

Cascade congratulates Bike to School Riders

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The results are in for Cascade Bicycle Club's 3rd Annual Bike to School Month!

May 2008's Elementary Bike to School Month was a resounding success. Of a total 835 registered participants, nearly 79% rode their bikes to school seven or more times in one month. In comparison, 39% of the Group Health Commute Challenge registrants recorded seven or more trips in May. Well done, Bike to School riders!

Last year's winning school Whittier Elementary retained its top position, narrowly beating out first-time participating school Bryant Elementary.

School	Round Trips*
Whittier Elementary	1488.5
Bryant Elementary	1251.5
Ben Franklin Elementary	1151
West Woodland Elementary	1100.5
Laurelhurst Elementary	1036
Olympic View Elementary	836.5
McGilvra Elementary	801.5
Lafayette Elementary	542.5
Stevens Elementary	465.5
Gatewood Elementary	462
Highland Park Elementary	421
Lynndale Elementary	420
John Stanford International	360.5
Concord Elementary	119
Total Trips	10456
* Trips reported from school or estimated by prize totals	

High School and Middle School students also participated in May's Bike to School events, via Cascade's Commute Challenge. Cascade Bicycle Club and YMCA Earth Corps promoted the challenge and seven area schools—Ballard High School, Eckstein Middle School, Garfield High School, Hazen High School, Juanita High School, Madison Middle School and Nathan Hale High School—logged on to record 583 round trips, totaling 5,625 miles. Students were entered into a drawing for a Cat Eye Cycling Computer for every five round trips they made. Cat Eye generously donated twenty computers for the drawing.

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Gatewood, Brian Gaynor at Highland Park, Noam Gundle of Ballard High, Jessica Levine of Eckstein, Ralph Minor of Nathan Hale, Liz Olivere of Madison, Leslie and Clint Loper at Bryant, Bryan Pule of Whittier, Don Philip and Joan Mass of McGilvra, Malva Slachowitz and Pipo Bui of West Woodland, Johnna Stewart of Lynndale, Cathy Tuttle and Ann Weber of John Stanford, and Richard Truax of Garfield.