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Resource Center News: Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is November 16-20

The South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center is proud to sponsor South Carolina Crossing Guard Appreciation Week November 16 - 20, 2015. Schools and communities are encouraged to use this week-long celebration to recognize the role that crossing guards play in helping keep our students safe as they walk and bicycle to school! Check out our website [here](#) to find ways to appreciate your Crossing Guard.

Let your Crossing Guard know how much he/she is appreciated by submitting a nomination [here](#) as an "Outstanding Crossing Guard".



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

From our State Coordinator:

Thank you all for another successful International Walk to School Day! South Carolina had more than 330 registered events!

I'm so excited to see the continued interest and support for International Walk to School Day and the Safe Routes to School Resource Center.

For those of you who have already held your Iwalk event or rescheduling your event due to the weather ordeal and its subsequent aftermath, we want

Upcoming Event: School Bus Safety Week and Halloween Safety

Almost every student will ride in a school bus at least once this school year! Whether it's to school, on a field trip or to an after school care program, it's important to go over school bus safety!

National School Bus Safety Week is October 19-23, 2015. Here are some ideas to help celebrate:

- Incorporate NHTSA's **Bus Safety Lessons** into PE class. Click here to download the lessons for grades [K-1](#), [2-3](#), and [4-5](#).
- Watch school **bus safety videos** in class or play them on your morning announcements.

National School Bus Safety Week provides an opportunity to discuss getting to school safely with your students who ride the bus! Contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) with questions or for assistance.

Halloween is also around the corner! Make sure to share [Halloween Safety Tips](#) with students and parents. You can also use this [Halloween Safety Info graphic](#), created by Safe Kids, in your newsletters and on your school bulletin boards!

Partner Highlight: iWalk Event Highlights! Share Your Story!

Upstate: Summit Drive Elementary (Greenville) planned a Park and Walk event for students and families. The school had walkers meet at the Northgate Baptist Church and walk 0.3 miles to school. On hand to help celebrate iWalk were Greenville City Councilwoman Amy Ryberg Doyle, representatives from the Greenville

to hear how it went! Click here to complete our [event survey](#) and give us your feedback on your experience. Also, enter our International Walk to School Day Photo Contest by emailing your favorite photo from your event, along with a brief event description to your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) by **October 30th**. Photo entries will be uploaded to our [Facebook page](#) on November 2nd and the photo with the most Facebook likes at 5pm on Friday, November 6th will win a SRTS prize basket!

Because of the disastrous flooding throughout the state, many school districts were closed on Wednesday, October 7th. If your school was unable to host an event on October 7th, please let your School Outreach Coordinator know of your rescheduled event. We encourage all schools to celebrate throughout the month of October! SCDOT has been working diligently on repairing damages to roads and bridges caused by the storm.

Learning Opportunity: Webinar: How to Develop a SRTS Travel Plan

Ready to take your SRTS program to the next level? Looking for that extra edge when applying for funding? Join us Thursday, October 29th from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Police Department, Wade Hampton High School cheerleaders, Furman's University band members, and Safe Kids Upstate. The school even arranged for bus riders to be dropped off at this location! In preparation for the event, the school also had Safety Patrol students read pedestrian safety tips on the morning news announcements and the school's SRTS Champion taught pedestrian safety lessons during PE class.

Midlands: Douglas Elementary, in Trenton co-hosted their Walk AT School event with Safe Kids Lakelands. Following morning announcements, kindergarten, first and second grade students participated in three different pedestrian safety stations. The entire school also participated by walking laps around the school throughout the school day. Parents were encouraged to participate by walking with their student at their assigned walking time!

Lowcountry: Moultrie Middle School has a number of student-walkers daily. So, it only stands to reason that iWalk would be a special day for the student walkers. Around 250 students will meet at the Starbucks where drinks have been pre-ordered with the help of the school. Starbucks has created a special drink for students, the "Patriot Frappacino," that is a healthy, low-fat, no caffeine option. After paying for their drink, the students will meet outside and prepare to walk. What a fun way to celebrate International Walk to School Day!

Do you have a story to share? Enter our Photo Contest by emailing a photo of your event, along with an event description, to your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) by Friday, October 30th!

Grant Opportunity: Smart Growth America

Each year, Smart Growth America makes a

as we discuss comprehensive SRTS travel plans. We'll cover the benefits of comprehensive SRTS travel plans, the process for developing them, and the support available from the SRTS Resource Center, including the Resource Center's new [Travel Plan Toolbox](#). [Click here](#) to register.

Spotlight on a Friend: National Physical Activity Plan Alliance

Our community friend at the National Physical Activity Plan Alliance is asking for everyone's support of the new [Step It Up! Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities](#). On September 9th, the United States Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthey launched [Step It UP!](#), calling on Americans to make walking a part of their daily activity and to take steps to make their community walk friendly. From this call to action, America Walks and the Every Body Walk! Collaborative announced new micro grants to assist local walking advocates. This is a one-time award up to \$2500 for 10-15 community groups to increase local walking programming and start up infrastructure improvements. Click [here](#) for the grant application. Applications due October 15, 2015.

limited number of technical assistance workshops available to interested communities for zero cost. This competitive award gives communities a chance to understand the technical aspects of smart growth development through a one or two-day workshop.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 workshop series. Communities can apply for one of 12 workshop types. You can also click [here](#) to learn more.

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