

# NEWSLETTER

Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Safe Routes To School



## WALKING AND ROLLING FALL

Fall marks the beginning of the start of school and this year, the beginning of SR2S in Los Gatos. Students and families were greeted "Right from the Start" on the first day of school with Walk and Roll Maps and bright red wristbands to encourage the healthy habits. Schools reported few cars in the parking lots, bike racks full and more pedestrian than could be counted. The fun continued during the 8th Annual Walk and Bike to School Week. Schools raffled prizes, held grade level competitions, and organized bike rodeos to show students that walking and biking to school is fun. All this encouragement and education is helping to reduce traffic around Town.

## A YEAR OF BIG STEPS

It's been a year of taking big steps to move Safe Routes to School forward in our community. Looking to establish sustainability, the Town of Los Gatos, Los Gatos Union School District, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District and Hillbrook School converted the long standing Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School (LG-MS SR2S) into a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. These committed founding entities contributed start-up funding and leadership. If you are interested in supporting LG-MS SR2S contact [lgsr2s@gmail.com](mailto:lgsr2s@gmail.com)

## SR2S CALENDER

Community Outreach Meeting  
November 8, 2017

Holiday Walk and Roll  
December 11-15, 2015

Cool to Carpool to School  
February 12-16, 2018



# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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## *RIDING AT THE RODEO*

This fall LG-MS SR2S supported bike rodeos at Daves Ave., Van Meter and Blossom Hill, providing bike safety and skills education to over 300 students in grades 3 and 4. These lucky students are not only building life long healthy habits and developing independence.



## *LEARNING THE LESSONS OF THE ROAD*

The kindergartners at Blossom Hill participated in the Kinder Kids Pedestrian Skills learning how to safely walk to school. These new Honey Bees are ready to walk and roll.

## *ALTA VISTA COUGARS ARE WALKING AND ROLLING*

Alta Vista Elementary joined SR2S to celebrate Walk and Bike to School Week with balloons, colorful posters and a raffle of exciting prizes. Crowds of students and families walked and biked to school all week. Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners and all who discovered a new way to get to school.





**WHEELIN' GOOD FUN AT FISHER**  
Students who biked to school received a yummy treat and the chance to race "big wheels" through a crazy racecourse at lunch.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BIKE SKILLS CLASS = SUCCESS

On October 20, 10 6th grade students and their parents participated in a bike skills class designed to give them on the road experience. The students reviewed rules before taking to the roads around RJ Fisher Middle School. Parents also learned the importance of helping students safely navigate their way to school. This class was taught by WheelKids and offered in partnership with LG-MS SR2S, Los Gatos Recreation. If you are interested in future classes, please contact [lgsr2s@gmail.com](mailto:lgsr2s@gmail.com).



# OTHER STUFF



## SOS CHAMPIONS - CREATING A CARING AND SAFE COMMUNITY

LG-MS SR2S is striving to create SOS Zones (Safety for Our Students Zone) around all schools in our community. Pledge to practice safe driving and help create a safe community for everyone. Interested in signing a contract, [CLICK HERE](#) to sign the contract online and receive your magnet. Want a paper version? Contact [lgsr2s@gmail.com](mailto:lgsr2s@gmail.com) for more information.

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