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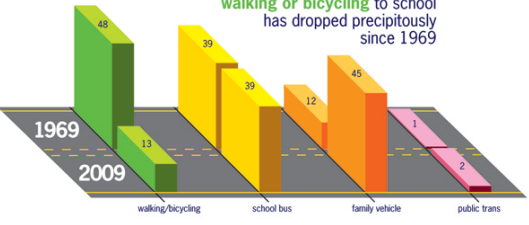
2023-24

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BENEFITS

The percentage of children walking or bicycling to school has dropped precipitously since 1969



1 mile of walking each way =  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the daily recommended 60 minutes of physical activity

## COST SAVINGS

- Household savings from reduced gas & car use
- Education budget savings through reduced student busing costs



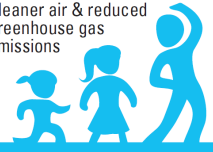
## TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Reduced traffic injuries & dangers for students and community members at arrival & dismissal through street improvements near schools
- More chances to learn & practice road safety for students



## CLIMATE BENEFITS AND CLEANER AIR

- Fewer student asthma attacks due to less driving & reduced air pollution results
- Cleaner air & reduced greenhouse gas emissions



## SAFETY FROM CRIME

- Increased safety from crime & violence due to more people on the streets, good lighting & better street design
- Less harassment, bullying, or violence when students walk or bike together or with adults



## COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

- Stronger student friendships & relationships through walking & biking together
- Positive social connections for families & neighbors



## HEALTHIER STUDENTS

- Better health & stronger bones, muscles & joints through more walking & biking
- Reduced risk of chronic disease, diabetes, & obesity



## SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FIXES

- Solutions to reduced or non-existent bus service through Safe Routes to School
- Reduced traffic congestion at pick-up/drop-off times



## BETTER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

- Better focus, improved concentration & less distraction for students who are active before school
- Fewer absences and less tardiness when students walk or bike in groups

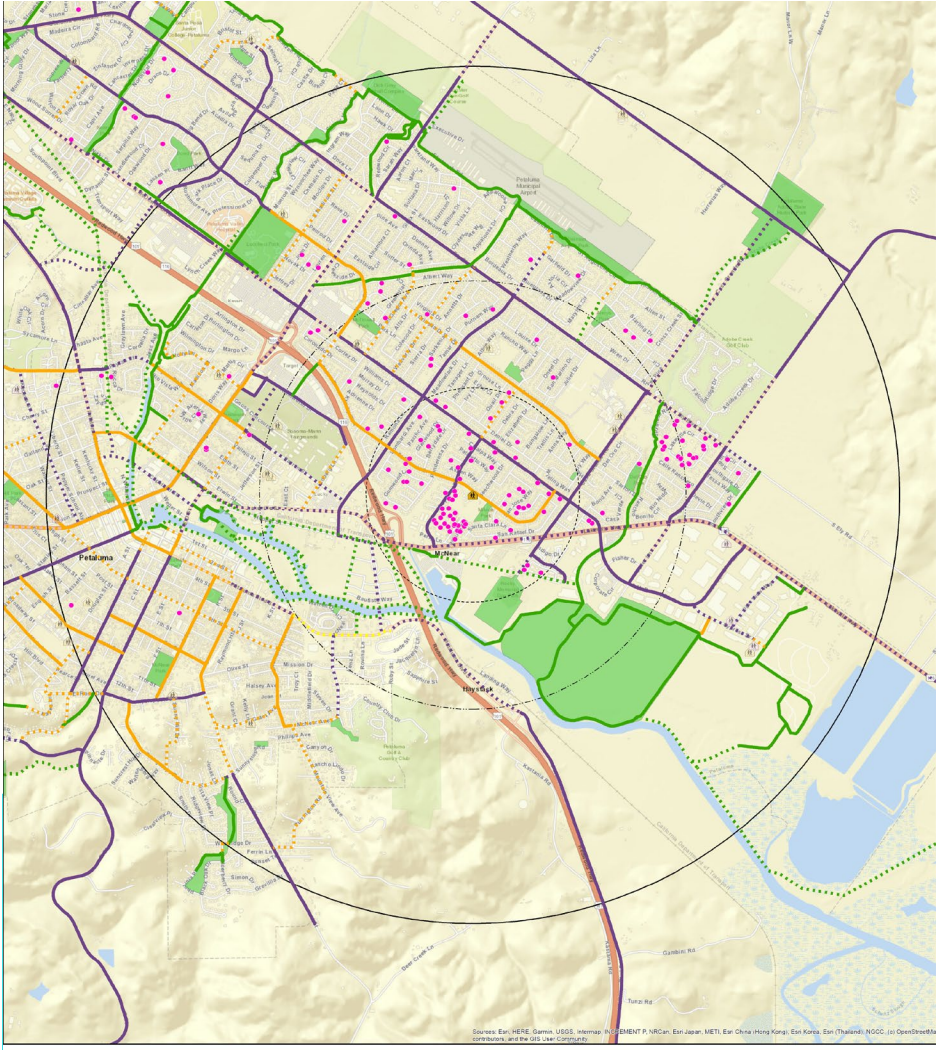
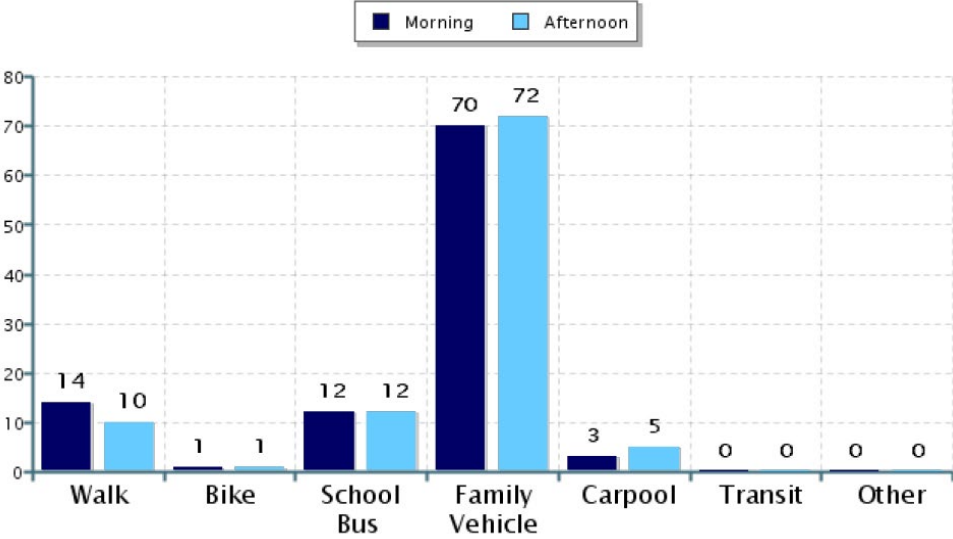


