

Safe Routes to School @ A2 STEAM Updates  
PTSO Meeting – September 27, 2018, 6pm

1. What is SRTS
2. Accomplishments
  - a. \*New crosswalk across John A. Woods at Peach
  - b. \*Awarded SRTS grant to support non-infrastructure activities at the school
  - c. \*Barton parking lot chain installed (signs and volunteer support coming soon)
  - d. STOP signs installed on Taylor & Peach, remote bus from Pioneer
  - e. Crossing guards for Taylor/Peach and Pontiac/Taylor in 2017
  - f. Completed SRTS action plan 2017
  - g. Remote parking lots and map for drop off and pick up
  - h. Walk/Bike to school days spring and fall
  - i. Awarded mini-grant 2015
  - j. Ongoing safety education at school
3. What's Ahead
  - a. Upcoming Events
    - i. Oct. 3rd - Bike and Walk to School Day! Spring date: May 8th
    - ii. Oct. 4th, 6:30 - 8pm - Sidewalk Gap Project Public Meeting @ STEAM MPR
    - iii. Starting Oct. 8th - Weekly Coffee/Tea at Bethel AME parking lot (6 weeks)
    - iv. Fall 2018 - Ann Arbor Police Department pedestrian decoy program
    - v. Spring 2018 - Spring bike safety training event at MCity (Date TBD, tentative May 4th)
  - b. What to Look for at STEAM
    - i. New bike racks
    - ii. Student-produced safety education videos (Ms. Wilson)
    - iii. Expanded safety patrol (Mr. Willard)
    - iv. Bike trains
    - v. SRTS updates on STEAM website & bi-weekly newsletter
    - vi. Parent volunteer opportunities
    - vii. City of Ann Arbor – Northside STEAM Sidewalk Gap project updates
4. Get Involved – volunteer opportunities
  - a. Bike to school day Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – sign-up
  - b. Bike conductors
  - c. Weekly coffee at Bethel AME parking lot starting Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Bike safety event – spring 2019 (tentative date May 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - e. Join the steering committee @ STEAM
  - f. Contact: [srtsa2steam@gmail.com](mailto:srtsa2steam@gmail.com)

# Safe Routes to School

SRTS @ A2 STEAM

PTSO Meeting - Updates!

September 27, 2018  
6:00-7:30 pm

Tonight's Agenda

1. What is SRTS
2. Accomplishments
3. What's Ahead
4. Get Involved



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an international movement—and now a federal program—to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children, including those with disabilities, to bicycle and walk to school.



SRTS uses education, enforcement, environment, and encouragement strategies.



## Why SRTS @ A2 STEAM?

2014 Northside Elementary became  
A2 STEAM @ Northside K - 8 School

- Increased Student Count
- Students Live Outside the Attendance Area
- Economic Development
- Residential Construction

INCREASED TRAFFIC DENSITY → IMPROVE  
INFRASTRUCTURE & EDUCATE FAMILIES



## Accomplishments

- Crosswalk at John A Woods and Peach
- AAPS and City of Ann Arbor funded 2 crossing guards for Taylor/Peach and Pontiac/Taylor in 2017
- City installed STOP signs on Taylor & Peach
- Awarded SRTS mini-grant in 2015
- District allocated additional Remote Bus from Pioneer
- Completed SRTS Action Plan 2017
- Remote parking lots for drop-off
- Ongoing Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Education
- Celebrate Walk/Bike to School Day
  - Twice per year since 2015!



## What's New

- Awarded funding in September 2018 to support non-infrastructure SRTS activities at STEAM. Federal grant administered by AAPS with technical assistance from Michigan Fitness Foundation.
- City of Ann Arbor is making great strides to secure infrastructure grant through MDOT and will have confirmation of award in December 2018.
  - More detailed information and updates at City of Ann Arbor's website "[Northside STEAM's Sidewalk Gap Project](#)"
  - Oct. 4th, 6:30pm meeting at STEAM



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### What to Look for at STEAM

- Barton parking lot chain installed (signs coming soon)
- New bike racks
- Student-produced safety education videos (Ms. Wilson)
- Expanded safety patrol (Mr. Willard) "Orange Flag program"
- Bike trains
- SRTS updates on STEAM website & bi-weekly newsletter
- Parent volunteer opportunities



## Bike to School Day

Wed. October 3rd!

