

Ohio Safe Routes to School

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As communities who are committed to Safe Routes to School and Healthy Communities, we have some information we thought might be beneficial to you.

ODOT releases applications for next funding round for Safe Routes to School. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible applicants who have ODOT approved School Travel Plans, have developed their SRTS program and show a demonstrated need for funding to implement portions of the plan. The program serves students in grades k-8. Applicants may also apply for funds to develop their School Travel Plan. www.dot.state.oh.us/saferoutes



October is Walk to School Month:

International Walk to School Month brings together students, parents, school officials, and community leaders to walk or bicycle to school together. Now in its thirteenth year, Walk to School Day continues to inspire community-based events to celebrate health, safety and a sense of community.

52 events have been registered for Ohio this year, to learn more about the event, and register your own, please visit the website at: <http://www.walktoschool.org/index.cfm>

Crash Statistics:

ODOT has updated crash statistics around schools, please visit the website to check out your community: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/TransSysDev/ProgramMgt/Projects/SafeRoutes/Pages/SchoolCrashStatistics.aspx>

Safe Routes to School information online:

Tricia Kovacs recently made me aware of the following publications:

Bicycle Safety, What Every Parent Should Know

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/HSY7753.pdf>

Do you make these 8 common bicycling mistakes?

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/HSY7706.pdf>

National Center for Safe Routes to School Announces 34 Fall 2010 Mini-grant Recipients including: Tallmadge and Sanderson Elementary Schools (Lancaster, Ohio) http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/news_room/2010-06-01_mini-grant_recipients_announced.cfm

American School Bus Council National Estimates:

ASBC estimates the number of school buses in the U.S. to be	480,000
Total mileage for all buses	5,760,000,000
Average fuel use per school bus per year (gallons)	1,714
Total fuel used by all school buses per year (gallons)	822,857,143

(source: <http://www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org/>)

Editorial in the Dayton Daily News about SRTS

http://www.daytondailynews.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/dayton/opinion/entries/2010/09/08/editorial_kids_who_walk_to_sch.html?cxtype=feedbot

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(Top Photo: Overlook Elementary, Wadsworth City Schools Walk to School Day, 2009)

