



**Calgary Board
of Education**

Collingwood School

Bike to School Day Wednesday, June 5

(Rain Date is Thursday, June 6)

Grade 1-5 students* and their parents are invited to participate in “Bike to School Day” on June 5th. The purpose of this event is to encourage active, healthy living. Several Collingwood teachers will be riding their bikes to school on June 5 as a part of Bike to School Day. We will be meeting at **7:15 am** at the Rosemont Community Association parking lot (2807 10 Street NW) in Confederation Park. Participating teachers, students and parents will ride as a large group through Confederation Park on city bike paths then on residential streets to the school. The total riding distance is 3.1 km.

Participating students should be confident riders, as our route will involve steep hills, passing parked cars and intersecting residential roads.

Please see the attached map at the bottom of this message for our meeting location and bike route. We will be riding single file with a teacher at the front and the back of the group. Note that our route differs slightly from the map as from the community association we go directly into Confederation Park.

Students must be accompanied by a parent on a bike if they are planning to ride with our group both from Confederation Park to the school in the morning and back to Confederation Park at the end of the school day.

*. Kindergarten students or those who are more unsteady on a bicycle could choose to participate using a Trail-a-Bike. PM Kindergarten students who would like to be part of the end of day ride with their parents are also welcome to participate using a trail-a bike. To model safety for students, all participating parents and students are asked to wear an appropriate bicycle helmet. We anticipate that we will arrive at school by 7:45 am and all bicycles will be stored in the school gym. The school will also store parent bicycles in the gym on this day if necessary. Students are invited to bring a lock for their bikes. The school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to bicycles or helmets. At the end of the school day we will gather with students and parents in the gym at 2:45pm and ride together back to the Rosemont Community Association parking lot. We anticipate returning to the Community Association by 3:15pm. Some families may choose to ride directly home from school on their own. Please ensure that all participants are dressed appropriately for the weather with sunscreen, bug spray, water bottles and clips to ensure pants are not caught in bike chains. All parents planning to participate in Bike to School Day are asked to discuss bicycle traffic safety with their children.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about Bike to School Day.

If we need to postpone the event due to poor weather, an email will be sent out by 6:30 AM on June 5.

Sincerely yours,

Escuela Collingwood Bike to School Committee