# 2023 ENROLLED SITES

- Petaluma City School District: [Grant Elem](#), Mary Collins at Cherry Valley, [McDowell Elem](#), McKinley Elem/PACS, McNear Elem, Penngrove Elem, Petaluma Junior High, Valley Vista Elem
- Old Adobe Union: Loma Vista Immersion Academy, Miwok Elem
- Waugh School District: Corona Creek Elem, Meadow Elem
- Private: The Spring Hill School

# EVALUATION: GIS MAPS & TALLIES

Petaluma School GIS Maps and travel data collected in September; utilized to support program implementation and funding opportunities



Miwok Valley Elementary  
2022-23 SRTS Study Map



**Bike Plan Existing**

- Class I
- Class II
- Class III
- Class IV
- Class V
- Class VI
- Class VII
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- Class IX
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- Class XI
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- Class XIII
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- Class XIX
- Class XX

**Bike Plan Proposed**

- Class I
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**Map of Contra Costa County**

**Legend**

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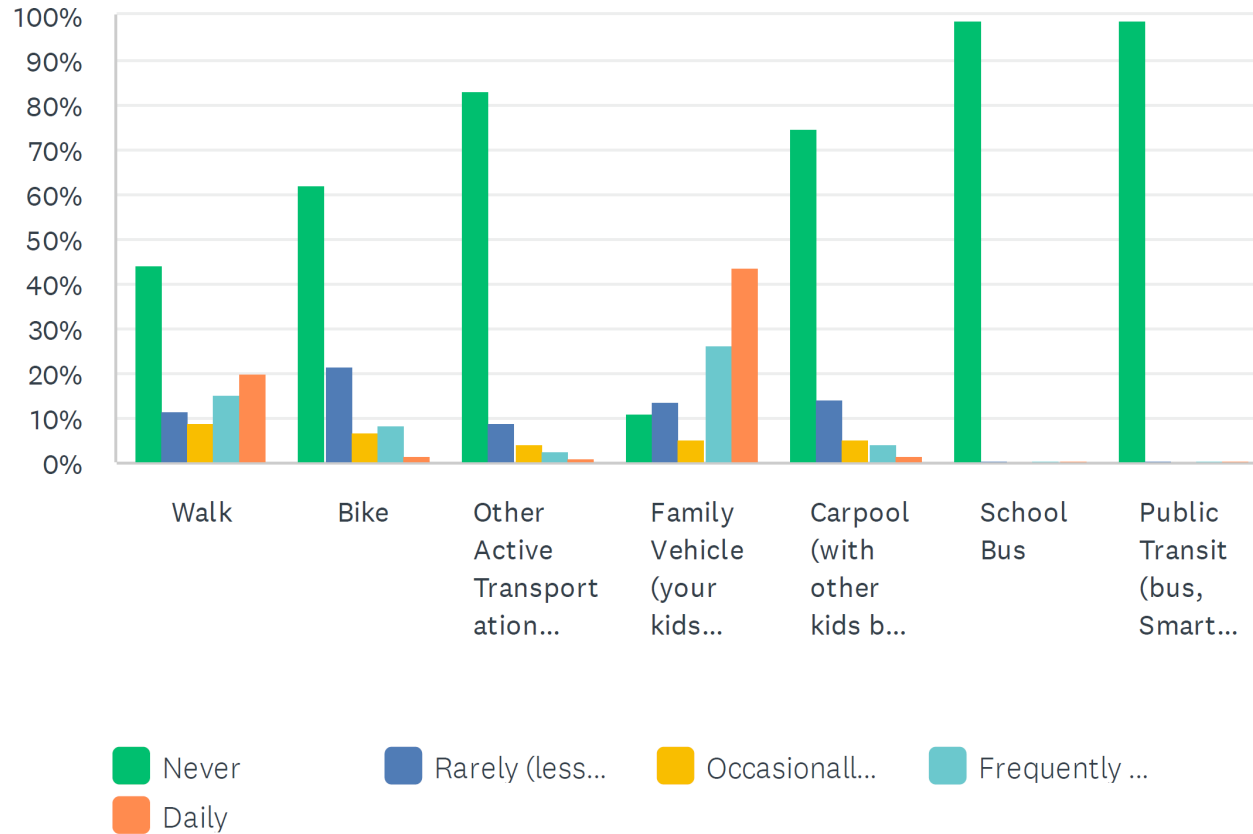
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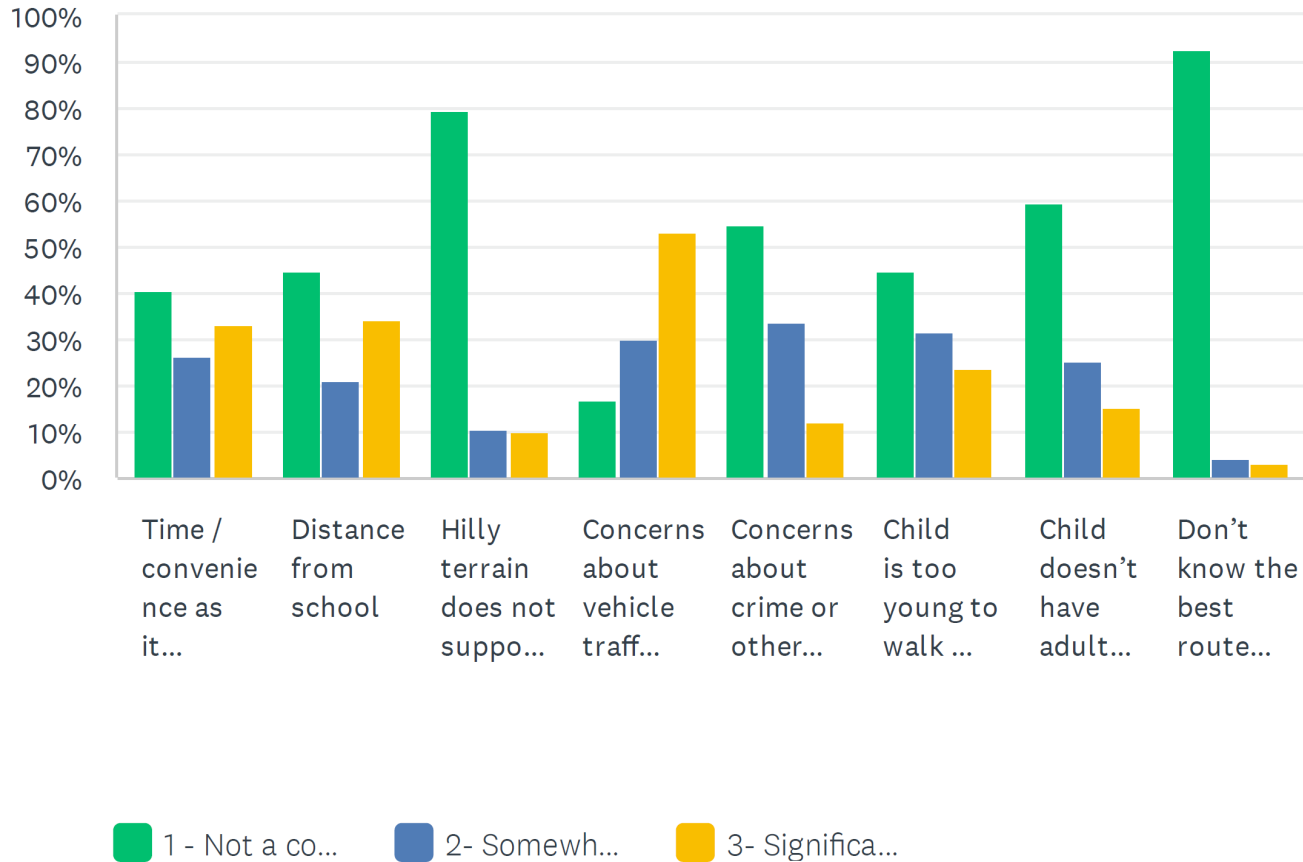
**Map Data**

