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LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - HOME OF THE LEOPARDS



Dear Lafayette Families,

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year at Lafayette! Thank you so much to all of you who have offered your support to me and to our PTA Board as we get started on the important work of enhancing our kids' experience here at school. We are so fortunate to have a great group of parents ready to jump in and help out. No wonder we have such an amazing group of kids, capable of great things!

Autumn is a busy time for the PTA, with our biggest fundraiser right around the corner, plans to be made and new faces to get to know. Thanks to those of you who made it to our first PTA meeting and are ready to get started. If you weren't able to make the meeting, the minutes are attached – as they will be every month. There are plenty more meetings scheduled and certainly plenty of other ways we can use your time, energy, and talents. We'd love to have you join us.

If you haven't already, please consider joining the PTA by completing the

membership packet that was sent home on September 21st. Your membership is your voice in our organization. We need a full, active membership to help drive our mission and efforts to where it matters most: your kids in the classroom. Now more than ever, a well-organized and well-represented parent group is necessary in making our voices heard and changes made at all levels – our school, our district, and our state.

The Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday, October 21st (and we hope for a dry day). Look for more information about it in this issue. Thank you to Kristi Brown and Pauline Floyd for their efforts on this huge event. The kids love it and it raises the majority of our PTA budget. If you are interested in helping out with the event or by securing business sponsorship funds, your help is greatly appreciated!

I don't know about you, but I still get a shiver every time I see our beautiful playground and the new big toy dripping with happy, active kids. It all started as a conversation among a

couple of parents one day after school and is a perfect example of what we can achieve when we join forces and put our minds to it. Thank you to Holly Grambihler, Deborah Hazlegrove, and Sean Reynolds (and so many others!) for making that dream a reality.

If you're ever inclined, please contact me or any of the other PTA Board members, who are listed on page 4, with your thoughts, suggestions or questions.

We look forward to working with you!

Annie Higgins
PTA President 2011-2012

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LEARN



Dear Lafayette Families,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. We are very excited to join such a warm and welcoming group of people and are looking forward to continuing to build upon our mission where all students, staff, parents and community are working to create a school where all of us are learning and stretching our expectations together, every day.

We have hit the ground running and have already had many special activities and events happening along the way. We kicked off the school year with a beautiful new playground structure as well as improved building structures. September 15, 2011 marked our Kindergarten and Room 14 curriculum night. We had a wonderful turn out and are looking forward to meeting many more parents at the 1-5th grade curriculum night on October 6.

We've heard a lot of excitement from parents, staff, and students around our up-coming Walk-A-Thon. We can hardly wait to join in on all the fun.

In addition, our staff has been working hard to ensure that each and every one of your children has a positive school experience. This week we began MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing as well as classroom based assessments by your child's teacher. These assessments are the foundation for creating a learning experience that will cater to your child's needs and develop them academically as well as socially and emotionally.

As many of you know, this year we've started a new drop-off and pick-up procedure. We understand that some are concerned about the changes, and the way they were communicated. We realize that we could have communicated this information better and we apologize. Due to building construction, the Furlough day, and other mitigating circumstances beyond our control we were not able meet with committees to determine concerns, and communicate to families sooner. The staff was in the building for only two days prior to the opening of school to prepare classrooms. Our administration met with teams of teachers, grade bands, specialists, and finally, at the end of the day on September 6th with the playground supervision committee. This committee met with Karmen and I and informed us of some safety concerns. These discussions were the basis for our decision. We concentrated on making these changes at the beginning of the school year to ensure consistent expectations and routines. Every principal tries their best to assess the needs of the building, and make changes based on what's best for all kids. Although it is a change, please know that we hold the safety of our students as one of our top priorities.

Another factor that is cause for concern is that our enrollment has grown well above our building capacity, with more than 50 new students this school year. Two portables were added this summer to accommodate the rising enrollment. As a result, we must ensure that our students are safely supervised. Therefore, teachers were asked to pick up their students from the playground, and walk them to the classrooms. This helps to eliminate running in the hallways, hiding in the bathrooms, and helps to monitor students who may run away from the school, among other safety concerns that may arise.

