**Bike to School Month Newsletter Announcement**

Dear Families,

May is fast approaching, and plans are in motion at the Cascade Bicycle Club to support biking to school and active families! May is National Bike to School Month, and kids across the state will be biking to school and around their neighborhoods.

You and your child are invited to participate in the Bike to School Month Challenge. Using a *Bike Month Challenge Tracking Calendar*, kids can track the number of minutes they bike to school or elsewhere during the month of May. We hope that families will pursue being active together, no matter their proximity to school. We recognize that not every family can bike to school, so minutes spent biking to sports practice, the library, or just around the neighborhood can also be counted.

When your child tracks their minutes of riding, they can earn prizes for:

* **Riding on Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 10** — special reflective Bike to School sticker, ankle strap, or other cool prizes!
* **Riding up to 6 hours during the month** — prizes in the past have included spoke cards, snap bracelets, special stickers, and reflective ankle straps.
* **Riding more than 6 hours during the month** — prizes in the past have included Frisbees, bike bells, water bottles, and wheel lights.

The elementary school with the most collective bike commuting minutes in May will receive the prestigious Golden Pedal Award and will receive a bike safety assembly!

**\*\*\*Tailor the text below to fit your specific Bike to School Month activities\*\*\***

Example text: *Our school volunteers will be stationed at welcome tables one day a week throughout May greeting riders with stickers, raffles, and healthy snacks. Volunteers will also be leading bike trains to schools from various locations in the neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer for one of our morning welcome stations or if you would like to know how to join a bike train, please contact (Enter your school’s Bike to School coordinator’s information here). Calendars should be turned in to NAME/PLACE by Wednesday, June 7, so that we can tally our school’s collective minutes of riding.*

Thanks, and happy riding!