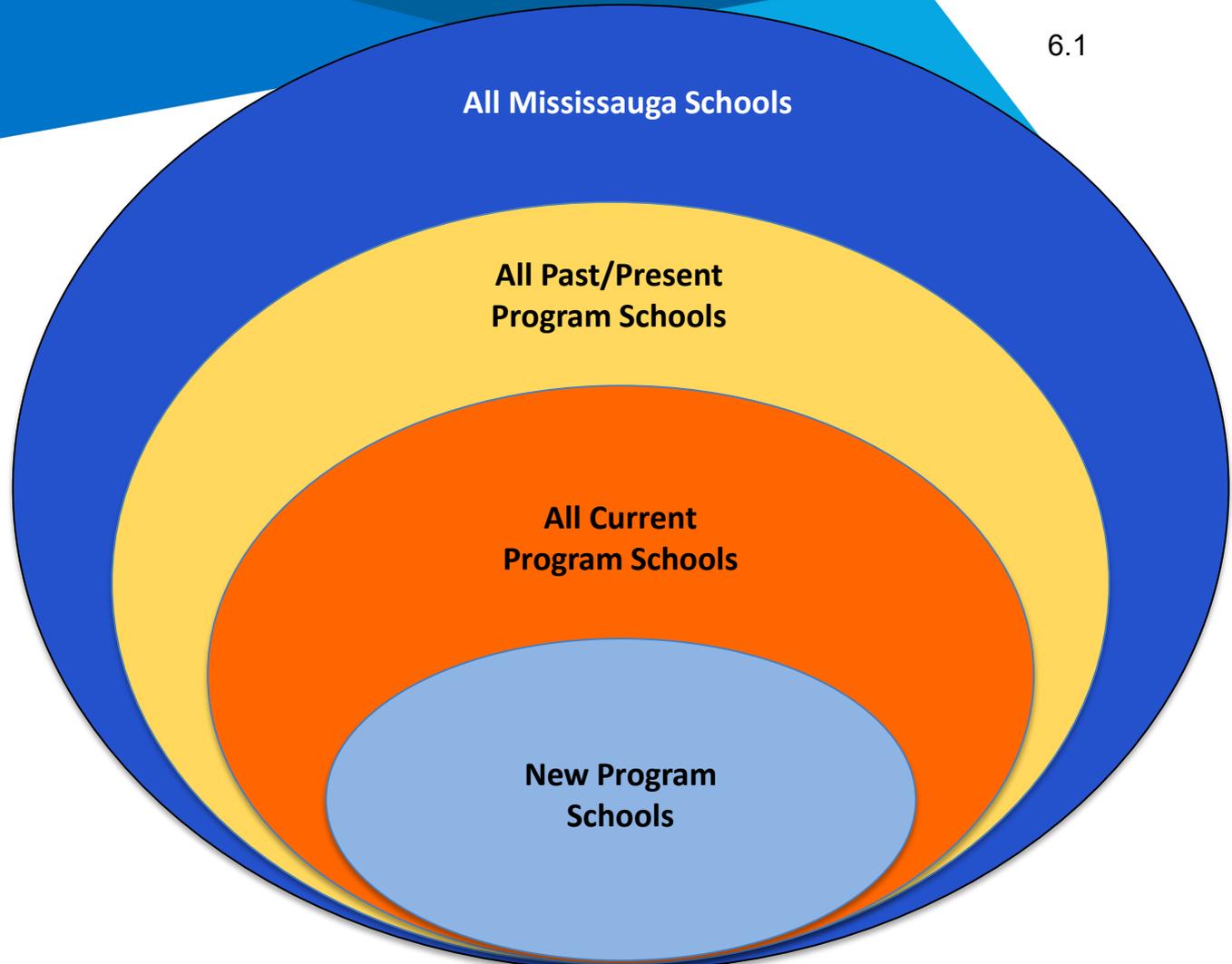




School Programs: Year End Recap and Updates from Active Transportation

Presentation to Traffic Safety Council
June 29, 2022

Item 1: School Walking Routes Program



All Schools: Active School Travel Campaigns

- Walk to School Month (led by City of Mississauga)
- Winter Walk Month (in partnership with PSARTS members)
- Let's Move Mississauga (led by TSC, supported by City of Mississauga)
- Bike to School Week (in partnership with the Region of Peel)



All Schools: Program Webpage

School Walking Routes



The School Walking Routes program promotes active travel, such as walking or travelling by bike, wheelchair or other mobility devices, to and from school. School Route signs installed around the neighbourhood guide the way to schools and alert drivers to watch for children.

