



Save the Date!

International Walk to School Day is
Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 2015
Pioneer Elementary School



Sign the clipboard in front of school to receive your walk to school prize and for a chance to win a bonus prize.

Walk to School Day is an annual event that promotes walking and bicycling for several reasons:

- ✓ Daily physical activity
- ✓ Teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
- ✓ Awareness of how walkable and bikeable a community is and where improvements could be made
- ✓ Concern for the environment
- ✓ Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools

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Safety First!



Here are ten quick tips to share with your kids:

- Always look both ways before crossing.
- Never run into the street without looking and always pay attention.
- Avoid taking roads that don't have sidewalks, or crossing busy streets that don't have cross walks.
- Walk in the opposite direction of traffic so you're facing the cars. This way you're more aware of the cars coming towards you.
- Never play in a street, parking lot or driveway.
- Take the safest route with the least amount of street crossings.
- Wear bright, reflective clothing during dawn, dusk or any low-light situations.
- Always follow traffic signals and signs- they aren't just for cars.
- Try to make eye contact with drivers when crossing the road. Just because you can see them, doesn't always mean they can see you.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

Here are quick tips for drivers to enhance safety near schools:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Be prepared to stop for school buses when the red overhead lights are flashing.
- Watch for children gathering or playing near school bus stops.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on or near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Remember that children may move in unpredictable ways.
- Reduce distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle.