# SPRING 2023 PARENT SURVEY



- 461 Petaluma Responses (444 Eng/17 Span)
- 70% of respondents drive kids to school in single family vehicles frequently (44% daily)
- 20% walk daily
- 1.7% bicycle daily, 8% frequently

# BARRIERS TO WALKING TO SCHOOL

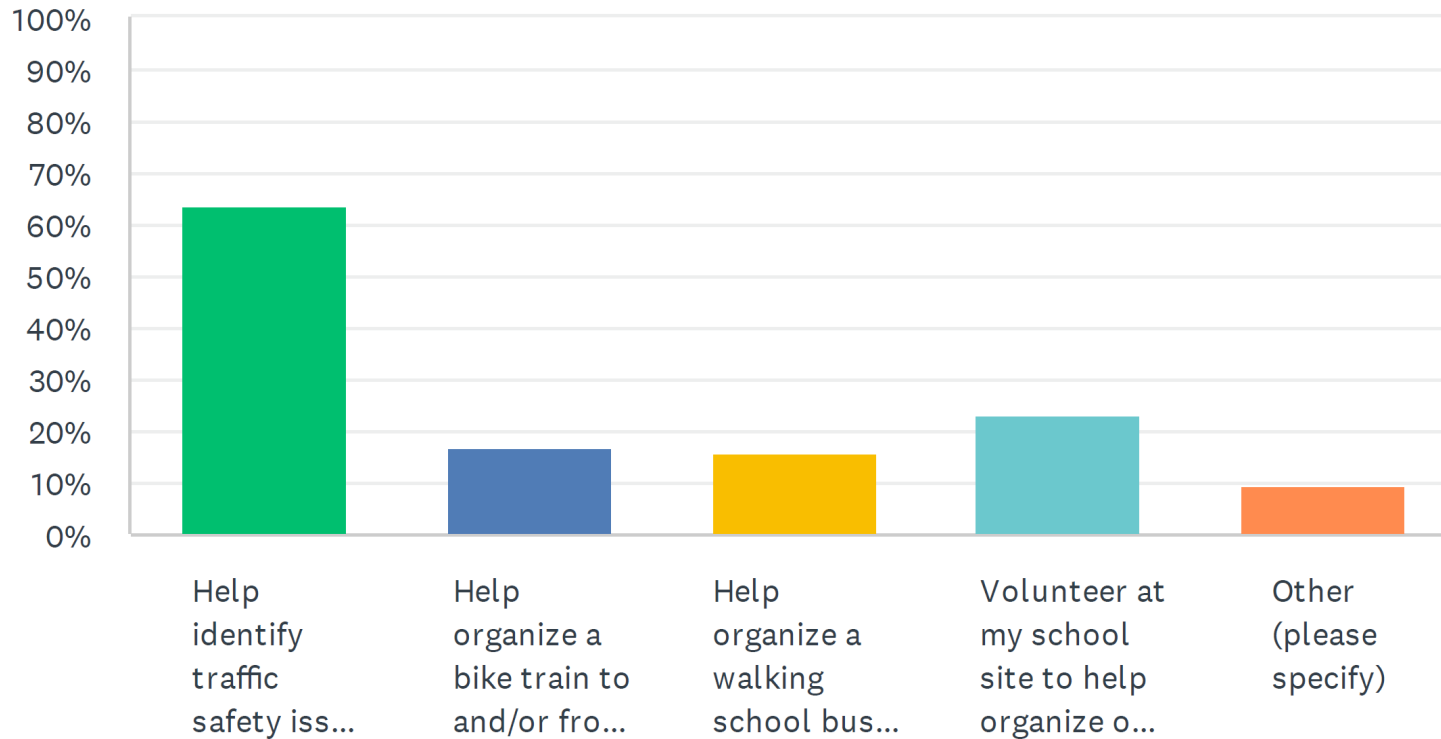


~53% respondents stated concerns about vehicle traffic (busy roads, unsafe crossings, distracted drivers, absence of infrastructure) as a significant concern/barrier to walking to school, 30% as somewhat of a concern

# OTHER PARENT SURVEY TAKEAWAYS

- ~85 % of parents agree that walking and bicycling is important for their child's health
- 72% had participated in a Walk/Roll to School Day event
- 73% of parents wish walking and bicycling is something they did more often
- Top reason why parents said they would walk/bike with their family or would consider it was **“Walking and Bicycling encourages an active, healthy lifestyle”**.

