

# **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

## **THE SAFE ROUTES PROGRAM AT OUR SCHOOL 2023-24**

Our school has embraced the Sonoma County Safe Routes to Schools initiative to encourage families to walk, bike or carpool to/from school whenever possible! The launch date is International Walk & Roll to School Day on Wednesday, October 4th. If you live too far, drive part way and then walk. Choose a safe route for your child to walk or bike. Plan a route with the fewest street crossings, and practice it with your child. Wear helmets, obey stop signs and teach your child to bike in the same direction as traffic. Biking and walking to school is fun. It's also healthy for our children, and our planet.



### **PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

#### **INTERNATIONAL WALK + ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY October 4th, 2023 (alternative date may be scheduled)**

Join families around the world in walking &/or bicycling to school.  
**Prizes for students who walk or roll!**

#### **ADDITIONAL WALK-ROLL DAY EVENTS, CHALLENGES, And other fun and inspirational activities!**

Look out for announcements about Walk & Roll to School Days or other activities that encourage kids and families to walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, carpool, or bus to school! Join or lead a Walking or Bicycling School Bus from a designated location (*if established at our site; contact principal if interested in launching a walking or bicycling school bus*).

#### **SRTS EDUCATION for students and families (dates TBA)**

The Sonoma County Safe Routes to School program provides instruction, workshops, and materials to educate about and promote bicycle & pedestrian safety for students and families. Keep your eyes out for opportunities for you or your children to learn more about bicycling and walking for transportation and recreation.

**For more information about the Sonoma County Safe Routes  
to School Program visit  
[www.sonomasaferoutes.org](http://www.sonomasaferoutes.org)**

### **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Increases skill & confidence in walking & bicycling among students and/or parents
- More families walking/bicycling to school builds community, improves personal safety, and reduces crime
- Improves health, energy, alertness and behavior among students who walk/bike to school
- Decreases greenhouse gas emissions & air pollution
- Reduces traffic congestion
- Identifies infrastructure and enforcement priorities to improve safety for both walkers, bicyclists, and drivers
- Encourages positive, life-long, healthy habits



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