

CARVER SAFETY WEEK 2008

September 15th - 19th

At K L Carver Elementary School, the safety and security of students is of fundamental importance. In addition to following many guidelines to keep children safe, we also conduct fire, earthquake and lock-down drills in a variety of situations and at different times of day in order to prepare students in case of emergency. During Safety Week, student's not only learn about safety procedures at school, but they are also asked to assemble some personal items from home to store at school in the event of an emergency.

PREPARE YOUR CHILD'S COMFY KIT

In the unlikely event of a major earthquake or disaster this school year, we would like every student to have his or her own "Comfy Kit" at the ready. A Comfy Kit is a small bag filled with personal items to provide them with some comfort in time of need. We are providing each student with a one gallon ziplock bag for this kit. Please write your child's name and class number on the front and fill the bag with items that you feel will be comforting and keep your child occupied during a potentially stressful time. Items might include:

- A few non-perishable treats
- A small book
- Family photos
- Playing cards or a small game
- A small toy
- A pleasant note from you
- A small flash light
- A packet of tissues or wet wipes

Be sure you are not including items that the child will want access to prior to the end of school in June, as these Comfy Kits are stored away in our Earthquake Bin over the school year. The Carver School Earthquake Bin is the envy of many California schools, as it is very well stocked with food, water, first aid, blankets and equipment reserved for your child's health and safety in the event of a large scale emergency.

COMFY KIT CONTEST *donuts.donuts.donuts.donuts.donuts.donutsdonuts.donuts.donuts.donuts.donuts.donuts!*

Comfy Kits must be returned to their class no later than **Thursday, September 18th**. However... for that energetic, extra-safe classroom that can assemble every student's Comfy Kit **first**, there is a special prize: **DONUTS FROM THE SAFETY CREW!** *Let the Comfy Kitting BEGIN!*

TRAFFIC SAFETY

In addition to preparing Comfy Kits, we also use Safety Week to remind parents and children about the need for extra care during the busy times of school Drop Off and Pick Up. We are the first to admit there are many rules and practices when it comes to delivering and retrieving your children from school. To help with this, next week we will be launching several Safety Pages on the Carver web site that will outline rules, maps and tips for negotiating Drop Off and Pick Up.

Until then, here are a few Drop Off / Pick Up pointers:

- ¶ Go slowly.
- ¶ Come to school ten minutes earlier.... it's SO much calmer.
- ¶ Grade 4 and 5 pick-up should not arrive for Pick Up before the 2:50PM dismissal.
- ¶ Absolutely no parking in STAFF spaces in the morning. However, you are welcome to use a free STAFF spot after 2:00PM for Pick Up!
- ¶ Pull your vehicle ALL the way forward in the Drop Off / Pick Up line.
- ¶ Listen to the 'gentle' reminders from Safety Volunteers... they're here to help.

ANNUAL CARVER BIKE RODEO

At Carver we encourage students to develop safe bicycle riding skills. To that end, we offer a Bike Rodeo once a year where interested students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 can show their abilities as safe riders. There is a written rules test, a riding skills test and an opportunity for students to have their bicycles checked by the San Marino Fire Department for mechanical safety. At the end of the Rodeo, participating children will receive a City of San Marino Bicycle License and a Bike Rodeo Certificate. Only those students who have successfully completed the Bike Rodeo can bicycle to school throughout the year. (If your child completed the Bike Rodeo in previous years, they need not participate in the Rodeo.)

The Carver Bike Rodeo will be held on Thursday, September 18th during LUNCH

If your child would like to participate, you can download and print the permission slip, written test and skills test guidelines. These pages will be made available online early next week along with the launch of the Carver Safety Pages. *Watch for the Carver Flash Email announcing this launch.*

On the day of the Bike Rodeo, interested students should bring...

- Signed parent permission form (downloaded from the Carver web site)
- Completed Bicycle Safety Quiz (downloaded from the Carver web site)
- A check for \$6 (made payable to City of San Marino)
- Bicycle, bike lock and bicycle helmet. (Bikes should be locked at school.)

The Bike Rodeo is great fun, so come out and participate!

TOP TEN CARVER SAFETY TIPS FOR 2008

1. PLEASE... **NO** cell phone use during Pick Up and Drop Off.
2. Consider **walking to school** instead of driving! It's green! It's healthy! It saves on gas!
3. Dropping your children off on **Huntington, San Gabriel or Kinghurst** is not particularly safe. Why not park and walk them in?
4. **Bicycles** should be **walked** on school property.
5. Why not **start a carpool** for your children and their friends?
6. **Dogs**. We love them, but they are **not allowed** on school property.
7. Mark your calendar - **National Walk to School Day** is on **Oct. 1st!**
8. There is **no parking** in the green or yellow zones during Drop Off and Pick Up times.
9. **Use the cross-walks** when walking to the parking lot.
10. **Hug the Carver Safety Volunteers whenever possible.**