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Riverside County students ready to Walk n' Roll on International Walk to School Day

Thousands of Riverside County students from more than 60 schools will be walking and rolling to school to celebrate International Walk to School Day Oct. 9.

The schools participating stretch from Southwest Riverside County, to Coachella Valley, the San Geronio Pass and Western Riverside County.

The event will showcase the health benefits of walking or biking to school and highlight the need for communities to become more pedestrian-friendly. It reinforces traffic safety skills and reminds adults to be careful of youngsters, as motorists drive through neighborhoods. This countywide event kicks off a year-long effort to create sustainable walking and biking programs to address the increase in childhood obesity and diabetes rates.

As in past years, thousands of students and hundreds of parent and community-based volunteers will form "walking school buses" in which groups of children, parents and volunteers walk to school together. Many sites have planned fun and exciting activities, such as visits from local elected officials, community leaders, police officers, firefighters, and safety mascots like IEHP's "Rad Rider" and Riverside Police Department's "Buckle Bear." Watermelon, orange, broccoli and red apple characters also have confirmed their attendance.

"It is a simple thing that can have a very positive impact on everyone's health," said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, the county's public health officer. "Do it once and it can become a habit."

The event is coordinated by the County of Riverside Department of Public Health and is sponsored by a combination of public agencies, police departments, city governments and community organizations.

A complete list of participating schools and school districts is attached. More information on the Riverside County Safe Routes to School program is available online at www.rivcoips.org or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RivCoSafeRoutesToSchool>.

Walk to School Day 2013 Participation

SCHOOL DISTRICT/ SCHOOL NAME

Riverside USD

Tomas Rivera ES

Alcott ES

Woodcrest ES

Hawthorne ES

Castleview ES

Adams ES

Liberty Elementary ES

Bryant ES

Alvord USD

Arizona MS

Collett ES

Terrace ES

Twinhill ES

Arlanza ES

La Granada ES

Orrenmaa ES

McAulliffe ES

Stokoe ES

Rosemary Kennedy ES

Moreno Valley USD

Cloverdale ES

Hendrick Ranch

Honey Hollow ES

Armada ES

Bear Valley ES

Chaparral Hills ES

Badger Springs MS

Palm MS

Mountain View MS

Vista Heights MS

North Ridge ES

Hidden Springs ES

Corona/ Norco USD

Stallings ES

Rosa Parks ES

Eastvale ES

Ramirez Intermediate

Harada ES

Roosevelt HS

Perris USD

Sky View ES

Perris ES
Enchanted Hills ES
Innovative Horizons Charter ES
Good Hope ES
Palm Springs USD
Edward Wenzlaff
Raymond Cree ES
Rio Vista ES
Cabot Yerxa ES
Landau ES
Katherine Finchy ES
Desert Springs MS
Cathedral City ES
Bubbling Wells ES
Cielo Vista ES
Two Bunch Palms ES
Lake Elsinore USD
Elsinore ES
Luiseno ES
William Collier ES
Jurupa USD
Camino Real ES
Romoland USD
Ethan A Chase MS
Menifee USD
Hans Christensen MS
Chester Morrison ES
Hemet USD
Caswton ES
Private
All Saints Carden Academy
Coachella USD
Mecca ES
Desert Sands USD
James Madison ES
Beaumont USD
Tournament Hills ES