The program was created in 2008 by citizen volunteers from the [Traffic Safety Council](#) and supported by City staff. It is now part of the [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) as an approved action (action 91), and it helps the City reach its goal of zero fatal and serious collisions on the road.

What's included in the program

For participating schools, the City will:

- Survey school communities to identify school routes regularly taken by students and families

All Schools: Bike to School Week Month Campaign

- Ran week of May 30-June 3
- Campaign Included:
 - Coordinated regionally in partnership with Cycle Toronto / Bike Month
 - Region of Peel hosted sign-up page and delivered resources for schools
 - 25 Mississauga schools registered
 - Social media post by City of Mississauga



Past/Present Program Schools

- 3 editions of **Traffic Safety Times** sent to schools annually
- Also, giveaways for schools wanting to do their own promotion



Can you find these Signs in your Community?

If you are reading this newsletter, your school is a participant in the Mississauga School Walking Routes Program!

The program first started in 2008 with a single school, St. Raymond. Over the years, more schools from the City of Mississauga and local school communities have joined the program. We encourage you to mark the routes with these signs for families to walk and roll together.



Rethinking your Journey to School!

While walking to school can help decrease traffic congestion and improve safety for students, active school travel also provides a great opportunity for some fresh air, exercise and quality time for parents/ caregivers and their children.

Think of the following questions you could ask while walking to and from school:

- What will/walk did make you smile today?
- Tell me something you know today, but did not know yesterday?
- If you could change something today what would it be?

Words to find • SIGN • WALK • FUN • ACTIVE • FRIENDS • ROUTE • SAFETY •

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Walk and Roll All Year Long!

Walking and rolling to school and around your neighborhood is a great way to get exercise and socialize with friends. Doing so in winter brings all those benefits, plus extra advantages. Can you?

- Hear the crunch of your boots in the snow!
- See the snow on the trees, or icicles on buildings?
- Feel your body warming up as you move!

Excited participants get ready to enter the Staghorn Avenue Street Race in their school at the Champlain Trail Run Community Strollwalking Walk.

Spotlight: Champlain Trail PS

Champlain Trail families came together one Saturday morning to share their stories about walking to school and to learn some history of their community on a community strollwalking walk. The walk, led by city staff from the Active Transportation Department, took participants along existing school walking routes. The City provided hot chocolate and warming insoles for everyone.

Words to find: SNOW • EXCITEMENT • HAT • MITTENS • ICICLE • GO • FRIENDS • WALK • SLED • FUN

For support to set up your own Community Strollwalking Walk, visit: <https://www.mississauga.ca/schoolroutes>

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Traffic Safety Times

Year End Edition, June 2022

A newsletter for the Mississauga School Walking Routes Program

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Celebrating Walking And Rolling

This spring, schools across Mississauga participated in the **School Walking Routes Program** and the **School Streets Pilot Project**. Take a look at some of the fun ways they are building a culture of walking and rolling to school!

Spotlight: Edenrose

In April, Edenrose PS kicked off their weekly "Walking Wednesdays" with a celebratory lunch event, with pencils and prizes for students who walked and rolled to school or the bus stop. Later that month, families came together to take part in a **Community Walk** along School Walking Routes in their community. In May, students participated in a **Bike Rodeo**. Keep up the great work, Edenrose!



A member of Mississauga's Traffic Safety Council hands a pencil to a student as part of the program launch event at Edenrose PS in April 2022.

Spotlight: Canadian Martyrs

Canadian Martyrs CS celebrated the arrival of spring with a **launch event** in April to promote walking and rolling to school. In June, students participated in a **Bike Rodeo**, where they practiced bike control, hand signals and learned about helmet safety. Way to go, Canadian Martyrs!



Students at Canadian Martyrs CS listen to instructions during their Bike Rodeo in June 2022, coordinated by City of Mississauga and supported by officers from Peel Children's Safety Village.

