

# Mark your calendars and notice DATE CHANGE: Bike Safety Day is Coming

## April 27, 2010

Your second grader is encouraged to participate in our annual Bike Safety Program on Tuesday, April 27. The rain date has not been scheduled but we will keep you posted if it's necessary

**District 39 requires students to complete this safety program before they are allowed to ride their bikes to school.** Please plan to drop off your child's bike and helmet at school or have your child walk his/her bike to school on April 27. Make sure the bicycle is placed in a rack and locked. **All children are required to have a helmet to participate. If they do not have a helmet they will walk the course.**

The program begins with a brief talk by the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. After that the children will have their bike helmets fitted (if necessary) and participate in three different "safety stations" designed to teach the children how to look back before a left turn, how to properly enter the street from a driveway, and how to avoid obstacles while keeping control of their bicycle. This is not a test. Everyone will receive a Bike Safety Day Pledge certificate. There will be several parent volunteers who will be helping on that day. If your child does not want to participate, they can still hear the safety information and help other students at the safety stations. Training wheels are fine – in the past children have accepted classmates with training wheels. **Scooters or skateboards cannot be used.**

Be sure your child's helmet is properly fitted. Information on this is attached using the eye, ear and nose approach.

The children will receive a bicycle registration form from the Village of Wilmette. Please complete the form and bring it to the police station to register your child's bike. The police recommend registering bikes to aid in the recovery of a stolen or lost bike or to identify an injured rider.

If your child intends to ride his/her bike to school after Bike Safety Day, please plan to accompany your child along the safest route from your home, pointing out possible hazards. Remember bicycle riders should walk their bicycles on school property for the safety of all concerned. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the loss of bicycle privileges for the child.

While we focus on bike safety during the month of May, we should all be aware of its importance every day. The second grade Bike Safety Program is a great way to introduce our children to the responsibilities--and fun--of riding a bike!

Please call me with any questions.



**Remember: You need a bike, helmet and a lock!**

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