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Current Event: Crossing Guard Appreciation Week

This week the South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center is proud to sponsor South Carolina Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. 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.

Crossing guards brave traffic and weather to assist students across busy roads and intersections. They serve as a safety role model for the children, and also play a vital role in reminding adults to drive safely in school zones. We received numerous nominations across the state, and we would like to thank all of the nominees for their hard work! The following individuals have been identified as Outstanding Crossing Guards based on their dedication to safety



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

From our State Coordinator:

Now that International Walk to School Day is over, are you looking for ways to keep the momentum in your SRTS program? Consider organizing a "**Turkey Trot**" walk to or at school event in November and use our [monthly flyers](#) to help spread the word at your school!

November is also American Diabetes Month, and hosting a

and close relationships with the schools they serve.

- Upstate: Sadie Gayton - Ebinport Elementary, Rock Hill
- Midlands: Bryan Winns - Midway Elementary, Lexington
- Lowcountry: Evelyn Stokes - Belle Hall Elementary, Mt. Pleasant

Partner Highlight: Winner of the iWalk Photo Contest

Thank you to everyone who submitted an iWalk photo. And thanks, too, to all who voted for their favorite International Walk to School Day [picture](#)!

With more than 100 votes cast between November 7th and November 11th, this was a tight race to name South Carolina's winner.

Congratulations to Irmo Elementary, of Irmo, for a fabulous photo capturing your International Walk to School Day event! Students at Irmo Elementary met at a local business to Walk TO School for their event. Buzzy Bee and local law enforcement escorted over 100 participants on the morning of the walk. [Click here](#) to see Irmo's Elementary photo on our Facebook page!

Resource Center News: SC iWalk Results

Way to go South Carolina! This year's International Walk to School Day (iWalk) and Walk to School Month included more than 250 schools! Each student, parent, administrator, teacher, and community member who took part in an event contributed to South Carolina's iWalk success.

Click here to [see a list of schools](#) that participated!

Spotlight on a Friend: Eat Smart Move More York County

[School Walk for Diabetes](#) will be a good way to educate students about the importance of making healthy choices and preventing diabetes.

Contact your [School Outreach Coordinator](#) for assistance planning one of these events!

Grant Opportunity: Fund for Teachers Grant

Are you a teacher with an idea about how to expand the health and safety of your students through your own journey? If so, check out the Fund for Teachers Grant which provides educators, possessing a broad vision of what it means to teach and learn, the resources needed to pursue self-designed professional learning experiences. Check out one of the two webinars on the details of the grant [here](#) or see an overview of the grant [here](#).

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Eat Smart Move More York County has worked with the Resource Center to identify opportunities in the county for new partnerships and continued encouragement of bike and pedestrian education. Throughout the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the coalition has facilitated Resource Center partnership with Hunter Street Elementary in York School District 1 as well as connecting schools, including Sullivan Middle School in Rock Hill, with bike and pedestrian safety presentations. One of the great advantages of partnership with the Resource Center is the opportunity to identify schools that would benefit from the many resources that we provide, from safety presentations to assistance with planning a walk or bike to school day event.

upcoming events and different funding and learning opportunities!



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