Bike/ Pedestrian Safety Updates

Bike/Pedestrian Safety a Must!

**Did you know?**

* It is a Florida state law that children under the age of 16 have to wear a helmet when riding a wheeled vehicle.
* The fine for not having a helmet goes in your child’s name and is approx. $65.00
* Every year, millions of kids are treated in emergency rooms for head trauma due to falls without proper head protection.
* Children have underdeveloped peripheral vision, approx. 1/3 narrower than an adult’s, so a child won’t see a motorist approaching from the right or left as soon as an adult will.

We are continuing our effort towards safe walking and riding to school by handing out free helmets and incentives to those students who are in need as well as those students and parents who currently encourage children to follow state laws. We pass free rewards out randomly and also on National Walk/Bike to school days (October 5th and (May 9th). remember skateboards, scooters, skates, and all other wheeled equipment are also included in the law.

Our Roy Allen PTO with the support of Extreme Pedal Cars, purchased four cars that students will be able to enjoy during Physical Education class. The criteria will be awesome behavior and students will need to bring a hat or helmet to ride. There are also skateboard and bike trailers that come in April, which are added perks for those who respect the law.

We are hopeful that these initiatives, at the very least, will increase the number of our students wearing helmets. Those not following the law may have privileges revoked!