

SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL UPDATE

April 2017



3rd Grade Bike/Pedestrian Education!

Cupertino SR2S is working with CUSD and local elementary schools to pilot in-class, bicycle and pedestrian safety lessons for 3rd grade students. These one-hour lessons will engage students through interactive activities and a presentation about rules of the road and safety tips for cyclists and pedestrians. The goals of the lesson? 1) Teach kids as young as 3rd grade that riding their bike and/or walking is a fun

and viable form of transportation and 2) Help students realize the importance of walking and biking safely. Safe Routes 2 School believes that the earlier kids learn about walking and biking and the more that schools encourage these behaviors, the greater the chance this education has to impact behavior throughout students' lives. 3rd grade lessons will begin this month at West Valley, Sedgwick, Stevens Creek, and Eaton Elementary schools.



SR2S Announces New Sidewalk Law: Kids 12 and Under Can Ride

Kids ages 12 and under can now legally ride their bikes on sidewalks in the City of Cupertino! On February 21st, 2017 Cupertino amended its Muni Code to raise the maximum sidewalk riding age from 9-12 years old in order to allow all Elementary

School students to legally ride on the sidewalk. Adults accompanying a 12 and under child are also legally allowed to bike on sidewalks. With this new city law comes new opportunities and new responsibilities to ride safely. Safety Tips for sidewalk riding:

- 1) Always ride in the same direction as traffic, even when on the sidewalk
- 2) Sidewalk speed is 10 MPH maximum
- 3) You must dismount from your bike at intersections
- 4) If an adjacent bike lane is available, use the bike lane instead of the sidewalk

SR2S CROSSING GUARD OF THE MONTH



Diane Reedman is Cupertino's Crossing Guard of the Month for April! Miss Reedman has worked 9 years as a crossing guard since retiring from her corporate job. Her favorite part of the job? Receiving the "Thank You's" from pedestrians. Her message to drivers? Stay out of the crosswalk when people are in them! Say hi to Diane at the corner of Stevens Creek Blvd. and Finch Ave. every Wed. morning.

Stevens Creek Elementary to Host "Walk and Roll Day" May 10th

Stevens Creek Elementary is on a *roll* with its bike and walk encouragement! A team of enthusiastic staff and parent volunteers, led by Hiedi Johnson and Principal Diane Prystas, will be hosting a "Walk and Roll Day" on May 10th. The day will kick-off with a celebration of students who walk and bike to school, continue with an in-class 3rd grade bicycle and pedestrian safety lesson, and conclude with

a 3rd grade on-bike skills rodeo! Rodeo activities will include practice signaling and scanning, a radar gun speed contest, and a "snail race". Extra police units will be in the area the morning of May 10th to ensure a safe environment for walkers and bikers. Stevens Creek needs volunteers! If you are a Stevens Creek parent please contact Heidi Johnson at heidigriesshaber@yahoo.com to assist.

GET INVOLVED

Help with upcoming safety projects by contacting saferoutes@cupertino.org!

- 1) Safe Route Mapping at Monta Vista High School (late April)
- 2) Walk Audit at Cupertino High School (April 4th)
- 3) Walk Audit at Hyde Middle School (April 26th)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SR2S Working Group Meeting

April 5th from 4-5 PM in Conference Room C

Interested in Safe Routes 2 School but not sure where to start? Attend our next working group meeting and meet the team! All meetings are public and all members are friendly.

"2nd Annual Pedal 4 the Planet Family Bike Ride!"

April 22nd from 9-11:30 AM at City Hall

On April 22nd, arrive with your bikes at 9 AM for free tune-ups and repairs followed by a guided ride around Cupertino parks and schools. Learn more at cupertino.org/pedal4theplanet.

ABOUT SR2S

Cupertino Safe Routes 2 School is a partnership program between the City of Cupertino, Cupertino Schools, Fremont Union High School District, Cupertino Union School District, and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office. We aim to reduce traffic and pollution and increase safety by bringing people together to craft solutions to the impending traffic concerns facing our community.

CONTACT US

For more information or ways to get involved, visit: cupertino.org/saferoutes or email saferoutes@cupertino.org.

