

Keating Elementary is part of the Ready Step Roll: Active School Travel Planning 2019-2020. This program brings together students and parents, schools, municipalities and community partners to increase walking and wheeling to and from school. When more students walk and wheel to school we have healthier and happier kids, safer school zones and greener communities for all.

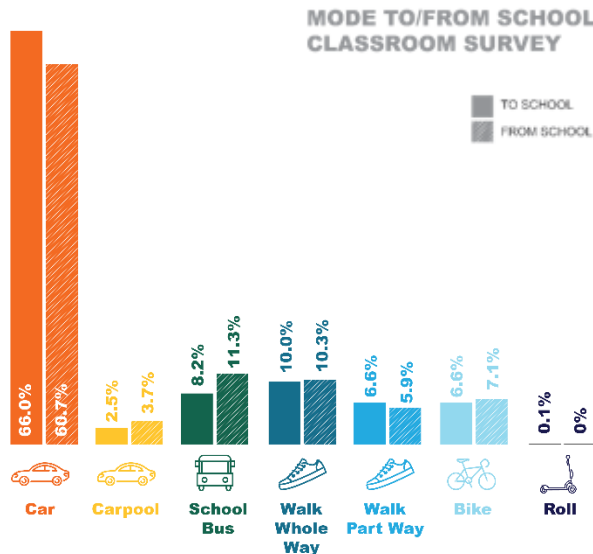
Ready Step Roll is a 15-month program working with a school travel planner, Colby Heddon, from the Capital Regional District.

WE ARE HERE 😊



SURVEY RESULTS

For one week in May 2019 students were asked how they travel to and from school.



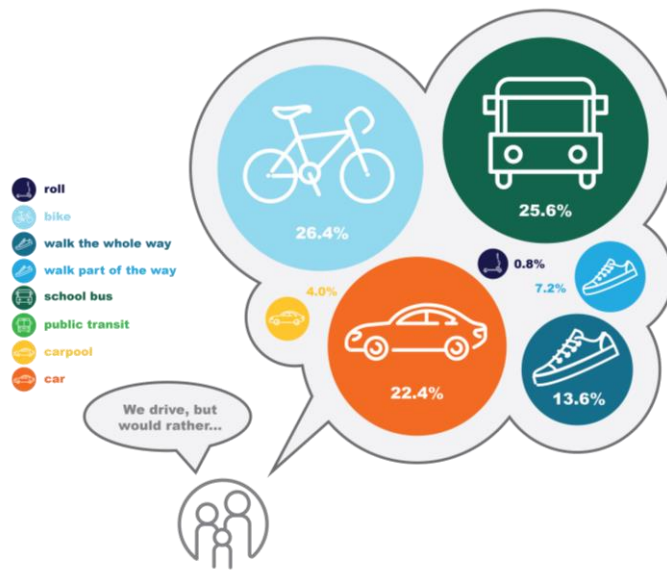
An on-line school travel survey was distributed to parents between May 13 and June 16, 2019. From Keating Elementary, 237 families completed the survey representing approximately 55% of the school’s population.

DISTANCE FROM SCHOOL

Almost 35% of all families attending Keating Elementary live within 1.6km of the school. This is about a 15 minute walk. Due to the large catchment of the school and the delivery of French Immersion, half the student live over 3km from the school.

DRIVE BUT WOULD RATHER

Of the approximately 65% of parents who drive to school, many would prefer their children use active travel.



The **main reasons Keating students are being driven to school:**

- Distance from home is too far
- Traffic danger/concern
- Convenience/time pressures
- Age of student

Parents would **encourage their eldest child to walk or bike to school** if...

- Continuous sidewalk/trails and bike routes
- Lower vehicle volumes/speeds
- Secure/covered bike parking

Key safety concerns along the route to school:

- Central Saanich Rd -- traffic speeds/volumes, blind spots, cutting corners on turns
- Keating Cross Rd -- traffic speeds/volumes, lack of continuous sidewalks/bike lanes
- Central Saanich/Keating Cross Rd -- vehicle volumes/speeds, running red lights
- East Saanich Rd -- vehicle volume/speed, lack of bike lanes/continuous sidewalks
- Keating school grounds -- lack of parking, difficult access with blind spots and vehicle congestion, lack of crossing guard (Keating Administration are in the process of addressing this)

WALK AND WHEEL TO SCHOOL WEEK



Join us during Walk and Wheel to School Week at Lake Hill on **Wednesday, October 9th from 8:00am to 8:38am** for a Celebration Station! Prizes will be awarded to students for walking and rolling to school.



Neighbourhood Walkabout

Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30am

You're invited! A neighbourhood walkabout brings together parents, school, municipal staff and community partners to visit the safety concerns identified in the survey and brainstorm improvements.

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