



National Bike to School 2017

Safe Routes to Schools – For the Joy of It

What:

Marin County's Safe Routes to Schools program will celebrate the 5th anniversary of National Bike to School Day at 40 K-12 schools on Wednesday morning, May 10th. With recent climate and science marches, one might surmise that families are pedaling away the carbon and pollution to address climate change and children's health. But, the reason children give as to why they ride is simple – it's fun! Bike to School Day is an opportunity to lighten our load – reduce our footprint, yes! Yet it's so much more; it gives families a chance to shred away stress, to play while traveling to school through the simple joy of riding a bike.

Who:

Thankfully, the weather's shifted gears in time for a growing number of students to join in the cycling celebration at schools throughout Marin, including some newly participating high schools. Bike trains led by principals and parents will amass the streets and pathways. Our extensive volunteer parents will welcome students at every school with colorful bike pins and treats to celebrate the community of cyclists.

Why:

Bike to School Day is a chance for fair weather riders to gear up for cycling with experienced friends, neighbors, brothers and sisters. A bike train and a ride marked with celebratory fun, can set in motion a healthy habit for life. The long term goal of Safe Routes to Schools is to switch students from going to school by car to an active mode of transportation which wakes up the brain for learning and contributes to an active lifestyle long-term.

What's Going to Happen:

Photo Ops.

Schools will host various kinds of celebrations: (7:30am -9:00 am)

- **A morning bike train of more than 100 kids and parents, joined by councilmember Stephanie Moulton Peters, from Old Mill Elementary start riding to school at 8:00 a.m. from the Depot Bookstore in Mill Valley located at 87 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley. A motorcycle escort will lead the way**
- Tam and Redwood High School students will be hosting breakfast for cyclists in the front of their schools.
- Over 500 students will be walking and biking to Mill Valley Middle School where 24 student council members will be handing out treats with a sound system blasting music.
- Bacich - will host a morning breakfast from Rustic Bakery to welcome family cyclists to school.

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