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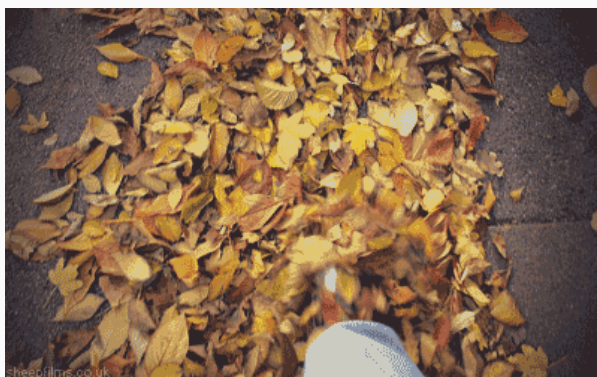
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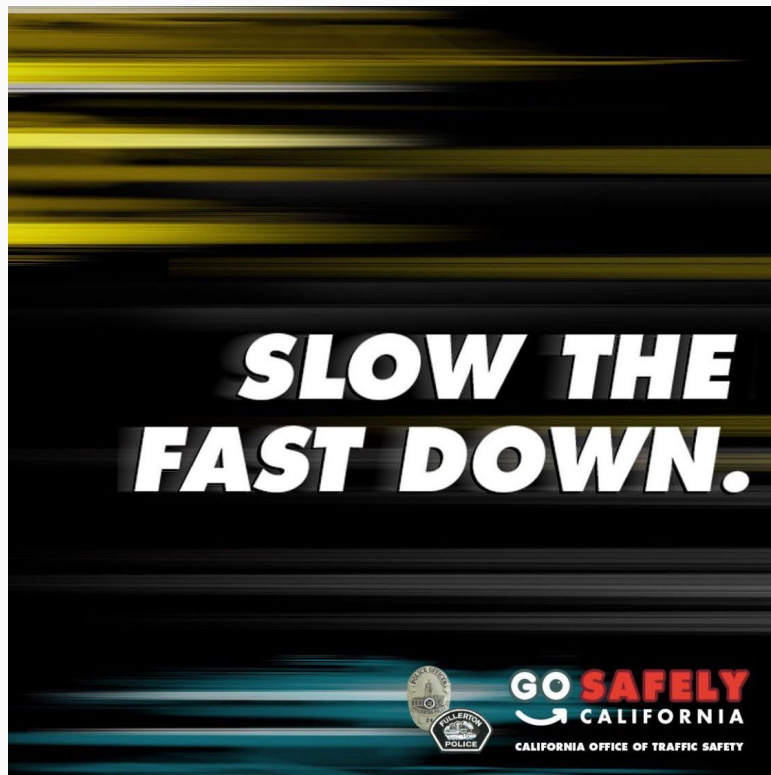


Fall is finally here! Students across San Mateo County have returned to school, and the SMCOE Safe Routes to School team would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited to see students back in school, and are even more excited to see families walking and biking to school again. Here's to a great year of rolling and strolling to school!

Pedestrian Safety Month

Pedestrian Safety Month is celebrated in September (although for many of us, every month is Pedestrian Safety Month), and the SMCOE Safe Routes to Schools team has partnered with the California Office of Traffic Safety to create useful [lesson plans and resources](#) to encourage and support safe active transportation to and from school year-round.

Find tips for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers on [Go Safely California's website](#).



The 6th Annual SRTS Summit Recap

The 6th annual Safe Routes to School Summit was on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, and it was definitely one for the books! Topics included positive community norms, stages of change and motivational interviewing, and one mother's personal journey to becoming a helmet safety advocate. The summit also featured an *Eat and Greet* session with the approved Safe Routes to School vendors.

Did you miss this year's summit?

The presentations, links, a recording of the summit, and a table of contents for the recording can be found [HERE](#).



2021 SMC SRTS Summit

Announcing the International Walk to School Day Poster Contest Winners



Thank you to all the students who submitted their creative and original artwork! We received over 100 amazing entries for this contest, and enjoyed going through all the submissions. You can view and download all **6 winning entries** by clicking [here](#).

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

International Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 6, 2021!



Registration is now open.

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](#).

San Mateo Walks to Transit Survey



Do you walk? Do you take transit? The City of San Mateo needs your feedback and expertise! The City wants to hear how to improve your walk to and from the City's Caltrain stations and bus stops. Visit [San Mateo Walks to Transit](#) to share ideas, take the survey, and get updates on the San Mateo Walks to Transit project! The survey closes on October

15th.

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




A Halloween-themed safety poster with a purple background. At the top left is a large orange crescent moon. The title 'Halloween Safety Tips' is in white. Below it are two columns: 'DO'S' and 'DON'TS'. The 'DO'S' column has five pumpkin icons next to tips. The 'DON'TS' column has three lollipop icons next to tips. On the right is an illustration of a haunted house with a path leading to it, and at the bottom are three ghosts, one holding a flashlight and another a basket of candy. In the bottom right corner is a logo for 'San Mateo County SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL' with the tagline 'Healthy Kids • Green Communities • Safe Journeys'.

Halloween Safety Tips

DO'S

-  Wear bright colored costumes with reflective material
-  Always carry a flashlight
-  Use traffic signals and crosswalks and always look around
-  When driving in residential areas, slow down and be extra cautious
-  Trick-or-treat in groups

DON'TS

-  No running and pushing others who are trick-or-treating
-  Do not eat any candy until an adult checks it
-  Don't get distracted with your toys, talking to others, or any electronic devices



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San Mateo County Parks Take a Hike Challenge



Looking for a fun, family-friendly way to get to know your local parks? Try the 2021 Take a Hike Challenge! San Mateo County Parks has selected seven hiking routes to introduce you to the variety and beauty of your local parks. A special reward is available for those who complete the #2021TakeAHikeChallenge. Ready to participate? Visit the [San Mateo County Parks website](#) for more details.

Take A Day Trip With SamTrans



Have you tried riding with SamTrans? Try taking a day trip using their [Youth Interactive Map](#) with fun destinations accessible through SamTrans services!

Opting for public transit is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and is a fun way to get to know some local destinations in San Mateo County. For fares, rider information, and route planning help, visit the [SamTrans website](#).



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