Boltage is coming to Edgemont!

Edgemont’s Health and Wellness Team is pleased to introduce an exciting program that encourages students to bike and walk to school. “Boltage” is a voluntary program that measures and recognizes each student’s self-powered trips to school, using innovative solar technology.

Here’s how it works
Each Edgemont student is eligible to register for a Boltage computerized tag that lets students count the number of days and the distance they walk or bike to and from school (from home or a neighboring location of your choice near Edgemont). A solar-powered scanner will be installed in the school yard that will count the students as they arrive or depart from school. Students and their families can measure their trips by flashing their tag under the scanner, and viewing their trip totals on a secure website.

Busy schedules or long distances?
Don’t worry if you cannot participate every day. This is a voluntary program designed to encourage students to develop the healthy habit of walking (or biking) where possible. Walking from a designated place that you are comfortable with, at the frequency with which you are able, is a great step.

The environmental angle
Biking and walking not only increases fitness and focuses the mind, it reduces carbon dioxide emissions. Children who bus make a valuable contribution too, since bus use cuts down on individual car trips. If you walk to the bus stop, you are exercising and helping to reduce CO2 emissions.

This program is for EVERYONE
Everyone can register and every registrant will receive a small prize. Everyone who walks even once will be recognized at year end. Everyone will have the opportunity to learn about the value of self-powered transportation through Edgemont’s adaptation of this program.

Please join us in this exciting initiative to promote student health and the environment! Questions please contact Boltage co-chairs: Jennifer Hanawald at jhanawald@comcast.net or Blythe Eaman at blytheeaman@gmail.com

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