

SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL UPDATE

June 2017



Cupertino's First "Walking School Bus"



On May 3rd Lincoln Elementary School kicked off its "Walk on Wednesdays" campaign with Walk to School Day prizes, balloons, and an inaugural Walking School Bus! A Walking School Bus is a pedestrian carpool that allows parents to drop off their kids at pre-determined, chaperoned meeting points away from a school so that groups of students and adult leaders can walk together safely and reduce traffic congestion around the school. These programs are popular throughout the country and Lincoln added Cupertino to the map by becoming the first school in the city to adopt this program. The bus included two meeting points and gathered close to 15 walkers!

Bay Area Bike to Work Day

Cupertino celebrated Bay Area Bike to Work Day in style by hosting an energizer station where Bicycle Pedestrian Commissioners handed out free coffee and snacks to passing cyclists. City of Cupertino has hosted an energizer station for over 10 years and will continue to do so to support its cycling community. City staff also celebrated Bike to Work Day with a team of cyclists competing in the National Bike Month challenge, with some staff members toting rides of over 20 miles to work! Pictured left are two of Cupertino's traffic engineers at the energizer station.



SR²S CROSSING GUARD OF THE MONTH



We celebrate Michael Melitz as Cupertino's June Crossing Guard of the Month! Micheal mans the intersection of Tantau and Barnhardt, keeping the kids of Sedgwick School safe. Michael became a crossing guard through the recommendation of a friend and has grown to love his job working with elementary aged kids. His message to disrespectful drivers- "learn to read the (STOP) signs!"

Sedgwick Elementary Reps Safe Routes



Sedgwick is rapidly improving traffic safety around its school through a variety of staff-driven efforts. Perhaps their most successful campaign, called "Active Bodies, Global Minds", encourages students and staff to increase their daily physical activity by rewarding them with punches on a card every time an individual walks or bikes to school or engages in physical activity during lunch or recess. This program is referred to as "global" because a main objective of the program, besides safety, is to decrease carbon emissions from driving, which thereby positively affects global health. Keep up the great work Sedgwick!

GET INVOLVED

Help with upcoming events by contacting chelseab@cupertino.org.

- 1) Kennedy Middle School Walk Audit (June 1st)
- 2) Eaton Elementary "Walk N' Roll Day" (June 1st)
- 3) Lincoln Elementary "Walking School Bus" (June 7th)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SR²S Working Group Meetings

June 5th from 4-5 PM in Conference Room C at Cupertino
City Hall

August 15th from 4-5 PM in Conference Room C at Cupertino
City Hall

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.

