

CARL'S SAFE CROSSING CAMPAIGN

In 2010, we started a new safety campaign, "Carl's Safe Crossing Campaign" creating a mascot, Carl the Crossing Bear. Our campaign is teaching students and parents safe crossing techniques.

Students from all over the county have been taught about safety and being safe, especially when crossing the streets, by Crossing Guard Supervisor, JoJo Sturm; her trainers, Vanessa Dick and Dacia Maisonave; and all the crossing guards.

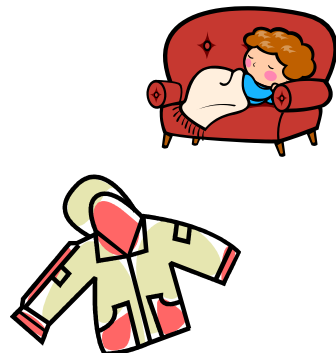


Carl's Safe Crossing
Campaign at Hamilton
Head Start Program and
Highlands Elementary



CHARITABLE DRIVES

Just recently we held our "Warming Kids Hearts and Hands". We collected over 150 coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. We gave these items out to students who were coming to school in need of these articles to keep them warm. We also collected over 100 other clothing items and blankets that went to Rescue Outreach Mission so they could be distributed to the homeless in our community.



SAFETY ZONE

So far, this year we have hosted 13 “Safety Zone Campaigns”. Along with our Sheriff’s Office Deputies, City Police Departments and 21st Century Insurance we have been bringing attention to our school zones with this very important sign waving campaign. It is a reminder to our school communities, especially the vehicles driving in the school zones, that there are children in the area and to use caution. Our Crossing Guards are also out there helping the children to get safely across the crosswalks. Signs stating, “Slow Down, Children Crossing, School Zone” and our favorite, “Hang Up and Drive” are just a few friendly reminders to keep our school zones safe.



SCSO Deputy Jimmy Justino with 21st Century Volunteers and our school crossing guard Ineabelle Schlemety



Lake Mary Safety Zone

Keeping Our Children Safe!

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

The School Crossing Guards have teamed up with a state funded program, the “Walking School Bus”. The walking school bus is a program that motivates parents to get out and walk their kids to school instead of driving. Regular exercise is good for them. It is good for the body and brain, improving energy, concentration, self-esteem, memory and creativity. Partin Elementary is our first school in the county to have a Walking School Bus Program. This is a fantastic program that will help our community.



Partin Elementary Walking School Bus



CROSSING GUARD AWARDS

This year at our annual Crossing Guard Banquet, Gail Shave (shown below with SCSO Chief Deputy Harriett) was selected as Seminole County School Crossing Guard of the Year. She works at Keeth Elementary and Indian Trails Middle Schools. She states that she is only one part of a super Crossing Guard team there at her post in Winter Springs. She is very honored to accept this award and knew that this was her calling. We want to recognize her for her outstanding performance that she does day in and day out, earning the communities respect by following our crossing guard motto; **“Teaching lifetime safety skills one crossing at a time”**.

There were also many Service Awards given out. Recipients for their four years of service were; Pat Alfonso, Gilda Bertram, Walter and Brenda Deluca, Vanessa Dick, Leroy Francis, Ana Jaime, Vicky Moredo and Odalis Torres. Eight year recipients were; Henry Debose, Leo Doyle, Ineabelle Schelmety. Twelve year's; Ken Cleare. Sixteen year's Marie Birdwell and Florie Rush. Charlotte Wood received her twenty year's service pin award. Winnie Nicarry has also earned her sixteen year service award and will be receiving it shortly.

We also presented two Einstein Awards for two of our guards who came up with innovative ideas that helped our program. Those recipients are Jean Lambert and Dave Estes. Jean had a great idea for us to have a map available to the students so they can find their way to and from school without worries. Dave's idea of having a helmet contract for students who are in need of assistance of a bicycle helmet is a great help to our program as we can provide these students with helmets while keeping records for future use.



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JoJo Sturm; her trainers, Vanessa Dick and Dacia Maisonave received Crossing Guard Program of the Year award from Steve Olson, Public Information Officer for FDOT.

The Seminole County School Board recognized our program during a recent board meeting. Ms. Tracy Jackson lead the presentation stating, *“Leadership expert, John Hoyle contends that no*



leader or organization can be effective without the shared vision of its members. We are appreciative of the wonderful service provided by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office School Crossing Guard program. Thank you Supervisor Joann Sturm and school crossing guards for making our roads safer for parents and students on a daily basis. Thank you for helping to fulfill the mission of Seminole County Public Schools. The mission being “to ensure that all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be successful in life.”

CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION

The first Friday in February has traditionally been celebrated as School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. On this day we recognize our employees for exemplifying professionalism and responsibility for the safety of 4000+ students that are using school crossings every day.

Vote for Seminole County Crossing Guard of the Year

If your Crossing Guard does an outstanding job, nominate them as Seminole County School Crossing Guard of the Year by going on the following web [link](#) and filling out the information.

Vote to Nominate Your Guard and Our Program for State of Florida Award

It is very important that you [ALSO VOTE](#) to nominate your favorite Crossing Guard for the whole State of Florida. You know they deserve recognition, so please complete the nomination form by going onto the following web link. We would also like you to make a nomination for Our Crossing Guard Program as Program of the Year. You can do so by using the same web link below;

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/CrossingGuard/goty.aspx>



Do you have suggestions and or comments regarding our current programs or possible new programs? Contact Crossing Guard Supervisor, JoJo Sturm at (407) 665-6612.

BECOMING A CROSSING GUARD

Seminole County School Crossing Guard Program is looking to build our program with new guards for this and the upcoming school years. If you believe you are a good candidate, someone who wants to make a difference in helping out your community, download the following application. Send it along with copies of your Driver's License, Social Security Card and High School Diploma or School Transcripts to:

JoJo Sturm
Seminole County Sheriff's Office
School Crossing Guard Program
100 Bush Blvd.
Sanford, Florida 32773

If at any time you should have any questions, you can contact SCSO Crossing Guard Supervisor, JoJo Sturm at: 407-665-6612.

We look forward to making you part of our team.

• [Download Application](#)

Crossing Guard Gail Shave



SCSO School Crossing Guards; Dick Loman, Margaret Brock, Loretta Ames, Gail Shave, and George Shave



Crossing Guard John Metcalf

Top School Crossing Guard Program in the State of Florida

**Together, we make a difference in our
children and our community.**