# PARENT INTEREST IN SRTS



- Help Identify Traffic Safety Issues at schools: 63 parents
- Help Organize a Bike Train to and/or from School: 24 parents
- Help organize a Walking School Bus to/from School: 16 parents
- Volunteer at my School site to organize or support SRTS: 31 parents



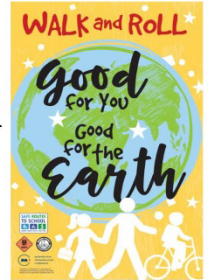
# PROGRAM SERVICES

- Walk, Bike & Carpool to School Encouragement Support
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bicycle “Rodeos”
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bike/Ped Safety Lessons
- Middle School Bike Safety/Skill Lessons & Youth Engagement
- Community Education/Outreach/Facilitation
- Learn to Ride, Family Bike Workshops, Bike Camp & Rides, Bikemobile

## **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.sonomasaferroutes.org](http://www.sonomasaferroutes.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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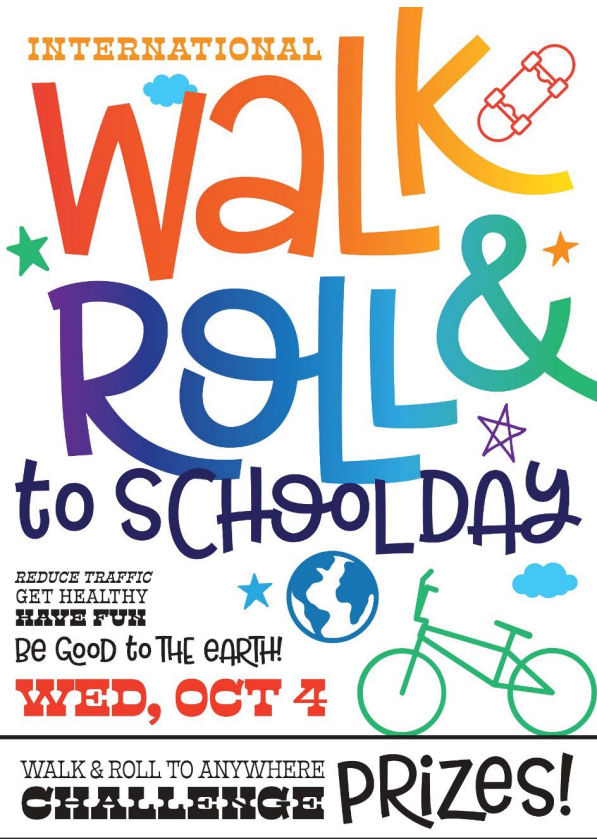


This project is supported by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's One Bay Area Grant Program and Go Sonoma/Measure M Transportation Tax.

# SRTS EDUCATION SERVICES AUG-OCT 2023

2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Ped Safety Lessons	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bike Basics Lessons	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bike Rodeo	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mapping/Communication	Learn to Rides
Valley Vista (8.25, 9/1)	Valley Vista (8.25, 9/1)	Meadow (10/2)	Valley Vista (8.25, 9/1)	8/16
Meadow (8/22, 8/29)	Miwok (8/23, 8/30)	Valley Vista (10/6)	McNear (9/21, 9/28)	9/13
Penngrove (8/28, 9/11)	Meadow (8.24, 8/31)	Miwok (10/13)	Corona Creek 10/16, 10/23)	10/11
Miwok (9/21, 9/28)	Corona Creek (9/19, 9/26)	Corona Creek (10/26)	Meadow (10/18, 10/25)	
Corona Creek (10/16, 10/23)	Mcnear (9/21, 9/28)	McNear (10/27)		

# INT'NL WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY - OCT



SCHOOL	Event #/Total in attendance	Percentage
Grant	not reported	
Loma Vista	179/443	40%
McDowell	137/277	49%
McKinley/PACS	119/336	32%
McNear	177/290	61%
Meadow	186/362	51%
Miwok	125/282	44%
Petaluma Junior	26/435*	6%
Sonoma Mountain	291/441	66%
The Spring Hill	24/66	36%
Valley Vista	41/179	23%
TOTAL	1305/3141	42%

\*likely under-reported

Mary Collins at Cherry Valley & Penngrove to celebrate 10/25

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Int'l

# WALK & ROLL

To SCHOOL & anywhere

OCTOBER CHALLENGE



## WALK & ROLL ANYWHERE CHALLENGE

EVERY DAY, CIRCLE THE WAY(S) YOU TRAVELED: WALK, BIKE, SCOOT OR SKATE



At the end of the month, count up how many symbols you circled and record the number below. Then write a one sentence statement about why it's good for you or the earth to walk and roll!



WALK AND ROLL IS...

\_\_\_\_\_

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Entries may be submitted via email at [saferroutes@bikesonoma.org](mailto:saferroutes@bikesonoma.org) or mailed to SRTS, PO Box 3088, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Entries must be received by Friday, November 3, 2023.



