



Raised crosswalk on Camino Pablo, Moraga

## CP Students Walk to School!

By Lee Borrowman

Those subjects of much recent controversy, often referred to as The Bumps on Camino Pablo, arrived just in time for local students as Camino Pablo Elementary School kicks off its new "Walk/Ride to School Day" on September 19. The program, coordinated by CP parents Kirsten Buckley, Lauren Woolsey and Shelley Neustrom, encourages students to wear red and walk or ride to school once a month.

Buckley describes how the idea arose: "A couple of my friends and I were talking about ideas to drum up some school/community spirit. One friend who had lived in San Diego said they had a walk to school day that was a big hit."

Organizers hope to incorporate Life Skills and ideas such as healthy living, safety and concern for the environment into a regular event that will build community and strengthen school spirit. "We thought once a month was a realistic goal and a good place to start," said Buckley, continuing, "We'd love it if it turned into once a week."

The Moraga Police Department was invited to come the morning of the first walk and talk to students about safety. Buckley says, "For the most part, a walk/ride to CP is safe. We have new raised crosswalks at the school and new bike paths along Camino Pablo."

National Walk to School Day is coming up on October 3.



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