

TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR POSTER

FOR KIDS K THRU 3RD GRADE:

- Only cross streets with an adult
- Stop... Look... Listen!
- Remember to STOP at the edge! Look left, then right, then left again... if you don't see any cars or the cars stop, you can go, but, keep looking as you cross!
- At traffic signals always push the button and wait for the "Walk man" Look to your left before you step out!
- Always obey the crossing guards around school! Help them by always looking as you cross with them!

FOR KIDS 4th THRU 6th GRADES:

- Always try to walk with a friend!
- Keep all your paperwork and lunch in your backpack, so nothing blows in the street
- Always cross at intersections or marked mid-block crosswalks
- Remember: there is no magic in the crosswalk to keep a car from hitting you! The only magic is what YOU do to keep yourself safer.
- If you are out at dusk or dark, if you see headlight, do not cross!
- When crossing streets with traffic signals, never trust it is safe to cross on the pedestrian light! Make sure drivers turning are stopping for you before you step out!
- Make eye-contact with any driver that needs to stop for you before you step in front of their car! Use the stopped car as a shield and peek out to make sure the next lane stops and make eye contact with that driver too!
- Wear bright clothing in the daytime, white at night and have reflectors!

FOR KIDS 7th GRAND AND OLDER:

- Model good behavior for the younger kids!
- Be predictable! Follow the rules and cross where you are expected to be:
- Cross at intersections, mid-block crosswalks and signalized intersections only!
- Make eye contact with drivers before you step out and keep looking as you cross the street.
- Following the rules does not make your cross safe! Only YOU can assure getting safely across the street, by being smart, cautious and well lit up!
- Wear bright clothing in the daytime, white at night and have reflectors!

- **Put the phones down and keep at least one earbud out so you can pay attention and hear traffic!**

Parents:

The above tips can help you talk with your children about safer walking, there are tips for everyone, like: anyone out in less than optimal light should wear reflectors and bright clothing, simple reflectors tell a driver 700' away that you are there. Reflectors should be worn of body parts that move, like arms and legs.

**You should get out and walk with your kids and practice safer walking... point out why we always look left-right-left (traffic approaches from the left), that we always make eye contact with the driver until we are sure they saw us, we keep looking as we cross the street... and all the things we want to make sure they know. Most importantly, we only cross where drivers expect to see us!!
Intersections and marked, mid-block crosswalks!**

If you are walking with your kids, you also want to cover the rules about talking to people we don't know... and that "STOP 911" is what to yell if someone is bothering or making you feel scared.

Enjoy this time with your kids... and if you want to take the lesson further and have them design a poster for our annual Save A Life, Win A MacBook contest the rules are here too... the days to drop off at the CCSD Professional Services Building at 5100 West Sahara, west of Decatur, are the 22nd, 23rd or 24th of April. You need to place your entry in the bin at the front door! See the flyer for mailing instructions... but no folding the art!