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FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ROOM TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_



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25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	

[sonomasaferroutes.org](http://sonomasaferroutes.org)  
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 @sonomacountysaferroutes



# RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY - NOV 14TH

CELEBRATE RUBY BRIDGES

# Walk to School Day

NOVEMBER

With SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

**WALK & LEARN** CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

**BINGO CHALLENGE** Win a \$25 gift CARD TO A LOCAL BIPOC-OWNED BUSINESS

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL RUBY BRIDGES Walk to School Day

**BE SAFE, BE SEEN**

### BINGO CHALLENGE

Complete for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a local BIPOC-owned business!

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME ROOM TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

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Listen to "Walk to School Like Ruby Did" Song	Check out a book about Ruby from your local library	Learn how you can be visible at night while walking & rolling	Participate in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day	Write a letter of thanks or acknowledgment to Ruby
Draw a picture of Ruby walking to school	Take a photo of something you wear while walking to school in winter	Learn more about Ruby with these flash cards	Learn about Brown vs. Board of Education	Staying warm and seen is important! Make your favorite cold weather drink (like hot cocoa) with your family.
November 5th set your guard or teacher about Ruby's story	Talk to your parent/guardian or teacher about Ruby's story		Complete the Walking Safely Coloring Sheet	Follow along with the story of Ruby Bridges
Review safe driving tips with your guardian, so they can be safe, aware drivers	Make a poster with a public service announcement about safe walking and being a safe, aware driver.	Create a Walk & Roll winter outfit using bright colors and reflectors	Watch a video about Ruby	With an adult, practice creating a marked crosswalk safety: look left, right, left and all around, wait for drivers to stop, keep holding as you walk across
Draw a picture of you walking or rolling to school	Create an acrostic poem with the word R-U-B-Y	Watch the Video Pedestrian Safety Journey (Choose the version for you: age group)	Walk or Roll to School like Ruby	Write a paragraph about what you can do to make the world a better place for all races and ethnicities

- Registered:
- Cinnabar
  - Corona Creek
  - Grant
  - Loma Vista
  - McDowell
  - McKinley
  - McNear
  - Meadow
  - Miwok
  - Penngrove

RUBY BRIDGES Walk to School Day

WALK & LEARN CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

# TUESDAY NOV 14TH

# FALL 2023 COMMUNITY/FAMILY EDUCATION

Learn to Ride a Bike for Kids Classes with Petaluma Parks & Rec

Family Bicycle Workshop



## FAMILY BICYCLING LESSONS

IN PERSON, ON-BIKE LESSONS

Learn to Ride  
a Bike — for Kids

Wednesdays in  
Petaluma

Summer/Fall 2023 Dates:  
8/16, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8

For rates & registration, visit  
[cityofpetaluma.org](http://cityofpetaluma.org)



FAMILY  
BIKE  
WORKSHOP

FREE!

IN PERSON!

Lucchesi Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH  
10am–12:30pm

Pre-Registration Required

[www.bikesonoma.org/family-bike-workshops](http://www.bikesonoma.org/family-bike-workshops)

FREE  
HELMETS!

My Drive - Google Drive | Petaluma\_SRTS Sites - Google Sheets

docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14pTBprQ5Ws0Nt\_hFqh9FaotooTEqvqrdeHZM2HvujM/edit#gid=1314211161

Petaluma\_SRTS Sites

PETALUMA SCHOOLS - COUNTY SRTS PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT 2023-24

	A	B	C	D	E	G	U	V	W	X
1	PETALUMA SCHOOLS - COUNTY SRTS PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT 2023-24							<a href="http://www.sonomasaferroutes.org">www.sonomasaferroutes.org</a>		
2	SCHOOL	Jurisdiction	SRTS Staff lead	District	Grades	International Walk & Roll to School Day (Oct)	Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day (Nov)	Other walk/roll encouragement efforts	Bike to School Day (May)	2nd OR 3rd Grade Ped Safety Lesson Date(s)
3	Casa Grande High School	City	Christina	Petaluma City	9-12	no				
4	Cinnabar Elementary & Charter School	County		Petaluma City	K-8					
5	Corona Creek	City	Christina	Waugh Union	Tk-6	yes	yes	holds monthly walk and roll events on 1st Wednesday, school staff & student council leads, shares challenges monthly.		10/16, 10/23
6	Dunham Elementary & Charter School	County		Dunham	K-6					
7	Grant Elementary	City	Christina	Petaluma City	Tk-6	yes	yes	yes, TBD		yes, date TBD
8	Kenilworth Junior High School	City	Christina	Petaluma City	7-8	no	no	no	no	
9	La Tercera Elementary	City		Old Adobe	K-6					

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# MIWOK VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

Old Adobe Union School District

## Sonoma County Safe Routes to School Program 2022-23 School Snapshot




SRTS School Since: Fall 2012


Principal: Mary Reynolds

Champion: Mary Reynolds

% of Student Population Using Active Green Transportation on Int'l W/R to School Day: 47%



