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Halloween Edition 2021



Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is right around the corner! The SMCOE Safe Routes to School team wants to remind everyone to be safe when Trick-or-Treating. Click the image below for a downloadable version of our Halloween Safety Flyer in English and Spanish



COVID + Halloween



As COVID continues to spread, it is still important to keep Trick-or-Treating and other Halloween festivities safe. It is encouraged to make face masks part of the costume! Ideally, wear disposable surgical-style masks or masks with multiple breathable layers of fabric that covers the mouth and nose snugly. Keep in mind, it is not safe to paint over masks since some paints contain toxins. Also, it is not advised to wear costume masks over a COVID face masks because it can make breathing more difficult.

San Mateo County will be hosting a webinar discussing public health strategies in schools, community COVID-19 transmission rates, and vaccinations for youth. [To attend the webinar and find the RVSP link, click here to see the flyer.](#)

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

2021 Take a Hike Challenge

There's about 2 months left until it's 2022, let's get outside before the year ends!

The Take a Hike Challenge consists of seven different hiking routes that introduces you to the beauty of Northern California's local ecology. Special rewards are available for those who complete the challenge. [Click here to learn more about the Take a Hike Challenge.](#)

Don't forget to hashtag **#takeahikechallenge** when uploading photos on social media.

Check out this view from San Bruno Mountain, one of the featured destinations of the Take a Hike Challenge!



Reimagine SamTrans

Participate in the Reimagine SamTrans Project



SamTrans is beginning their third and final phase of outreach and they want to hear from you. Reimagine SamTrans is working on improving bus routes throughout the system. The goals for the new bus system is to prioritize equity, improve efficiency, and expand

connections. [To learn more about the project and where to leave comments and suggestions, click here to the website.](#)

Don't Forget to Save the Date for our upcoming Walk and Roll to School Events!

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day is Wednesday, November 17, 2021!



Visit our website www.tinyurl.com/RubyBridgesWalk for the history of Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, resources, and registration.

We'd also like to add that this year's celebration is especially exciting because the California State Senate recently passed a resolution to proclaim November 14 as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day! You can view the resolution by clicking [here](#).



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