

9 MILLION CHILDREN
WILL YOU JOIN THEM?



WILL WALK TO SCHOOL.

WALK TO
DAY

SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 7th, 2009

Starts at 7:40am -- Ends at school 8:05am

See the route page for times and locations so you can join the “Walking Bus.”

What is a Walking Bus?

It's like a parade with signs and parent chaperones to guide our kids safely to school. Watch for groups of kids walking to school – it will help to remind our neighborhood about our kids walking in non-sidewalk areas and increase safety awareness.

Where does it start?

There are 3 official routes. See which route fits your needs and join us at the closest location to your home. **Parents are encouraged to join us.** We will have some walk leaders to take the children to school but we welcome all parents to walk. Please bring a water bottles to stay hydrated during the walk.

Prizes?!?

Yes – This is a program supported by the Oregon “Safe Routes to Schools” SR2S Program and there are prizes and gifts for all!

What is Walk to School Day?

- A tool for awareness and improvement of Safe Routes to School.
- A way to show how much fun it to walk.
- A way to identify barriers to walking to school.
- A teaching tool to help kids learn safe walking behaviors.

What if it Rains?

Bring your umbrella!! This is a rain or shine activity.

What about bikes?

Bicycles are allowed if the rider has a helmet. Riders should walk their bikes and stay with the walking group. Note that the North route has a steep trail section which may be difficult for bicycles, even if they are being pushed. A Ride to School Day is being planned for later this school year; stay tuned!

One More thing!

Bring your own water bottle and join the celebration at the school track. Your water bottle will be filled with water and there will be a variety of items to recognize your great community spirit. When you get to the school, just continue on to the track. See you there!

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

Be smart and alert. Avoid dangerous behaviors.

- Don't cross any street unless your parents have given you permission to do so.
- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, it's usually safer to walk facing traffic.
- Don't assume cars will stop for you. Make eye contact with drivers, don't just look at the car. If a driver is on a cell phone or distracted, they may not be paying attention to see you and drive safely.
- Don't rely solely on pedestrian signals. ALWAYS look twice before crossing a road.
- Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

Be safe and be seen. Make yourself visible to drivers.

- Wear bright or light colored clothing and reflective materials.
- Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.
- Carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- Cross in well-lit areas at night.

Be careful at crossings. Look before you step, corners demand more attention.

- Cross streets only at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.
- Obey traffic signals such as WALK/DONT WALK signs.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street, even if it has a signal.
- Watch for turning vehicles. Make sure that the driver sees you and will stop for you, especially if there are bushes, fences, or trees blocking their view.
- Look across all lanes you must cross and visually clear each lane before proceeding. Just because one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop for you.
- Don't wear headphones or talk on cell phones while walking and especially when crossing a street.

Assistance from the Sheriff's Office

- Deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to provide additional safety along the McDaniel portion of the East Route (see map on last page).

Websites with more information

www.walkinginfo.org

www.saferoutesinfo.org

www.walktoschool.org

www.iwalktoschool.org

Bonny Slope's Safe Routes to School

Here is a list of our 3 starting locations and their leaders. Please be on time and join the fun!

East route 0.8 miles Leader: Mr Epstein

7:40 AM Bonny Slope Park parking lot (off Thompson)

7:42 AM South Rd & Kenzer

7:42 AM South Rd/West Rd/Malia

7:46 AM 114th Ter. & Ridge (proceed south from Malia along private drive; owner permission has been obtained)

7:47 AM 114th Ter. and Blackhawk Dr.

7:52 AM Blackhawk and 112th Pl

7:52 AM Blackhawk and Gatto Ct.

7:54 AM Blackhawk and McDaniel

7:55 AM McDaniel 150' east of Blackhawk (end of sidewalk, north side, wait for sheriff deputy assistance)

8:00 AM McDaniel, east end of sidewalk to the east of the school, south side of road

8:02 AM Bonny Slope School at McDaniel

8:05 AM Bonny Slope School, Covered area of school playground

West route 0.8 miles Leader: Mr Taft

7:40 AM Corner Bauer Woods Dr, Lorraine, and Woodrose

7:43 AM Woodrose & path east to Lilywood

7:44 AM Path at east connection to Lilywood

7:47 AM Lilywood & 126th Ave

7:50 AM 126th Ave & Loraine

7:52 AM 126th Ave & McDaniel

7:54 AM McDaniel & Big Fir Circle (West connection)

7:58 AM McDaniel & 121st Pl/Big Fir Court

7:59 AM McDaniel & 119th Pl

8:01 AM McDaniel and 119th Ave (main road)

8:05 AM Bonny Slope School, Covered area of school playground

North Route 0.8 mi Leader: Mrs Wardell

- 7:40 AM 12180 NW West Rd (by brick pillars)
- 7:44 AM West Rd & Talon
- 7:46 AM Talon & Blackhawk
- 7:49 AM West end of Blackhawk at start of trail
- 7:54 AM Top of trail on South Drive
- 7:55 AM South Dr & Big Fir Circle
- 7:59 AM Big Fir Circle & McDaniel
- 8:01 AM McDaniel & 119th
- 8:05 AM Bonny Slope School, Covered area of school playground

Bonny Slope's Safe Routes to School Map