SONOMA COUNTY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL



Pre-Bike to School Day: 5 bikes

On-Bike to School Day: 3 bikes

Student Travel Modes	Active Green Trips	Green Trips
Fall 2022	33%	49%
Parent Surveys	# of School Responses	# of District Responses
Spring 2023	20	43

\*Active Green Trips = walk, bike, scoot, skate; Green Trips = Active plus carpool, bus

### Encouragement Activities

- Int'l Walk and Roll to School Day
- Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
- Bike To School Day
- Monthly Walk/Roll Days (4/4)
- Golden Sneaker Award
- Monthly Challenges rec'd (0/8)
- Walking School Bus
- Bike Train
- Youth Engagement (student involvement with activities)

### Education Activities

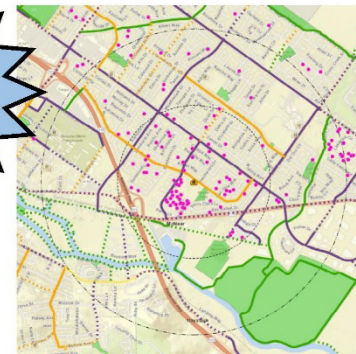
- 2nd/3rd Gr Ped Safety Lessons
- 4th Gr Bike Basics Lessons
- 4th Gr Bike Rodeo
- 5th Gr Communications/Mapping Lessons
- Whole-School Assembly

### Community Engagement

- Bikemobile Visit
- Champion Meetings (3/3)
- Family Bike Workshop/Ride
- Outreach at School Event
- Parent Presentation (PTA)
- Staff Presentation

GIS Student Address Map

- 38% live within a 1/4 mile
- 51% live within a 1/2 mile
- 63% live within 1 mile
- 84% live within 2 miles



Note: Grayed out activities did not take place at site during 22-23 school year





# SRTS EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS

## BIKE SAFETY TIPS

### WEAR *your* HELMET

Protect your brain — wear a helmet! It's the law. Make sure your helmet fits snugly and is firmly buckled under your chin.

### FOLLOW *the* RULES

Ride on the right, in the direction of traffic. Obey all road signs and traffic signals as if you were a car. When you come to a driveway or intersection, you should **STOP**, look **LEFT**, look **RIGHT**, then look **LEFT** again to make sure no cars are coming. Only proceed when you know it's safe. **WALK** your bike in a crosswalk.

### Be PREDICTABLE

Do what drivers expect you to do. Use hand signals and yield to pedestrians. Ride single file to allow faster traffic to pass. Pass slower traffic on the left, ringing a bell. Ride in a straight line (don't swerve) three feet away from parked cars (door zone). Look and listen to what is around you.



### RIDING *on* SIDEWALKS

Sidewalk laws are made by local governments, so check with your town to see if it's allowed. If it's permitted, make sure you ride safely and are careful of people walking. Decide as a family or group if you will ride on the street or the sidewalk.

### Be VISIBLE

Wear bright-colored clothing so you are easier to see. Wear something reflective if riding at night, and make sure your bike has working lights and reflectors.

### LOCK *your* BIKE

When you get to school, lock your bike to a bike rack on school grounds. Lock both your front wheel and the bike frame to the rack.

### Additional TIPS

When and where you ride is something you should discuss with your parents or guardians.

Any time you are not comfortable with the traffic situation, you can always get off your bike and walk with it on the sidewalk.



## WALKING SAFETY TIPS

### DRESS *to be* SEEN

Wear bright colored clothing or reflective gear if it is dark. Bright colors are more visible during the day and light colors are more visible in the evening and night.

### USE SIDEWALKS *when available*

Walk facing oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.

### WALK *with* OTHERS

Walk with an adult, other students, or a buddy.

### CROSS *at* CORNERS

Cross at corners or at a marked crosswalk. This is where drivers expect you. Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street. At a four-way intersection, look over your shoulder for cars that may be turning.

### LISTEN *for* ONCOMING CARS

Listen for oncoming cars that may be behind a parked car, tree, or other obstacle.



### FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Follow directions from crossing guards and safety patrols.

### Use CROSSING SIGNALS *carefully*

Stop at the curb or edge of the street. Push the button and wait for the walk signal, look left, right, left behind you and in front of you for traffic. Wait until no car is coming and then begin crossing.

### Use EYE CONTACT

Use eye contact and hand signals to communicate before crossing. Don't assume drivers see you.



### CROSSWALK *Reminders*



**STOP**  
at the curb



**LOOK**  
left, right and behind you



**MAKE EYE CONTACT**  
with drivers



**CROSS**  
with heads up and looking around



# DRIVER AWARENESS FOR SAFE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

## CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES to IMPROVE SAFETY and AIR QUALITY

- ★ Walk or bike as often as you can.
- ★ Drop off or pick up your child a quarter to half mile from school, a 5-10 minute walk.
- ★ Carpool. Look into a ride share with friends or neighbors.
- ★ Be idle free: turn your car off if stopped for >30 seconds. Leaving the car running is polluting and does not save time or energy.
- ★ Leave for school 10 minutes early to avoid morning drop-off stress and congestion!



