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as of 2-28-2020
February is the month of love. Let's show our love by encouraging our students to walk to school in honor of Black History and Heart Month. To promote a healthy heart, and commemorate the civil rights activists that marched to fight racial segregation and discrimination.

Remember to fast forward your clocks an hour on March 8th, Daylight Savings!

Organizing Pick-up at Schools
The Efficiency of Students, Parents, and Teachers Working Together

Daniel Webster recently implemented a new pick-up system that keeps traffic to a minimum and gets their students picked-up within 15 minutes! The system has built a stronger community within the school through their common goals of keeping the students safe and mitigating traffic around the school.
SRTS Workshop Series

Our workshops are a hit! Thank you to all that attended our Leveraging Community Resources workshop in January and Applying for SRTS Infrastructure in the beginning of February. We heard from many great speakers to understand the importance of SRTS, how simple actions can change a community, and we learned about grant opportunities.

Leveraging Community Resources for SRTS
January 15, 2020

Applying For SRTS Infrastructure Funding
February 5, 2020
Martin Elementary Students Meet Ruby Bridges

Students from Martin Elementary School traveled to Sacramento to meet Ruby Bridges, a civil rights icon on January 25th, at an MLK Jr. Celebration Dinner. Ruby Bridges opened the event by sharing memories of her past. She shared that her innocence, as a child, protected her and did not understanding racism and oppression. Ruby was excited when she learned about Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day and pledged to be involved in 2020.

Click here to view the news article
Mark Fenton led successful, educational walk audits last year and we are bringing him back! Join us for our upcoming walk audits at schools in South San Francisco, Pacifica, and El Granada. Join us in addressing traffic safety issues in the areas surrounding the schools, and learn about easy changes/projects you can bring back to your community.

Spruce Elementary School  
March 16th, 8-10:30AM  
501 Spruce Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080  
https://spruce-walkaudit.eventbrite.com

Sunshine Gardens Elementary School  
March 16th, 1-3PM  
1200 Miller Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080  
https://sg-walkaudit.eventbrite.com

Martin Elementary School  
March 17th, 8-10:30AM  
35 School St, South San Francisco, CA 94080  
https://martin-walkaudit.eventbrite.com

Sunset Ridge School  
March 17th, 1-3PM  
340 Inverness Dr, Pacifica, CA 94044  
https://sr-walkaudit.eventbrite.com

El Granada Elementary School
Walk/Roll to School on Earth Day!

Another walk to school day is approaching, Earth Day on April 22nd! Click here to request for posters and incentives for your school/school district. The deadline to order is March 5th.

Safe Routes In All Weather Photo Contest
Do you or your family and friends walk and roll in rain, shine, sun, and snow? Show us how you get around when the weather is gloomy, gray, gusty, or just great! The Safe Routes Partnership invites you to submit your photo to the Safe Routes in All Weather photo contest. **Deadline to enter is February 28th.**

Prizes will be awarded to three winners. In each category, one winner will receive a $50 gift card. See more information about the categories and criteria below.

All photos submitted to the Safe Routes in All Weather photo contest will be made publicly available in a shared online photo album with photo attribution, so you and your organization can use and feature them to promote Safe Routes all year round. **All photo entries must include signed waivers for each individual who appears in the photo. See more information below.**

One prize will be awarded in each of the following categories. One photo may be submitted per entrant per category.

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**Walk and Roll to School Poster Contest**
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San Mateo County Safe Routes to School is hosting a contest to help design the 2023 Walk & Roll to School Day poster. Students in all grade levels are encouraged to submit original artwork that shares the positive impacts of walking to school. Entries must be created by individual students, small groups or classrooms. The winning entries will be used to print posters that will be shared with schools across the county to promote this annual event.

Entry Rules and Guidelines:
- All entries must be an 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper and must be original artwork.
- Please do not use final paper.
- All words must be spelled correctly, English or Spanish.
- Please indicate name, grade, room number, and teacher’s name on the back of the submission.
- Entries should focus on one or more of the following themes:
  - Walking and bicycling to school is safe
  - Walking and bicycling to school is fun

Submissions must be received by March 24th and can be mailed to Ruth Wallace_SRTS or drop them off at our office, 101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City.

Please see flyer for poster contest details.

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Parent Surveys Approaching Due Date

Have you been promoting the Parent Survey? Don’t forget to remind parents to fill out the SRTS parent survey. It will be closing on March 27th. This data is good information for both SRTS and your school to understand how your students are traveling.

**English Blurb about Survey:**
Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback allows us to adjust Safe Routes to School (SRTS) education and encouragement program features to best meet the needs of each individual school. Your feedback will be shared with decision makers throughout the county who can address infrastructure issues regarding safe walking and biking. This survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

**LINK TO ENGLISH SURVEY** - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1920_English](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1920_English)

**Spanish Blurb about Survey:**
Gracias por tomarse el tiempo para completar esta encuesta. Sus comentarios nos permiten ajustar las características del programa de educación e incentivo de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela (SRTS) para satisfacer mejor las necesidades de cada escuela individual. Sus comentarios se compartirán con los responsables por tomar decisiones en todo el condado, quienes pueden abordar los problemas de infraestructura relacionados con caminar y andar en bicicleta de manera segura. Esta encuesta tomará aproximadamente 5 minutos para completar.

**LINK TO SPANISH SURVEY** - [https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/1920_Spanish](https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/1920_Spanish)
Please email Theresa Vallez-Kelly, tvkelly@smcoe.org, to request paper copies and/or to find out how many parents from your school have filled out the survey so far.

YES Conference 2020
March 28, 2020
9AM-3PM
at El Camino High School in South San Francisco

Don't miss this amazing opportunity in our own backyard!

Click here to learn more about the conference!
YES
Youth for the Environment & Sustainability

CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020, 9AM-3PM
El Camino High School, 1320 Mission Rd.
South San Francisco (across from SSF BART station)

Registration, call for speakers, information at sparetheairyouth.org

Join us! Take action for OUR future
• Share ideas, solutions and projects
• Organize for climate action!
• Enjoy free food and giveaways
• Make new friends & have fun!

The Conference is open to middle school and high school students from the nine Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

This is a free event. Students are required to have their parents' permission to attend. The YES Conference is sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Spare the Air Youth Program is a joint-program of the Air District and MTC.
A correctly functioning seat post should be easy to slide up and down with one hand. If there are positions where it gets stuck, please do the following to check if you need a replacement bolt.

1. **Check which bolt you have**: Check if the anti-rotate bolt behind the seat post is a domed button-head type. We’ve found that this design of bolt can cause issues with sliding performance. Even if your seat post is sliding fine, Rock the Bike would like to send you the replacement.

2. **Deal with existing scratches**: Check for scratching and burrs around the groove on the back of the seat post. You may notice that the seat post gets stuck as it slides into the frame in specific areas where the seat post is heavily marked or scratched.

3. **Chatter**: Seat Post chatters when sliding down and needs precise manual guidance in order to slide; especially when the seat is extended to a higher number, like 9 or 10.

For more information and to contact Rock the Bike for your replacement, click here.