

NODDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As many of you may already know, Noddin has been working with the city of San Jose's Transportation Department to ready for students being able to ride their bicycles to school. We will have the following safety opportunities in the next week leading up to the donated bicycle racks that are scheduled to arrive sometime mid to end of October.

Students will have three separate opportunities to learn about bike riding and safety. Therefore, on the following days and times, students will be properly inducted and instructed on bicycle safety and use.

- **October 8-** Thursday from 1:00-2:30- The city will send representatives out to Noddin to provide free helmets to students in need. Parent volunteers will write the student's name in the helmet.
- **October 9-** Friday – Street Smart Safety Assembly-Bike & Pedestrian Assembly- Grades 1-3 12:55-1:35 and grades 4-5 1:45-2:30 in the cafeteria
- **October 10-** Saturday- During the Walk-A-Thon we will have the city representatives present a "Bike Roadeo" from 9:00-2:00 and train students to properly ride and care for their bicycles and street safety tips. Students may ride their bicycles to school after the Saturday, October 10, 2009 Walk-A-Thon event and after the donated racks are installed.

Noddin will also institute the following safety rules:

BICYCLE RULES

1. Students in Grades 4 - 5 may ride bikes/scooters to Noddin School, but must have signed parent permission to do so. **Students younger than 4th grade may ride to school when accompanied by an adult.** We also recommend students ride to school with an adult or with other students. Contracts will be available once we have the bicycle rack(s) installed.
2. Bike riders **MUST** wear safety helmets for their own protection when riding bikes to school.
3. Bikers should be courteous and considerate of pedestrians. Pedestrians always have the right of way.
4. Bicycles **must be walked** on sidewalks around the school and inside the school grounds. We have a **NO WHEELS** rule inside the school grounds, meaning no bikes, skateboards, scooters or other wheels may be ridden on campus grounds.
5. Bicycles must be parked and **locked with a lock furnished from home** in a bicycle rack.
6. Standing or playing near the bike rack area is not permitted.
7. No motorized bicycles or skateboards are to be ridden to school. Motorized bicycles are not allowed on the school grounds at any time.
8. Bicycles and scooters may not be ridden between the school buildings or down the hallways at any time.
9. Bicyclists must walk their bikes across the street at designated cross walks and adhere to Safety Patrol guidelines.



This is an exciting opportunity for our community and I know that we will all work together to ensure that our students are safe.

Partners in Your Child's Education,

Robin Jones