## BE AWARE *and* SHARE *the* ROAD

- ★ Slow down; follow the speed limit and caution signs, speeding is the #1 cause of all crashes.
- ★ Look out for pedestrians and cyclists everywhere, at all times. Be prepared to stop for children running across the street and in-between vehicles.
- ★ When driving in a school zone, never pass other vehicles, change lanes, or make U-Turns.
- ★ Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- ★ Driving is not the time to multi-task.
- ★ All cell phone use should be put on hold, especially when in a school zone.
- ★ Give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space or change lanes when you pass them.
- ★ Communicate intent with bicyclists and pedestrians using eye contact, etc.

## SUPPORT SAFE *and* SMOOTH DROP OFF/PICK UP

- ★ Always follow the instructions and directions provided by school personnel. Park in, or progress through, designated pick-up/drop off areas as directed.
- ★ Drop your child off on the school-side of the road; your child is safer when they do not have to cross the street.
- ★ Be extra cautious when backing up. Children are small and hard to see.
- ★ Walk in front of rather than behind a school bus, and stay 5-10 big steps away from the sides and rear, outside of the driver's blind spots.
- ★ Do not park or stop in the bicycle lane, even if it's on the street in front of your school.
- ★ Be patient, respectful and courteous to other road users. Anger and frustration can lead to careless and unsafe behavior.



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# E-BIKES ARE ELECTRIFYING THE FUTURE **WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW**

E-bikes are rapidly increasing in popularity, especially with teens as they provide increased independence. E-bikes allow children to travel further and faster, allowing steep hills to be easily climbed. Heavy school books and sports equipment are no longer an issue to transport! **One less vehicle on the road benefits all.**

## **BUT, IS YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO MANAGE THE INCREASED SPEEDS AND MANEUVERABILITY OF A HEAVY E-BIKE?**

Parents are advised to do their own research and assess their children's cycling capabilities before purchasing one. Below are some considerations to help parents make informed decisions.

**Heavy E-bikes traveling at high speeds are harder to maneuver and take longer to stop.** The average speed of a standard bicyclist is 12 mph. Type 1 & 2 ebikes can travel up to 20 mph (Type 3- 28 mph). This is a significant difference when considering the experience level of student E-bike riders.

**E-bike riders (and all cyclists) must follow the same rules as vehicles when riding on roadways.**

**(California Vehicle Code (CVC) §21230)**

## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

Safe Routes to Schools teaches students the Rules of the Road in elementary and middle schools. Their bicycle classes give students the opportunity to practice maneuvers on mock streets.

**Visit [sonomasaferroutes.org](http://sonomasaferroutes.org) to find out more.**

## **IS YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCED WITH THE FOLLOWING?**

Taking turns with vehicles at intersections after coming to a complete stop

Riding predictably WITH the flow of traffic and does not weave in and out of vehicles

Riding outside of the door zone of parked vehicles (at least 3 feet away)

Using hand signals for turning right, left and stopping, and scans before merging onto roads and changing lanes

Obeying posted speeds on pathways and giving pedestrians the right of way

Knowing how to stop abruptly and dodge obstacles without swerving into vehicle lanes

Committed to wearing a helmet and ensuring their passenger does as well (17 and under are required to do so by law)



## **RIDING CONFIDENTLY ON ROADS AND PATHWAYS TAKES PRACTICE**

Parents, or another experienced adult cyclist, are advised to ride with children to ensure they are following the rules of the road and can handle the bicycle in various road conditions. With E-bikes, this includes extra practice – riding responsibly and under control at all times, including switching between gears and speed settings.

## **TYPES OF E-BIKES**

TYPE I: 20 mph max with only pedal-assist, no throttle. These E-bikes are legal on any paved surface that a regular bike is allowed to operate

TYPE II: 20 mph max with pedal-assist and a powerful throttle function that negates the need to pedal. These E-bikes are legal on any paved surface that a regular bike is allowed to operate at the posted speed.

NOTE: Type I and Type II E-bikes don't have a minimum age restriction and are allowed on multi-use pathways

TYPE III: 28 mph max, only pedal-assist, no throttle. This type is a tier below true motorcycles and mopeds. Riders must be 16 or older and wear a helmet. They are prohibited from multi-use paths unless otherwise specified.

## **E-SCOOTER LAWS**

California's law permits anyone OVER the age of 16, who has a learner's permit or license, to operate an E-scooter

E-scooter riders must know traffic laws, because they must share the road with vehicles

Users can ride in bike lanes on the road if the posted speed limit is 25 mph or slower

California law prohibits riding E-scooters on sidewalks and pathways unless marked otherwise



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