

Summer Program 2019

Kids Know Best

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Scientists can prove that physical activity increases mental focus, which is sure good for classroom learning. Kids don't need scientific data – their intuition propels them to play and move their bodies, which is sure good for their happiness, health, and achievement!

In Each One Teach One Summer Program, Marie L. Greenwood Academy rising 5th - 7th graders were charged by the Montbello FreshLo Initiative to bike the proposed Walkable Loop to identify what they love about their neighborhood and what they would change to improve its beauty and safety. Here's the kids' "data" on how to improve their Montbello community, so kids and their families can bike safely and be proud of their neighborhoods.

Favorite park: Elmendorf because it has 3 different playgrounds, great biking space, and raised garden beds.

Favorite features in parks: playgrounds and Fitness Zone at Silverman Park



Least favorite park: Barney Ford because it has no walking/biking paths through it and no playground

Favorite residences: bright colored (magenta won top prize!); colorful flowers, garden art

Least favorite residences: shrubbery, rock and tree branches obstructed sidewalks; worn and unmatched fences

Favorite neighborhood feature: student artwork in channels along Andrews!!

What homeowners/renters can do:

- plant colorful flowers and add playful ornaments in gardens
- keep lawns mowed and free of weeds and litter
- trim shrubs and tree branches that obstruct sidewalks
- remove trash bins from sidewalk at end of collection day
- park cars so they don't obstruct sidewalks.

THANK YOU!!

What the city and non-profit agencies can do:

- repair sidewalks that are cracked or concave (ex. Deephaven Ct, intersection at Maxwell and Worchester, streets leading to Elmendorf Place, Scranton to Peoria)
- replace narrow sidewalks that are dangerous for biking (ex. 52nd to Uvalda)
- install playground equipment at parks like behind Montbello Library and Barney Ford
- install well-marked safety stations to include first-aid kits and emergency call boxes
- install bike repair stations and bike racks in every park
- install Fitness Zones at all parks so all family members enjoy physical activity
- install more beautiful student art work including sidewalk art
- provide financial incentives for homeowners to paint houses from an approved list of inspiring colors and to improve fences.

THANK YOU!!

What kids will do, if given permission, to serve as neighborhood Ambassadors to encourage residents to take pride in their property and to care for the safety of pedestrians and bikers who choose to be active for good health.

- plant flowers with homeowners
- trim shrubs and tree branches that obstruct sidewalks
- move trash cans from sidewalks the day after collection and leave a pleasant reminder about the safety of bikers
- post photos of our favorite house colors and beautiful gardens on our school website to inspire other residents
- create small colorful art installations in our school art classes to offer residents for beautifying their yards
- leave respectful reminders to be sure cars aren't parked on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians and bikers
- leave thank you notes for residences whose beautiful properties we love.

We pledge to do our best at school and to make our community proud. Will you make us proud to live in such a beautiful, caring and safe community?