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# SOUTH CAROLINA

## Resource Center Newsletter



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### 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 17-21, 2016.** 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



**Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT**

### From our State Coordinator:

Thank you all for another successful International Walk to School Day! South Carolina had more than 200 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.

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!

## Grant Opportunity: Generation Beyond Student Video Challenge

Has walking to school helped your students to have a new view on transportation? Is International Walk to School day working to change the perception of how we move through our cities and towns? If so, and you teach middle school students, this grant might be for you: [Generation Beyond Student Video Challenge](#). This challenge from Lockheed Martin and Discovery Education asks individuals or teams of middle school students to create 1-2 minute videos explaining how they would design a living module on Mars. The deadline is December 15, 2016. For more information follow this [link](#).

## Partner Highlight: iWalk Event Highlights! Share Your Story!

Upstate: Legacy Charter School celebrated International Walk to School Day a few days early with a one mile walk on Greenville's Swamp Rabbit Trail, conveniently located next to the school. In conjunction with the school's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the school brought in many community organizations to share resources with students and their families.

Midlands: Alice Drive Elementary in Sumter County has teamed up with Safe Kids Sumter to host a school wide presentation on pedestrian and bicycle safety. On the day of their event faculty members will be equipped with flashlights to greet students at designated meeting corners along the route to school. Students who participate in the event will

For those of you who have already held your iWalk event, we want 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. Photo entries will be uploaded to our [Facebook page](#) on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the photo with the most Facebook likes at 5pm on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> will win a SRTS prize basket!

Because of Hurricane Matthew, many school districts were closed on Wednesday, October 5th. If your school was unable to host an event on October 5th, please let your School Outreach Coordinator know of your rescheduled event. We encourage all schools to celebrate throughout the month of October!

## Resource Center News: Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is November 14-18

The South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center is proud to sponsor South Carolina Crossing Guard

receive incentives from Safe Kids Sumter and the Resource Center.

Lowcountry: First and foremost, we hope that everyone is safe and sound after the hurricane last week. Our thoughts are with all of the communities who are now in the midst of the recovery process. Due to Hurricane Matthew, iWalk events in the Lowcountry will have to be rescheduled. If you need help coordinating a new date, please contact Jennifer at [JenniferS@scsaferoutes.org](mailto:JenniferS@scsaferoutes.org).

**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 Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>!**

### **Spotlight on a Friend: Operation Lifesaver**

Operation Lifesaver encourages safe behaviors around railroad tracks. Railroad tracks are dangerous crossings, and students should be reminded not to use railroad tracks as sidewalks or shortcuts to and from school. Operation Lifesaver created a fun railroad safety video, "[Sly Fox and Birdie](#)" to educate students on railroad safety. Many other resources are available on their [website](#).

Appreciation Week November 14 - 18, 2016. 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".

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