

Bike to School at Hudson continues to be a big success!



(And the weather had absolutely nothing to do with it!!)



This year, we had so many bikes locked up all around the school that I couldn't capture it in pictures. We were using racks, fences, goal posts and the City's sidewalk racks around the neighbourhood to lock up the 368 bikes that came to Hudson during Bike to School Week.



We had our traditional Biker's Breakfast of healthy fruit, yogurt and bran muffins, enjoyed by parents, teachers and students before the bell. And, boy, did the watermelon go over well despite a couple drops of rain!





More Bikes came on the second day to check out Hudson's bicycles for safety. We learned that we now have a More Bikes location just blocks from the school on Fourth & Burrard, owned and operated by two of our very own students' parents.

In mid May, CREST at the VPD's constable Pat Allen came for a bike safety assembly to get the kids thinking about looking out for hazards and being careful while riding. The students' favourite part was when constable Allen stood on his helmet. Improper usage, unless you want a good laugh!

Hudson's teachers got onboard and rode to school too. Unexpectedly, I found one of our teachers on the playground teaching his class bicycle maintenance just before lunch. Always a good excuse to get outside!





The City's bike lane was well-utilized during Bike to School Week, as usual. We have been working with David Rawsthorne at the City to highlight in green a part of the road near our bike lane and the entrance of the school and paint the curbs in no stopping zones to keep our young cyclists safe. We are thankful for the ear at City Hall.



To finish our week off, we had a bike-decorating, skills-riding noon hour with lots of two-wheeled chaos in the heat. Thankfully, we had creative and active volunteers and plenty of Kind granola snacks to go around!



We celebrated a handful of Hudson's Biking Ambassadors with active summer-inspired toys like water blasters and swim goggles, which were used on our field within the half hour in Friday's heat. Too bad there was not any leftover watermelon!



What is the best part about Bike to School Week at Hudson?

More and more kids seem to be biking more often and much more independently to school here. Looks like biking goals are being met...Hopefully the success has just begun!

