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Keep Students Safe & Healthy this Year with the SR2S Program!

SUISUN CITY, CA - The Solano County Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program team welcomes you back to school and is excited to be working again with schools across Solano County. During the 2015/16 school year, 58 schools and 17,000 students took part in the program. The goal of the SR2S program is simply to increase the number of students walking and bicycling to school. The program works with schools to teach students how to walk and ride in a safe manner, slow traffic near schools and reduce congestion and air pollution in school drop-off zones. And these efforts help to increase and promote physical activity for students before and after school.

"I am proud of the positive impact Solano's SR2S program has in our communities since it began in 2008," said Rio Vista Mayor and Solano Transportation Authority Board Chair Norman Richardson. "Every school district takes part in the program – I hope we can get every school to join in for our kids' safety and health."

Check out several of our FREE programs and activities that can be customized to meet the needs of your school. Here are ways to get involved this year:

International Walk to School Day – Wednesday, October 5, 2016

On October 5th, students, families, school and community partners, and mayors across the county and around the world will bring light to safety concerns, celebrate the benefits of walking, and mark a special occasion - the 20th celebration of Walk to School Day!

Walking School Bus

A Walking School Bus is an organized group of students who walk to and from school with adult supervision and offer a solution to alleviate traffic around schools by encouraging children to walk instead of being driven. SR2S staff will assist those interested in starting up a Walking School Bus at your school!

Walk & Roll Wednesdays

Ask your school to take the next step! Host Walk & Roll Wednesdays once per quarter, one a month or even once a week. Create competitions among classrooms to encourage participation. SR2S staff is available to assist you in planning these fun days and have prizes and incentives available for participating.

Helmet Fitting and Education Program

Your school could schedule a free 30-45 minute event for up to 30 students who have an economic need for a safety helmet. Students are gathered in groups of 4-6 and are provided with proper helmet fitting and education.

For more information or ways we can help promote health and safety in your school, contact the SR2S Program at 707-399-3222 or solanoSR2Sinfo@sta.ca.gov.

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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