*\*Rain date Oct. 4\**

- Students and parents are encouraged to bike and walk to school!
- Bike Trains
- Healthy Morning Snacks
- Volunteer Needs



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4cacac22a3fe3-bike>



## Bike Safety Training Event

- Early Spring 2019, Date TBD (tentatively May 4th)
- FREE, no sign-up needed, family participation encouraged!
- Where: MCity, 2905 Baxter Road
  - University of Michigan testing grounds for advanced vehicle technology
- Volunteer Opportunities



# Get Involved

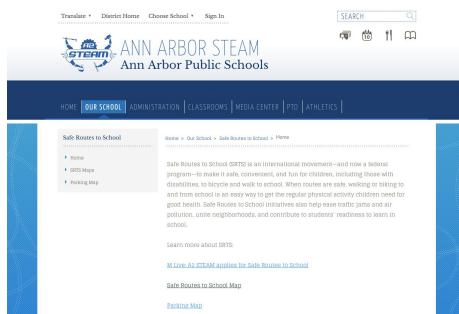
- Volunteer Needs
  - Bike to School Day October 3, 2018
  - Parent Volunteers with Student Safety Patrol and Barton parking lot
  - Bike Train Conductors
  - Spring Bike Safety Clinic, spring 2018 (tentative May 4th)
  - Join the A2 STEAM SR2S Steering Committee
- Sign-up for Email Updates
  - Receive email updates about SRTS and late-breaking volunteer needs
- Tell us your ideas!
  - Email: [srtsa2steam@gmail.com](mailto:srtsa2steam@gmail.com)



# Resources



# A2 STEAM's SRTS Page



Information and updates about Safe Routes to School @ A2 STEAM can be found on the school's website.

Link:  
<https://www.a2schools.org/domain/3352>



# Adult Education



- Walking Maps
  - [Link to safe routes walking maps on A2 STEAM website](#)
- Remote Drop-Offs
  - [Link to parking map on A2 STEAM website](#)
- Guidelines for Neighborly and Safe Drop-Offs



# Expanded Safety Patrol

- 5th graders volunteer for Safety Patrol @A2 STEAM
- “Orange Flag Crossing Program” with 2 locations:
  - Traver & Barton
  - John A. Woods & Peach
- P.E. Teacher Jason Willard coordinates Safety Patrol, willardj@aaps.k12.mi.us



# Walking School Bus

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults.

It can be look like two families taking turns walking their children to school or a planned route with meeting points and timetable.

[Learn more at SR2S National Partnership!](#)



# Bike Trains

Adult-led bike trains. Weekly routes to STEAM:

- [Carrot Way Commuter](#)
- [Vets Water Zephyr](#)
- [Northwood II Whisper](#)
- [Clique Cutter Train](#)
- How can I get involved? Become a bike conductor!
- Where can I learn more?
  - National Center for Safe Routes to School (Walkbiketoschool.org)
  - [Biking to School Together Bike Training Guide](#)
  - Nortel (elgruponorte.org)



# Ann Arbor Police Department

## Pedestrian Decoy Program

- Between 6/1/17 - 4/11/18 AAPD conducted 315 traffic stops in and around A2 STEAM neighborhoods
- Pontiac Trail and Taylor received 6 hours of decoy enforcement spring 2018
- Future Plans -
  - Future pedestrian decoy program at key intersections near school fall 2018



# Student Education

- **Safe Kids** works to reduce the occurrence of preventable injury in kids and covers a wide range of topics
- **Safe Kids** provides educational programming in A2 STEAM on topics including bucking in the car, being a safe passenger, getting out of the car, parking lot, and safe use of crosswalks



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## AAPS Student & School Safety



- Facilitate and support Safe Routes to School teams
- Represent and work with City of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Twp, Sheriff's Department and other community agencies
- Oversee education campaigns to inform students, staff and families of pedestrian, transportation and traffic safety
- Work with local law enforcement to train AAPS staff in the ALICE intruder response protocol

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# Thank you!

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