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Dear Safe Routes to School Partners, Coordinators, Educators, and Friends:

We are entering our third week on Story Time with Safe Routes to School! So far, we've visited popular fairy tales and learned about stranger safety, and traveled through Ghana by bicycle with Emmanuel Yeboah. This week, we will be revisiting a chapter from Jason Reynolds' [Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks](#).

Look Both Ways is inspired by and takes place in a middle school. Each chapter is a vignette that explores students' lives and their walks to/from school. Chapter 2, "The Low Cuts Strike Again", explores the lives of a group of friends known as The Low Cuts as they embark on an after-school mission for candy and ice cream. They are brought together by the shared experience of having a parent with cancer and the financial hardship that this has caused their families. Although the chapter doesn't discuss in-depth the realities of having a parent with cancer, it is a topic that young readers may struggle with and if you have a young reader attending this week, we encourage parents or trusted adults to sit-in for this week's Story Time. As usual, we will begin and end Story Time with activities, games, and music!

Sign up using this link: [https://smcoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUof-2ppj4pHddiv3B2ZXCK1K\\_I-CM4RnYc](https://smcoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUof-2ppj4pHddiv3B2ZXCK1K_I-CM4RnYc)

We look forward to having you join us at 1:00 pm tomorrow!

Warmly,  
Theresa, Vanessa, and Sonia  
The SMCOE Safe Routes to School Team

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