



WHAT'S BEING SAID ABOUT WALK TO SCHOOL!

From coordinators:

🔊 “An observation was made by the principal that at 8:10 am there were no cars in the drive through in front of the school, which normally is bumper to bumper on school days.”

– Cynthia Krause, Whittier (Ocean View Elementary PTA)

🔊 “It was the most wonderful, enlightening, social day we had ever experienced.”

– Monique Imperial, Whittier (La Colima PTA)

🔊 “We like the camaraderie that develops between the families who are walking – they get to see other families who they might not know live in their neighborhoods. We also liked the reduced “drop off” traffic in the morning.”

– Valerie McNamara, Tustin (Tustin Ranch Elementary PTA)

🔊 “Very successful event. Lots of school and parent involvement – it was great fun! We actually had several schools participate, and we expect many more next year.”

– Karen McNamara, Tustin (Tustin Ranch Elementary PTA)

🔊 “Not walking to school is a missed opportunity to spend with parents, children and friends, to get to know your neighborhood and to teach children safe walking and bicycling skills that will benefit them for years to come.”

– Audrey Lord-Hausmann, Chairperson of Pedestrian Friendly Alameda

🔊 “We reduced the number of cars at drop-off, from approximately 160 to 34!”

– Rosalind Hamar, Mill Valley (Marin Horizon School)

🔊 “We will use walk-day checklists to pressure our town to increase safety along the main routes to school.”

– Malcolm Clark, Los Altos (parent of Bullis Purissima Elementary student)

🔊 “Walk to School is very festive, with community-building activities. It’s also a great way to get people who don’t normally walk or bike to school to see that it’s not that difficult.”

– LaNae Avra, Los Altos (Montclair Safe Routes to School Program)

From news articles:

🔍 “By emphasizing Walk to School we’re not only emphasizing safety for walking but we’re also emphasizing a healthy diet for the body and the mind. And as we go through this we are teaching and modeling for kids the important part of their life that will help them.”

– Jan Steed (principal at Haight Elementary), Alameda Sun

🔍 “The bike racks were just overflowing, and many parents either rode or walked with their children. It was really a fun event and my perception is that they were having a ball.”

– Sue Cawdrey – The Ark (Tiburon, CA)

🔍 “It is important for parents to teach their children to cross a street only when it is safe, even when they are using a pedestrian crosswalk.”

– Linda Velazquez, Californian Newspaper (County Director of Family and Community Services, and Acting Health Officer, Monterey County)

🔍 “This year we’re bringing Walk to School activities directly into the classrooms to emphasize that the benefits of walking don’t end when the school bell rings.” “We’re trying to raise consciousness and this is the month to jump in.”

– Tom Ven Demark, Oakland Tribune, (Oakland Pedestrian Safety Project)

🔍 “We shouldn’t pollute that much. Humans aren’t the only things here... Why should humans pollute all the plants and animals?”

– Galen Jones(4th grader), Palo Alto Daily News

🔍 “... I urge teachers, parents and students across the Golden State to recognize the importance of physical fitness by walking to school. Community members can help by identifying pedestrian safety issues and advocating environmental and policy changes to create more walk-friendly neighborhoods. Together, we can ensure that children are able to lead healthy, active lifestyles.”

– Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Walk to School Week Proclamation

