

SOUTH CAROLINA

Resource Center Newsletter



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Welcome to the first issue of the new South Carolina SRTS Resource Center Newsletter! We will publish this monthly along with special updates for statewide events. We hope you find it useful in growing your own Safe Routes to School program. We welcome your feedback at info@SCsaferoutes.org

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Resource Center News

The South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center is proud to announce that our website is up and running! Visit www.SCsaferoutes.org now!

This website is full of **free**, downloadable resources that can be used to help launch and promote your Safe Routes to School Programs.

- From our site, you can register for **International Walk to School Day**. Make sure you also check out the Encouragement Resources and Promotion Resources to help you plan your International Walk to School Day events.
- If you're interested in funding opportunities, continue checking Other Funding Sources. Return

From our State Coordinator

Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT
SC DOT is thrilled to have added the SC Resource Center to our Safe Routes to School program.

Our three outreach coordinators are available to help schools, school districts, and communities throughout South Carolina to build and sustain SRTS programs.

On the Resource Center website you can find activity ideas, how-to tip sheets, evaluation tools and much more to help you get ready for International Walk to School Day and programming throughout the year.

Best of all, these services are provided by the Resource Center at **no cost** for participating schools. I hope you [sign up](#) today to become a partner and to see you on International Walk to School Day.

Happy walking and rolling . . .

International Walk to School Day
October 5th, 2011

to this page often as it will be continuously updated as new opportunities arise.

- To learn more about the SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center partnership program, see the Become a Partner page for more information and take a look at the schools that are already enrolled as partners!

The SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center is a program of the South Carolina DOT.

First Ten Schools Selected to Receive Travel Plan Assistance

Congratulations to the schools selected this semester for travel plan assistance from the Resource Center!

Over the course of the next few months they will work with a team of engineers and planners to create a plan that addresses all five areas of SRTS including education, encouragement, evaluation, enforcement and engineering.

- AC Corcoran Elementary, Charleston
- Conway Elementary, Conway
- Lewis Greenview Elementary, Columbia
- Manning Primary, Manning
- Mary H. Wright Elementary, Spartanburg
- McCracken Middle, Spartanburg
- Mellichamp Elementary, Orangeburg
- Stone Academy, Greenville
- Sterling School, Greenville
- Westview Primary, Goose Creek

September 24th Worldwide Day of Play

On September 24, Nickelodeon will be going dark in order to motivate kids to go outside and get active. Nickelodeon has partnered with the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition to encourage kids to be active for at least sixty minutes, five days per week.

September 24 is also Family Health and Fitness Day. The event's purpose is to promote family involvement in physical activity and help kids reach the goals of the Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health.

The Safe Routes to School Resource Center encourages you to participate in these events and go outside and play this month! [Find out more](#) on our website.

Every October, schools all over the world participate in International Walk to School Day. It is a great way for parents, students, school personnel and other community members to directly experience the trip to school on foot as they walk and bike with students that day.

More than 100 schools have already signed up for Walk to School Day!

Last year, South Carolina was one of the top six states for participation in the US. This year we're hoping to break into the top three.

[Register your event](#)

National Center Mini-Grant October 19, 2011

The National Center for Safe Routes to School is currently accepting applications for mini-grants to help support SRTS initiatives.

Mini-grants fund activities that range from the nuts and bolts that help start or sustain a program to new ideas that explore the range of benefits of safe walking and bicycling. The mini-grant activities should occur between January 1, 2012, and the end of the Spring 2012 semester.

[Click here](#) for more information about the National Center's mini-grant program.

Our Partner Schools

Congrats to our first 75 participating school partners!

We are excited to have you on board and be working with you on Safe Routes to School.

[Click here](#) to find out who our bronze, silver and gold partners are.



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