



YMCA Children's Safety Village Board Report For April to June 2014

Bookings Update

Grade 4 program

	2014	2013	2012
May	946	486	502
June	691	583	757
Total students	1637	1069	1259

Grade 1 program

	2014	2013	2012
April	1043	163	413
Total students	1043	163	413

Birthday Party

Sunday June 1, was a beautiful day

- Approximately 600 people in attendance
- The Civitan club had 162 children go through their child identification program
- Over 100 bike helmets were exchanged, given-out, properly fitted on children
- The Lion's club sold out the charity BBQ & raised over \$700
- Some new features to the birthday party this year included
 - Bouncy castles
 - Family zumba
 - A meeting of the LPS K-9 unit





Teacher questionnaire highlights

1. Do you think our presentations will motivate any further discussion on Safety? 100% Agree	100% Agree
2. In your opinion did the children understand the information given during the presentations? 100% Agree	100% Agree
3. In your opinion, do you think the children will be able to communicate the basic information to their families?	100% Agree
4. How did you find the cleanliness, organization and maintenance of the facility?	9.9 out of 10
5. Please rate your overall experience	9.7 out of 10

Do you have any suggestions or comments about the program?

- Both programs were very well presented
- I have been here many times over the years and have been consistently impressed with the personnel and the facility. We can't talk to children too much about these safety issues.
- I like that there were options for kids not comfortable on the bikes



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- The program was very informative and there was enough time for questions
- Everyone was very accommodating to our student with special needs

A full listing will be provided in the fall identifying all schools that attended during the 2013-2014 school year.

London Police staffing reductions:

Police staffing at the Safety Village is being reduced from 5 police officers, one each for five days a week, to 4 police officers, effective September 2014. The Safety Village Board of Directors has provided a letter to London Police Services recommending that, in response to the reduction, the Safety Village be closed on Mondays. Thereby reducing the number of days to match the number of officers and providing an extra day for these community police officers to attend to their school-level responsibilities.

London Block Parent® Program Update June 2014

Participated in the following Community Events:

- YMCA Children's Safety Village Birthday Party
- Old South Community Organization Gathering on the Green
- Crimestoppers Jail-aThon
- Discover Argyle Day

Participate on the following committees:

- Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
- Active and Safe Routes to School Committee
- London-Middlesex Road Safety Committee (Lead of the LRSS working group, Pedestrian - Active and Safe Routes to School Committee and Safe Neighbourhoods)
- Middlesex-London in motion™ Committee
- Racing Against Drugs
- Child Safety Middlesex-London
- London Area Volunteer Association (Co-chair of Professional Development)

Safety Education Program

- Educated over 3300 students in safety education since February 2014
- Working actively with LDCSB, TVDSB, City of London and ASRTS to educate children on pedestrian and street safety

active & safe

routes to school

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Do you want to...

- Improve physical and mental **health**?
- Improve traffic and **safety** around your school?
- Improve air quality and help the **environment**?
- Have students arrive at school alert and ready to **learn**?
- Feel more connected to your **community**?



If **YES**, Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) programs may work for your school!

ASRTS is community partners working together to encourage children and families to choose active transportation.

Active Transportation is any form of human powered travel such as walking or biking

Programs

- Idle Free School Zone
- iWalk to School Day
- Kiss 'n Ride
- Safe Cycling Training
- School Travel Planning
- Spring into Spring
- Walk/Wheel Wednesdays
- Walking School Bus

Find out what is best for your school with School Travel Planning

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School Travel Planning (STP) encourages active transportation to and from school by developing an action plan to build upon strengths and work to remove concerns around your school.

1

Set Up

- Introduce STP to school community
- Start STP school committee

2

Collect Baseline Data

- Surveys
- Walkabout
- Traffic Counts

3

Develop Action Plan

- Identify strengths and concerns
- Plan actions that target school-specific concerns related to active transportation, such as...

Concerns

Nowhere to safely park/lock bikes at school

Unsafe to cross street in front of school due to traffic

Students feel uncomfortable walking alone

Actions

Have bike racks put in a visible place

Start a School Safety Patrol Program or create a no idling zone

Start a Walking School Bus

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Carry Out Action Plan

- STP committee takes action to address concerns
- Update Action Plan as needed

5

Evaluation

- Collect follow-up data to track progress
- Celebrate successes!

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