

FOOTNOTES

The Newsletter of Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Safe Routes To School



YUMMY REWARD FOR RIDING TO SCHOOL

Los Gatos High School student cyclists were treated to a donut breakfast on Bike 2 School Day, May 9th. Hungry riders headed to class with full tummies and smiles. SR2S sponsored the surprise breakfast to say thank you to those who ride consistently. Students were appreciative of the acknowledgement and hope to see more events like this in the future. SR2S Volunteer, Kim Vrijen, noted that "These kids are making a difference in our community by riding every day." SR2S thinks so too and is looking to expand the effort to acknowledge those students who walk or skateboard to school.

BAY AREA BIKE TO WORK DAY IN LOS GATOS

Those riding along Blossom Hill Road on May 10th were greeted by a Bike to Work Day Energizer Station in front of Vasona Park. The Town of Los Gatos Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission sponsored the station which also received staffing support from Los Gatos Morning Rotary. Cyclists could grab a quick bite and a bag of goodies from the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. Students traveling to R.J. Fisher Middle School stopped to fuel up on juice and muffins along with community members heading to work. Many planned their trip to connect with the Energizer Station. Los Gatos Union School District office staff also biked to work that day to support the efforts. In fact, many biked the day before to support Bike 2 School Day at our school sites.

SR2S CALENDER

May 23, 2018 – Community Outreach Meeting

August 16, 2018 – First Day of School: SR2S Community Meet & Greet

September 24-28, 2018 – Walk & Bike 2 School Week



ROAD SIGNS

5 YEARS OF HELMET EDUCATION

SR2S celebrates the 5th year of its Helmet Educators Program. The Helmet Educators are a small group of dedicated middle school students who provide important helmet fitting presentations to the 3rd and 4th grade students in our community.

Each fall, SR2S trains the 60+ students in the Leadership Program at RJ Fisher Middle School. From that group, a small team of students step forward to receive additional training in presenting the material to the elementary classes. Over the past 5 years, these young leaders have presented to over 1000 students in the community.

In addition, these students have helped SR2S staff with outreach to 100+ community members at the Town of Los Gatos Spring Into Green Event celebrating Earth Day. Thank you to the all the student leaders who have made a difference in our community.



First Helmet Presentation 2013



Helmet Presentation 2018

HELP MOVE S32S FORWARD

Interested in helping to support SR2S. We welcome all volunteers and support. Check out the list of opportunities and get involved.

Website Development

Fundraising

Event Planning

Marketing and Branding

Need more information? Contact Karen Briones, Executive Director, at lgsr2s@gmail.com

MANY THANKS

The following generously sponsored our events during the year. Thanks for keeping SR2S moving in the community.

Alain Pinel Realtors

Yogurt & Love Los Gatos

Blossom Hill Home and School Club

Daves Ave. Home and School Club

Lexington Home and School Club

Van Meter Home and School Club

Fisher Home and School Club

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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

INTRODUCING ZIPPY

SR2S has a new friend to help encourage walking, biking, skating and scootering in the community. Introducing our new mascot, Zippy. Elementary students had the opportunity to meet Zippy at Spring into Green and vote on his name. We think Zippy is a wonderful new advocate of our youth. Zippy is busy planning for the next year. Be on the lookout when school starts.



RIDING UP AT LEXINGTON

4th and 5th graders were riding around Lexington during the annual bike rodeo. Volunteers led stations to teach how to properly signal for turns, navigate intersections, and watch for traffic in driveways. The new skills will be helpful for those who ride during the summer months. 5th grader will use them as they transition to middle school.

SR2S SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

One of the goals of SR2S is to have a positive impact on the lives of the youth in our community. We value the input and creativity from our youth to help develop and grow our programs to build a collaborative community that helps students gain independence and develop healthy habits through active and alternative transportation. The Summer Internship Program allows for high school students to contribute their talents while gaining experience working for a small non-profit. This internship is unpaid, but Summer Interns gain valuable references to add to their impressive resumes and receive community service hours for their time. Need more information or want to apply, contact lgsr2s@gmail.com or call 408-335-2008.