



# Country Place Elementary



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## Principal's Newsletter - February 2012

### Country Place Families,

### Bicycle Safety is Important at COUNTRY PLACE

Whether it is pedaling their way to school or just to a friend's house down the street, parents need to take an active role with bike safety to ensure the trip doesn't result in harmful--even tragic--results. The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control indicates that each year more than a half-million people nationwide are treated in emergency rooms, and more than 700 people die, as a result of bicycle related injuries. Children are at a particularly high risk, in part because the population age is the one often riding bikes, and children 15 years and younger account for almost 60 percent of all bicycle-related accidents.

Whether your kid is pedaling alone, with friends, or with an adult, these bike safety guidelines should always be followed:



- Always wear a bike safety helmet.
- Make certain the bike is well-maintained and in good riding condition.
- Make sure the kid's bicycle is the proper size and, if adjustable, is at the right height for the rider right now.
- Kids should wear bright colors--fluorescent if possible--and avoid riding bikes in the evening or at sundown.
- Know your kid's route and time it takes to ride it, and require that they do not deviate from the established path or timeline.
- Drill your child on appropriate bike safety rules.
- Be sure your kid rides with traffic, is aware of motorists, and obeys all traffic laws.
- Prohibit riding double or stunt riding.
- Have your youngster understand that bike safety rules are just that and not an option.
- Ride with your child when possible.
- Follow all school bicycle safety rules:
- When on school grounds students are to walk their bikes.
- All bikes are to be parked and locked in the bicycle racks provided.
- Country Place cannot be responsible for stolen bikes.
- Rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, go-peds, etc., are prohibited on all School District campuses. Schools will not store them.
- Students are expected to follow all local law

<u>Important Dates</u>	
2/1	No School – District Wide Professional Development
2/3	Mustang Munchies & Casual Friday
2/9	6pm - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade "HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
2/16	Spring Pictures
2/20	NO SCHOOL – President's Day
2/23	6pm - Awards Assembly
2/28	Book Fair
2/28	6:30 - PTA meeting in Library
2/28	Book Fair
2/29	6pm – TALENT SHOW

