



Traffic Safety Times

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A newsletter for the Mississauga School Walking Routes Program

Celebrating Walking And Rolling

This spring, schools across Mississauga participated in the [School Walking Routes Program](#) and the [School Streets Pilot Project](#). Take a look at some of the fun ways they are building a culture of walking and rolling to school!

Spotlight: Edenrose

In April, Edenrose PS kicked off their weekly "Walking Wednesdays" with a celebratory **launch event**, with pencils and prizes for students who walked and rolled to school or the bus stop. Later that month, families came together to take part in a **Community Walk** along School Walking Routes in their community. In May, students participated in a **Bike Rodeo**. Keep up the great work, Edenrose!



A Traffic Safety Council member hands a pencil to a student, and a City staff member poses with the school mascot, at the launch event at Edenrose PS.



Spotlight: Canadian Martyrs

Canadian Martyrs CS celebrated the arrival of spring with a **launch event** in April to promote walking and rolling to school. In June, students participated in a **Bike Rodeo**, where they practiced bike control, balance, hand signals and learned about helmet safety. Way to go, Canadian Martyrs!



Students at Canadian Martyrs CS listen to instructions during their Bike Rodeo, coordinated by the City and supported by officers from Peel Children's Safety Village.

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Did you know? June is Bike Month. See if you can find these bike-themed words!

- BIKE • CHAIN • FUN • WHEEL • BELL • ROUTE •
- HELMET • SIGNAL • BIKE RACK • BALANCE •

School Streets pilot project

Three schools in the City took part in Mississauga's [School Streets Pilot Project](#) for three weeks this May. School Streets create - temporary car-free environment in front of a school during drop-off and/or pick-up times. This creates safe, community-friendly spaces for people walking and cycling to school, and makes space on the road that is normally reserved for cars into space for families and neighbours to meet, mingle and play.

Spotlight: Hillside

Hillside Public School staff and students are active school travel superstars! To get ready for the pilot, students created videos and posters and helped run a **launch event** to promote walking and rolling to school. Grade 8 students planned and led daily activities on the street for their peers during the pilot. Students enjoyed the activities, and families (and even some staff!) enjoyed a unique, car-free experience walking and cycling to school. Amazing work Hillside!

Spotlight: St. Alfred and Brian W. Fleming

St. Alfred Separate School and Brian W. Fleming Public School are walking and rolling schools! Staff from these two neighbouring schools took the lead on planning fun and engaging activities along their shared street to promote getting active after school. Lots of community volunteers helped to distribute healthy snacks and lead activities every day while the road was closed. Environmental education was provided by the City's Stormwater department, and there was even a photo opportunity with Mayor Bonnie Crombie!






Left: Students at Hillside PS enjoy activities in the street organized by Grade 8 students, while the road was closed for the last half hour of the school day. Above and right: At the St Alfred and Brian W. Fleming School Street, volunteers and Councillor Fonseca pose with Mayor Bonnie Crombie; students enjoy open streets for the journey home; and environmental education for families after school.



How can we do more to promote active school travel?

If you are receiving this newsletter, your school is already part of Mississauga's School Walking Routes program. Here are just a few ideas to relaunch your program next fall:

-  Have a **Launch Event** with fanfare, contests and prizes for students to walk or roll to school
-  Hand out and stamp **Frequent Walker Cards**; students who reach a goal number of walks to school get added to the **Super Walker Wall of Fame** (inspired by the Superwalker program at Plum Tree Park PS)
-  Give out **Routes to School Planner maps** to help families plan an active route to school, including driving partway for families who live too far to walk all the way from home

Visit our [School Walking Routes program webpage](#) for ideas, or reach out to us directly to inquire about free resources and programming available for your school. Happy walking and rolling!