## School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

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## ACTIVE TRAVEL IN THE COMOX VALLEY

A Presentation and Discussion with HASTeBC - Hub for Active School Travel BC

Thursday, November 22, 2012 7-8.30 pm Glacier View Learning Centre 241 Beecher DR, Courtenay, BC

Parents, children, educators and community members are invited to a presentation by HASTeBC on Thursday, November 22, 2012 at the Glacier View Learning Centre.

This is an opportunity to learn about how communities can work together to decrease traffic congestion and increase student and community safety and health through School Travel Planning.

HASTEBC provides information, tools and resources, coordinates programs and municipal networks and showcases community success stories. HASTEBC currently works with communities such as Vernon, Vancouver, Surrey, Langley and New Westminster to support Safe Routes to School through a successful nationally recognized School Travel Planning process.

The SD71 Active School Travel team, Active Comox Valley and the Comox Valley Cycling Taskforce invite you to attend this presentation to explore the possibilities for collaborative action in the Comox Valley. Parents, students, educators, elected officials, municipal operations and neighbours all play important parts in Active Travel success stories. Please join us to hear from HASTe and discuss how we can get our children moving safely in the Comox Valley.

Sheila McDonnell, Trustee Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction For the SD71 Active School Travel Team







These days, 40% of Canadian kids are being driven to school resulting in traffic congestion, accidents, air pollution near schools and childhood obesity. Communities are getting together to take action for safer healthier schools.

Active Travel programs such as Walking School Bus, Cycle-Trains and Bike Rodeos have proven benefits for students, parents, schools and communities:

- Healthier students, improved performance and engagement
- Increased traffic safety and cycling skills for students and their parents
- Increased parent capacity and participation in this and other school activities.
- Reduced traffic congestion, safety risks and air quality concerns.
- Completion of safe street and trail networks benefiting residents of all ages
- Cost savings in district transportation and municipal road budgets
- Spill over into non-school-related healthy activities for families.

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Let's Get Moving Together!