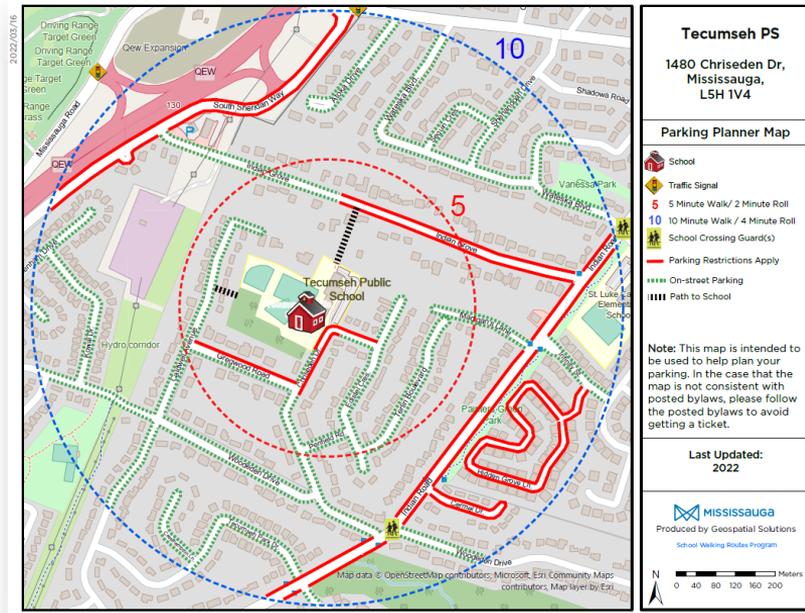
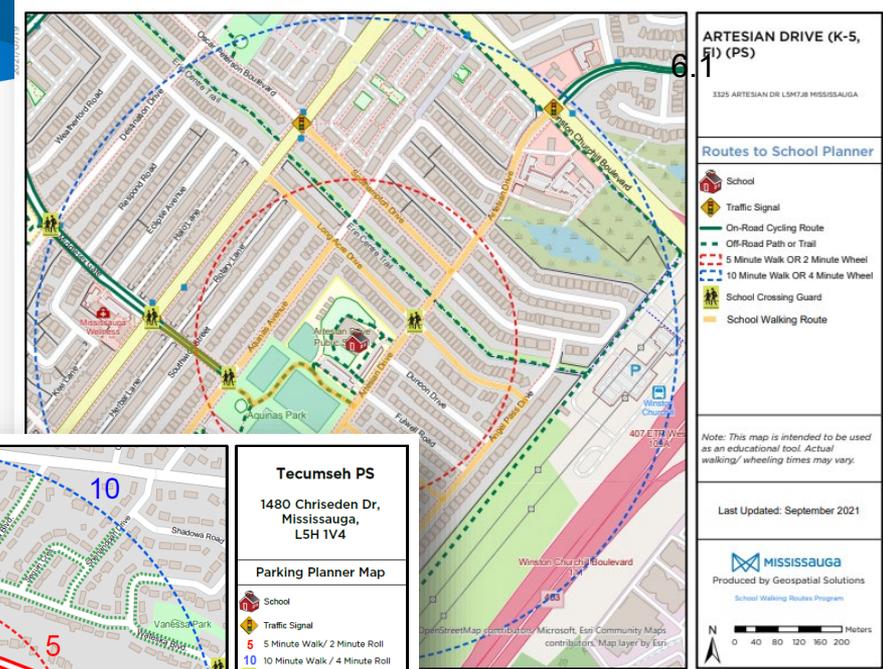
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Did you know? June is Bike Month. See if you can find these bike-themed words!

- BIKE • CHAIN • FUN • WHEEL • BELL • ROUTE •
- HELMET • SIGNAL • BIKE RACK • BALANCE •

Past/Present Program Schools

- **Routes to School Planner Maps** shared with all schools, and posted to webpage
- Additional maps: **Parking Planner Maps** for 4 schools



Current Program Schools:

- 9 schools received program supports in 2021/2022
 - 9 Relaunch Events
 - 6 Classroom Education activities
 - 3 customized EcoSchools supports
 - 3 Bike Rodeos
 - 3 Bike Giveaways
 - 3 Bike Safety Pop-ups
 - 2 Community Walks
 - 1 Virtual Presentation
 - 1 Welcome to Kindergarten Pop-up



Current Program Schools:

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Rain or snow, we're ready to go!

- Exercise and fresh air is good for countering anxiety and depression
 - This includes Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)
- Movement warms us up = feels less cold if we are active
- Different seasons are uniquely interesting for our kids
 - Swishing through leaves, crunching in snow, splashing in puddles!



