkways.org



The Survey Results Are In!

Thank you to everyone who completed a student travel survey this past fall. Results indicate that more than 43% of all K-8 students are walking, biking and rolling to school - wow! Nearly 10% of student trips are on a bicycle, and more students are walking (32%) than riding in a family vehicle (30%). Keep up the great work, families.

How are students getting to school?



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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.

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Get ready
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Challenge Month in May



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