Parents and Caregivers Sharing Their Knowledge

Socios for Success, Redwood City 2020's family engagement program, uses a strengths-based approach in working with parents and caregivers as partners in the success of their children and the community. Participants meet regularly as Community Mobilization Teams, in which they create a welcoming environment, develop their leadership skills, practice strategies for supporting their child's learning at home, spread information from family to family, and build a sense of community and social cohesion.

Members of the Garfield Community Mobilization Team attended the Coffee with the Principal meeting at Garfield Community School and presented about tangible strategies to support reading and literacy at home. One of the primary components of Socios for Success is building on the strengths of parents and caregivers to support student success.

For some of these parents/caregivers, sharing these important strategies was their first time presenting in front of the audience. Regardless of their own formal educational attainment, they took the challenge head on and harnessed their leadership to support other families and children in their road to success.

Bike Rodeos at Adelante and Roy Cloud

While last week (the week of June 3, 2019) was the final week of school for students in the Redwood City School District, that certainly didn't stop students from learning about being safe bicyclists and pedestrians. Approximately 220 students at Adelante Spanish Immersion School and Roy Cloud Elementary School participated in outdoor bicycle and pedestrian education, also known as a bike rodeo.

Safe Moves, an educational provider and partner of Safe Routes to School, worked with the schools to set up a skills course on the blacktop that mimics a typical city street. Students were then able to use bikes provided by Safe Moves to bike through the course, practicing checking for dangers such as cars backing out of driveways or making a full stop at a stop sign.

As one of the six "E's" of Safe Routes to School (Encouragement, Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Evaluation, and Equity), education is a key component of enhancing the safety of students, especially as we head into the summer months when they will have more opportunities to be out and active in the community during the long summer days.