

**HUBBARD WOODS SCHOOL**  
**MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**

Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents,

May is National Bike Month and it marks the time when our second graders may begin to ride their bicycles (or scooters, skateboards or rollerblades) to school and building their independence, confidence and physical strength.

An important part of any bicycle safety program is a helmet. Bike accidents do occur, so always protect the most vital element of your child, their head! Its also safe to say that they learn a lot from watching and emulating you, so make sure you are wearing one too! Hubbard Woods, and all of the Winnetka schools consider a helmet a required piece of equipment for all cyclists, scooters, skateboards and roller blades.

- 1) **Please read through the bicycle and safety map with your child.** The best way to teach your child to be safe is to practice safety skills together, as often as possible.
- 2) **Discuss the specific rules to your home and neighborhood** (sidewalks, buddy rules, and the distance your child is allowed to go).
- 3) Have your child **complete the written test** after police officer Friendly talks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes at HWS about bicycle safety and review the answers with them. Here is the link that may be used as a resource;  
([https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_a143.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a143.pdf))
- 4) Together, you and your child can **complete the inspection sheet**, making sure that the bicycle is the correct size, has a working bell or horn, and has reflectors, lights if riding after dusk and breaks. Green Bay Cycles will also do a free bike inspection at the Bike Rodeo.
- 5) Finally, we encourage your child to **attend the Winnetka Police Department's Bicycle Rodeo at Hubbard Woods School from 3:30-5pm on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We view this Rodeo as an important compliment to the safety education provided by Officer Friendly and the written materials.

Your child's bike should be registered at the Winnetka Police Department (the serial number is usually on the underside of the bike). Registration forms can be submitted at the Bicycle Rodeo or taken to the Winnetka Police Department. Please do NOT send the form back to the school.

Thank you for participating in this program with your child and we look forward to seeing your proud Second Grader on their bike.

Sincerely,

Rachel Morris and Heather Stepan

HWS Bicycle Safety Coordinators