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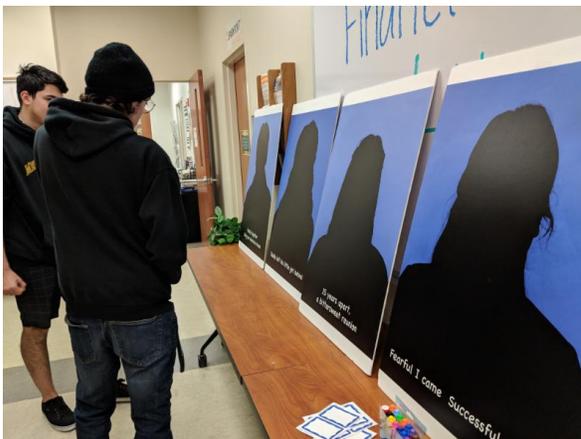
Rock the Block: A Walk and Roll Musical

On Thursday, March 14, Taft Community School hosted an educational assembly for Safe Routes to School. The Bay Area Children's Theater performed Rock the Block: A Walk and Roll Musical, for around 290 Taft students from kindergarten to fifth grade.



The show featured singing, dancing, comedy, and lessons to help teach students how to stay safe while walking and biking to school. While Rock the Block has been performing at schools in the Bay Area since 2014, this marked the first time the performance has come to the Redwood City School District. After the performance, the school was provided with safe cycling guides for 4th and 5th grade students to continue practicing and sharing the message of safety.

The musical was brought to Taft through a partnership with the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) and Redwood City 2020 Safe Routes to School. The SMCOE was awarded an additional grant to focus on schools in San Mateo County with the highest need for Safe Routes to School programming. Taft is one of three schools in the Redwood City School District eligible for these additional resources.



Community Dialogues in March

March was an exciting month for Redwood City Together, Redwood City 2020's welcoming initiative. Redwood City Together hosted a total of three community dialogues in partnership with the Sequoia DREAM Club, Cañada College Promise Scholars, and the Fun After 50 group at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center. Using art as catalysts for conversations, such as digital stories created by Redwood City residents and

silhouette portraits with six-word memoirs created by DREAM Club students, approximately 70 participants engaged in meaningful conversations about connecting across differences in their community.

On Saturday, March 2, Sequoia DREAM Club students, in collaboration with Redwood City Together, led an inter-generational dialogue workshop at the adult and youth immigrant conferences, *Dreamers Unite!* and the *Community Conference for Immigrants and Allies*. Youth and adults in attendance shared their own immigration stories and brainstormed how we, as individuals, can create more welcoming spaces for all. At the following dialogue, on Tuesday, March 5, Cañada College Promise Scholars students participated in a dialogue where they conversed about the challenges and resilience of the undocumented community and students brainstormed how to build empathy and understanding within their community. For the final dialogue of the month, on Tuesday, March 19, members of the Fun After 50 group at the Veteran's Memorial Senior Center participated in a community dialogue where participants discussed concepts of welcoming and inclusion for all, regardless of age or background, in Redwood City.

Overall the participants were engaged in the dialogues and enjoyed the opportunity to share their stories and identify ways they can take action to make Redwood City and North Fair Oaks welcoming and supportive places for everyone. If your program/organization would like to partner with Redwood City Together to host a dialogue, please contact Nicole Prieto at nprieto@redwoodcity.org.

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