

McPolin talks safety



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Crossing guard Jami Shaw guides fourth-grader Adam Titora across the street.

Officials urge walking and biking to school in September

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A sidewalk on Lucky John Drive and a pedestrian tunnel planned to go under Kearns Boulevard at Comstock Drive will make walking to school more safe, public officials say.

The sidewalk on Lucky John is currently being built and the tunnel is scheduled to be completed next summer.

The Utah Department of Transportation joined Mayor Dana Williams, Principal Bob Edmiston and plenty of boisterous students at McPolin Elementary School

Wednesday to kick off a safe walking and biking initiative for the new academic year.

The Walk More in Four campaign encourages Utah elementary students to safely walk or bike to school at least 60 percent of the time during September. Students who track their record have a chance to win prizes, but the program's real impetus is safety, Edmiston said.

He added that while Park City schools have done an "excellent" job with crosswalk patrols and other safety measures, more can be done to decrease the likelihood of accidents.

"Nothing is more impor-

tant than the safety of our students," Edmiston said.

He urged parents to begin the year by walking kids to school to teach the best routes and common sense on streets. About 600 kids cross S.R. 224 every day to get to school, Williams said.

A chart for tracking the number of days students walk or bike to schools is available at www.udot.utah.gov/SNAP.

SAFETY TIPS

- Wear helmets when biking
- Don't walk or ride with headphones.
- Wear bright colored clothes to make it easier for traffic to see you

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