New Program Schools

- Criteria for new schools to invite still TBD
- Program referrals may still come in via TSC
- Program website will also allow schools to request to participate
- So far, 2 schools on board for Fall 2022
 - Thornwood PS (NEW SCHOOL)
 - St Gregory Catholic School



Mississauga School Walking Routes Program
Let's Walk and Roll to School!

Supports 6.1
Resources for your School

1 **Launch Event**
We'll kick off your program with a celebration of walking and rolling to school! Your school will receive T-shirts for staff and student volunteers, plus giveaways for students.



2 **Keep it Going**
Choose from:
 Walk to School Promo Package
 Bik Pro
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3 **School Routes**
We will work with your school to review existing routes and/or add new routes. Signs mark the way and alert drivers to watch for children travelling to school.



4 **Routes to School Planner Map**
We will create a custom map of your school routes.



Keep it Going
Choose 1 of the following Packages for your school + 2 Extra Supports

Step 1: Choose a Package

<p>Option 1: Walk to School Promo Package</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Community Walk to introduce families to walking routes in the neighbourhood <input type="checkbox"/> "Drive to Five" program to promote walking partway to/from school <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian safety education materials 	<p>Option 2: Bike to School Promo Package</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bike repair pop-up event <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Rodeo to teach basic cycling skills <input type="checkbox"/> Support with writing application for a new bike rack for your school <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling education materials, including Mississauga cycling maps 	<p>Option 3: Walk + Roll Combo Package</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 of Community Walk OR Drive to Five program <input type="checkbox"/> 1 of Bike Repair Pop-up event OR Bike Rodeo <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian and Cycling education materials to share with students and families
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Step 2: Choose your Extra Supports

<p>Option 1: Promo Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bike bells <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Stickers <input type="checkbox"/> Tattoos <input type="checkbox"/> ...and more! 	<p>Option 2: Information Booth or Presentation at School Event</p> <p>Your choice of virtual or in person.</p>	<p>Option 3: Other Activity of Your Choice</p> <p>If there is another initiative you would like to try, but need some support to coordinate and get it off the ground, we are here to help!</p>
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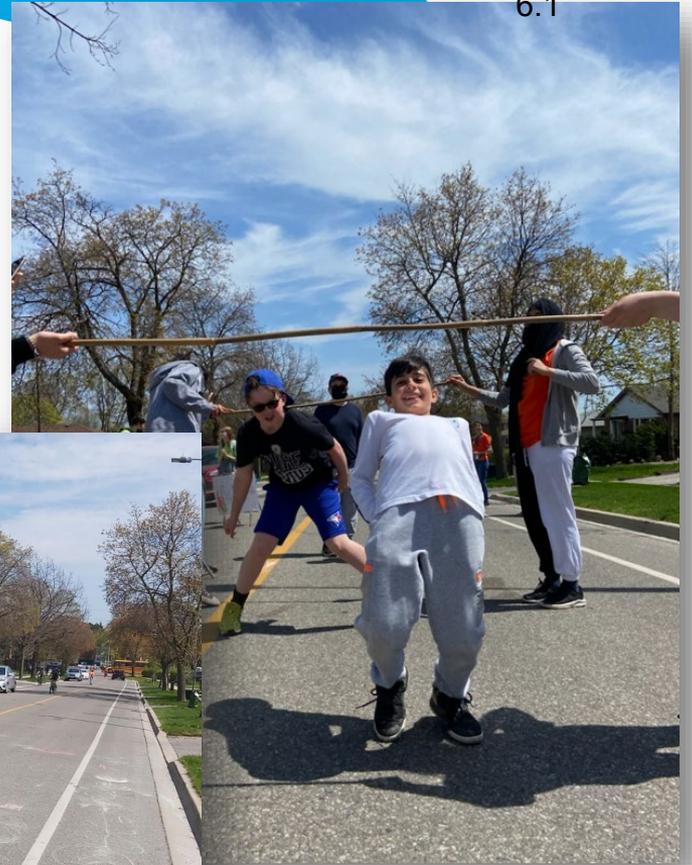
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Item 2: School Streets

- Pilot program successfully completed at 3 schools/ 2 locations
- Evaluation is underway, with Report to be shared by early 2023
- **Thank you** to TSC volunteers for coming out to support!







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In progress City project

School Streets pilot project

Three schools in the city will be taking part in a School Streets pilot project, which will create safe and community-friendly spaces for residents to get to school.

Public engagement

We want your feedback! Have your say on this project by completing a survey.

[Take survey](#)

To complete the survey:
Mississauga.ca/schoolstreets

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