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Jean Callison Elementary School to Launch Three Walking School Buses

- WHO:** Jean Callison Elementary School, 6261 Vanden Road, Vacaville, CA
- WHAT:** Three Walking School Buses led by school staff before and after school
- WHEN:** Walking School Buses begin on the first day of school, **Thursday, August 14, 2014** and will run Monday through Friday, rain or shine!
- WHERE:** 3 routes starting at the following "bus stop" locations: 1. Nelson Park, 2. Scottsdale Dr./Woodridge Dr. (Alamo Creek Bridge), 3. Normandy Meadows Park
- WHY:** Traffic safety issues have been an ongoing issue at Callison Elementary. To address this, the school parking lot will be closed during student drop-off and pick-up times. To accommodate parents and guardians who previously used the parking lot, Principal Cathy Bozzini is implementing a Walking School Bus program at the school with the help of the Safe Routes to School program. The Walking School Buses provide a safe and healthy car-free alternative for parents to get their children to and from school. School staff members will be at each "bus stop" to lead students to and from school at designated times. In addition to reducing cars around the school zone, students will get a chance to socialize with their friends and get some exercise in before starting the school day!
- HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** We are calling on all parents and guardians of children attending Callison Elementary to be part of the traffic solution! Children can be dropped off and picked up at these "bus stops" at the following times:

Walking School Bus Locations		Drop off times	After School Pick up
1.	Nelson Park (on Marshall Rd.)	8:05 am	3:10 pm
2.	Scottsdale Dr./Woodridge Dr. (Alamo Creek Bridge)	8:05 am*	3:10 pm
		8:20 am	
3.	Normandy Meadows Park (on Meadowlark Dr.)	8:05 am*	3:10 pm
		8:20 am	
		*arrives for school breakfast	

SOLANO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) in Solano County is a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in partnership with Solano County Public Health. The program was launched in 2008, with an aim to increase the number of students that walk, bike, rideshare or take transit to and from school and supports these activities with educational events throughout the year. There are substantial benefits to increasing active transportation to and from school including improving students' health and well-being plus reducing both air pollution and traffic congestion.

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