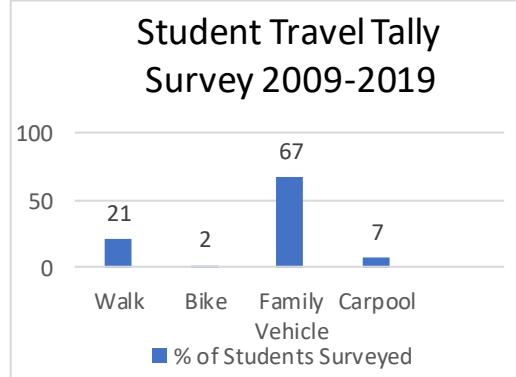


PADAN ELEMENTARY

Vacaville Unified School District | K- 6th Grades 634 Students | Public School



Padan Elementary principal, Cicely Rodda, had ardently supported the SR2S program for numerous years before she undertook the challenge to start WOW Wednesdays in March 2016 with the goal to encourage the school's 600 plus students to be more active. She organized staff and a grandparent volunteer to meet students at different locations and greet those walking and wheeling to school (on bikes, scooters, and skateboards) with a smile and a much-coveted charm for their efforts. To publicize and promote the weekly event, Mrs. Rodda had signs and a banner put up around campus, sent information to parents and posted information on the school website. Now in its fourth year and popular with students, the program has become part of the school culture.

Padan's consistent involvement in SR2S activities and programs makes it one of the top schools in the county in participation and worthy as a SR2S Champion School. Participation first began in the 2008-09 school year when Padan completed twice-yearly SR2S student travel surveys (the school has since completed a total of 258 classroom travel surveys, to date). In addition to its weekly WOW Wednesday program, Padan has held 43 SR2S events, including bike rodeos, safety assemblies and hosting International Walk to School Day every year since 2013. On Bike to School Day in 2018, Mrs. Rodda welcomed Supervisor John Vasquez, who presented two students (2018 SR2S Poster Contest winners) with gift certificates, bike helmets and safety accessories. The event was featured on the front page of the Vacaville Reporter.

The close partnership between SR2S and Padan continues and has resulted in safety improvements for students getting to and from school. In 2018, Mrs. Rodda, parents, and volunteers joined SR2S and the city of Vacaville Public Works staff in a walk and bike accessibility audit at the school to identify potential projects to make walking and biking safer for students. As a result, the group identified the need for a safe crossing at Marshall Road and the Southside Bikeway. Recognizing the importance of the project, the City successfully applied for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding for a high visibility crossing from the bike path across Marshall Road. Project construction is estimated to begin in 2021. By working together, important safety needs were identified that will not only benefit Padan students, but the surrounding community as well.



Participation by School Year

2008 - 2014

- Bike Rodeo (2014)
- Int'l Walk to School Day (2013)
- Student Travel Surveys (2009, 2010, 2011, 2013)

2014-2015

- Bike Rodeo
- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)

2015-2016

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)

2016-2017

- Bike Rodeo
- Bike Helmet Education
- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Poster Contest
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)
- WOW Wednesday Begins

2017-2018

- Bike Rodeo
- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Poster Contest
- "Rock the Block" Assembly
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)
- WOW Wednesday

2018-2019

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- Nat'l Bike to School Day
- Bike to School Week
- Rock the Block Safety Assembly
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- Student Travel Surveys (Spring)
- WOW Wednesday

2019-2020

- Int'l Walk to School Day
- "Light the Way" Assembly
- Student Travel Surveys (Fall)
- WOW Wednesday