



Thursday April 7, 2016

Dear parents of Bike Brainstorm students,

For the next 8 weeks your child will participate in the **brainSTORM** activity of **Artists on Bicycles**. We will be riding into the Oak Bay neighbourhood and finding natural places to draw/sketch in the tradition of great artists such as Emily Carr. Please see over for the details on weekly destinations. We are surrounded by breathtaking scenery in our town!!

Your son/daughter will need to have the following for every Thursday between now and May 26, 2016:

- A bicycle in good working order. We will not include bike maintenance this year, so please bring a bike that is tuned up. Bikes must be for road travel—touring, mountain, hybrid or road bikes, no trick bikes please. Mr. Brown reserves the right to leave students behind without the right bike.
- An approved helmet with appropriate chin strap/clip.
- Appropriate clothing for cycling in Wednesday weather—RAIN OR SHINE!
- Art supplies—your own set of pencils, coloured pencils, coloured felt markers, etc.

Students may bring their school pencil case or supplies of choice.

Students will be given "Sketch kits" including fine quality drawing paper. A fee of \$4 will be collected from each student for these kits. No students will be denied participation in this activity for reasons of financial constraint. Please see Mr. Brown or our principal, Mr. Ken Andrews; any requests would be kept confidential. Please bring this money plus the permission slip below to next Brainstorm on Wednesday April 14, 2016. We look forward to great rides in our beautiful neighbourhood!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Brown

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Artists on Bicycles Brainstorm Spring 2016

I give permission for my son or daughter to participate in street rides in the Oak Bay neighbourhood.

_____ name of Student

_____ Division, Grade, advisory teacher

_____ parent signature

_____ parent name (PRINTED, PLEASE)

____ Yes, I would be interested in participating as a parent supervisor in bicycling activities on selected Wednesday afternoons. Here are some contact details that Mr. Brown may use to reach me:

phone # _____ (cell or _____) email: _____

Bicycle-Artists Brainstorm students:

On Wednesdays please **meet at the flagpole** by the Monterey staff parking lot, with approved helmet and street-riding bicycle in good repair, OR at our classroom (Room W202, floor above the office/art room on April 7 and Thursday May 19). We conclude each afternoon dismissing from the Monterey schoolyard at, or about, 3:00pm.

Here is where we **plan** to go for the next Wednesdays (subject to change based on the weather):

Thurs April 7: Meet and Greet in Mr. Brown's classroom, Rm. W202., introductions. Letter home. No biking this day. Walk and sketch near schoolgrounds.

Thurs April 14: Bike safety; training to ride in traffic. **Windsor Park**

Thurs April 21: Review riding skills. McNeill Bay (**Kitty Islets**)

Thurs April 28: Beach drawings: Oak Bay (**Baynes Park**, below Broom Rd & Beach Drive).

Thurs. May 5: Oak Bay **Native Plant Garden**, Beach Dr. & Margate Ave.

Wed May 12: : **Trafalgar Lookout**, Beach Drive.

Wed. May 19: **refining our drawings; meet in Mr. Brown's classroom, Rm. W202.**
No biking this day.

Wed. May 26: (double block) 10:30 to 1pm: **Ross Bay Cemetery**,
Drawing monuments and markers.
Via **Fairfield** Road there and back.
Bring lunch to eat at seashore.