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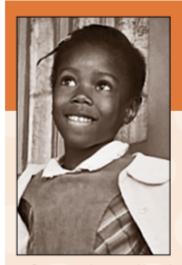
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## Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day (RBWTSD) Poster Contest

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day (RBWTSD) is on Monday, November 14! There are A LOT of cool promotional items for your school(s)!

Poster contest submissions are due **October 25** More information about the contest is below.



## Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Poster Contest

Students of all grade levels are encouraged to submit their original artwork inspired by **Ruby Bridges**, the six year old who became a symbol of courage, bravery, and social justice during the civil rights movement.

Posters may include one or more of the following themes:

- Ruby Walks for All Students
- Diversity and Inclusion in All Schools
- Walk to School Like Ruby Did
- Walk for Justice and Equity

Posters can be created by individual students, small groups, or classrooms. Winning entries will be made into posters and shared with schools countywide to promote **Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day** in November! Learn more about Ruby Bridges and Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day at www.tinyurl.com/rubybridgeswalk

### **Deadline for Entries: October 25**



View or print the Spanish and English version of the flyer.

### History of Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

On November 14, 1960, at the tender age of six, Ruby Bridges became one of the first African American students to integrate into an elementary school in the South. Her simple but

courageous act of showing up for school each day played an important part in the civil rights movement.

In May 2018, a group of fifth graders from Martin Elementary School in South San Francisco, California, learned about Ruby and asked their school board to pass a resolution making November 14 Ruby Bridges Day. The San Mateo County Office of Education Safe Routes to School team met with the students about making it a walk to school day and invited them to present this proposal to the San Mateo County Board of Education.

A resolution was passed endorsing November 14 as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in San Mateo County. The Safe Routes to School team invited other schools to join the Martin students in honoring Ruby's courage by celebrating this walk to school day. Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day has grown exponentially since the first walk was held in 2018.

# Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Grants (RBWTSD), in Partnership with AAA

In January 2021, with the help of Northern California AAA, the Ruby Bridges Foundation joined the movement and began to expand RBWTSD as a national initiative and in September 2021, the California State Senate passed a resolution recognizing November 14th as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in the state of California!

This year Northern California AAA is, once again, offering grants to schools to support their RBWTSD efforts AND <u>if you sign your school up on the Norcal AAA Ruby Bridges web page</u>, you will get a cool toolkit that includes an additional banner, pins, beanies, and other cool items.

### **Free Crossing Guard Training Classes**

The Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) is offering free virtual trainings for anyone interested in supporting crossing guards in their community or looking to train new crossing guards. Workshops are set up in a "Train-the-Trainer" format meant to give attendees the skills and background to instruct new crossing guards, encouraging standardized practices, and increasing familiarity with traffic safety rules and regulations.

All sessions are held online. Upcoming workshops are on October 27, November 3, and November 10. Spanish language interpretation will be available during the November 10 session. To sign up, <u>visit the ATRC website</u>.

#### Halloween

Halloween is right around the corner! The SMCOE Safe Routes to School team wants to remind everyone to be safe while Trick-or-Treating.

#### Download a Spanish/English Halloween safety tip flier here.



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### **October Is National Pedestrian Safety Month**

In partnership with Safe Routes to School and the California Office of Traffic Safety, we remind families to review the following tips to improve the safety of students walking to/from school and on school grounds.

#### Drivers

- Do not speed and be sure to slow down at intersections!
- Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks.
- Stay off the phone when behind the wheel.
- Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
- Never drive impaired.

#### Pedestrians

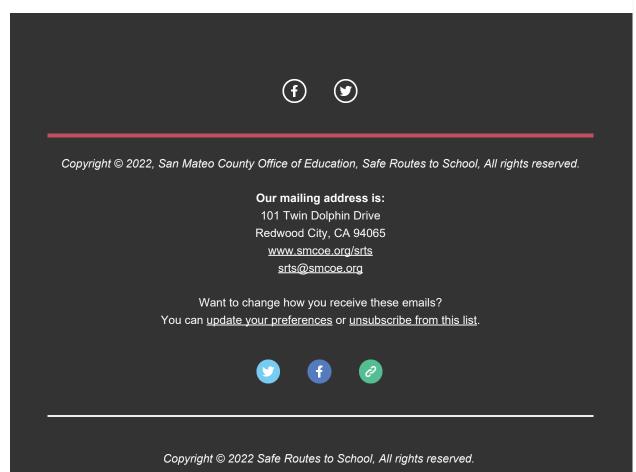
• Be predictable. Use signalized crosswalks where drivers anticipate foot traffic.

- Put phones, headphones, and devices down when crossing the street.
- Watch for approaching vehicles and practice care when crossing the street. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to stop.
- Make it easier for drivers to see you at night wear light colors, reflective material, and use a flashlight.
- Be careful crossing streets, entering crosswalks at night, and on busier streets with higher speed limits.

Download this document to get safety tips and videos in both Spanish and English.

To get a Slow the Fast Down banner, click here.





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