

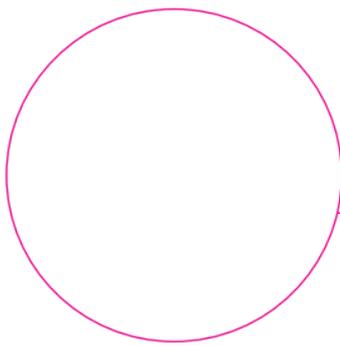
A “PLAY STREET” IS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Therese Catholic Academy is celebrating its annual field day on Friday, May 30. This year, in partnership with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), St. Therese will close 35th Ave (between Spring St and Marion St) from 8:15 AM to 3 PM so that kids can safely play in the street during the field day. This event will launch SDOT’s pilot Play Streets program, and we’re excited to have St. Therese leading the way as the first school to participate.



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What is a play street?

A play street is exactly what it sounds like! One block of the street is closed to traffic so that kids (and adults) can have more space for play and physical activity. How often a street is turned into a play street depends on the location, community needs, and the interests and objectives of each play street organizer. A school might choose to have a play street once a month during the school year or a community group might host a play street twice a week throughout the summer.

Play streets aren't new or unique to Seattle; New York City started its program in the early 1900s. Recently, Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" campaign to end childhood obesity has supported play streets in 10 U.S. cities.

What should I expect on May 30?

St. Therese is planning a day of fun for its students that could include hopscotch, 4-square, relay races, chalk art, hula hooping, jump roping, and a number of other fun activities. The intersections at Spring St and Marion St will be open, but traffic will be diverted around 35th Ave. No parking will be allowed on the play street block on May 30. Local access and parking will be maintained on all adjacent streets.



Credit: natureworkshops



Credit: Julia de Martini Day

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