Annie Higgins, our PTA president, has formed a committee to give feedback/suggestions on the changes. We will continue to work with our PTA to provide the best possible experiences for each and every one of our students.

As educators we know that we must work closely with families. Strong community is what this school is founded on. In order to facilitate the success of your child, we must invest in the success of EVERY child. We invite you to join with us in this wonderful and rewarding process, in advocating for every child who walks in our halls, by being a role model and providing love, challenge, and support to every student. Thank you in advance for all you do for Lafayette's children.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, call or come by. Please know that our doors and the doors to your child's classrooms are always open and that together we can ensure your child's experience at school is a happy one.

Jo Lute- Ervin
Principal

Karmen Nordhougen
VicePrincipal

IMPORTANT HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Please take a moment to review these “Playground Rules and Reminders” with your child. They are important to the safety of everyone using the playground.

LAFAYETTE PLAYGROUND RULES AND REMINDERS

1. Use the playground equipment properly - as it was intended.
2. Share, take turns, and be considerate of all who wish to play.
3. Be respectful of the new plants and trees. Do not pick leaves or flowers. Stay out of planter boxes.
4. Benches are for sitting only.
5. Play on the lower playground only. The upper paved area is for staff parking.
6. Use balls, jump ropes and the like outside the Big Toys.
7. Running games must be played outside the Big Toy areas.
8. For the Big Toy: Go down the slide. Stay off the top of the Big Toy. Line up a safe distance from the new spinner.
9. Do not throw bark, rocks, sticks or the like. Throwing such items will result in missed recess.
10. Do not climb on fences, poles or the building.
11. Follow the directives of the Playground Supervisors.
12. Follow game and play equipment rules. Be courteous and a good sport.
13. Play away from the stairs.
14. Use restrooms appropriately. Students must ask permission to use the restroom during recess. We suggest using the restroom before going to the playground.
15. Students may not leave the playground to get a ball that has gone beyond the fenced area. Students should tell an adult.



Be safe and help others to be safe. Together, let's take care of our new playground!

ENRICH

Enrich [en-rich], verb - to add greater value or significance to: Art enriches life.
At Lafayette we are constantly looking for ways to enrich your child's school experience.

AFTER SCHOOL MANDARIN CHINESE CLASSES

Ni men hao, Hello all. Thank you for your interest in Mandarin Chinese!

Grade K-2 Chinese will be composed of 2 terms; 1st term runs Oct 5 thru Jan 25, the 2nd term runs Feb 8 thru June 6. Payment of \$175 is due in full on the first day of the term. This is a total of 26 classes for the full year. Parent volunteers are requested to help with this class.

Grade 3-5 Chinese will be composed of 2 terms, 1st term, \$150, will run Oct 17 thru Jan 9, the 2nd term, \$185, runs Jan 23 thru May 21. Payment is due in full on the first day of the term. This is a total of 27 classes for the full year.

On days when there is early dismissal or no school, there will not be any Chinese classes.

Monday: Teacher: Wendy Tan Grades: 3 – 5, all levels. Time: 3:45 to 4:45
Wednesday: Teacher: Irene Yang Grades K – 2, all levels Time: 3:45 to 4:45.

If you have questions or want to request an application form, please contact John Hopkins, johnrhopkins26@gmail.com or 206-550-3413.

K-3 MOVEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Lafayette families,

I am excited to bring my experience as a professional dancer and educator into your child's life. In Portable 30 we celebrate individuality of movement, gain shared understanding of concepts, and enhance physical coordination. I value community, and look forward to working with parents and colleagues alike. Please share with me any desires or concerns, and I will do my best to use your feedback to strengthen the movement program here at Lafayette.

Lafayette is one of only four Seattle public elementary schools with a dance/movement program. I want to take advantage of this special opportunity to bring dance and movement into your child's education in a powerful way.

Learning Objectives for Movement Class

1. Increase knowledge of dance elements.
2. Develop an inquiry based, problem-solving approach to movement.
3. Increase listening skills and learn to follow multi-step directions regarding movement and the creative process.
4. Develop observation and communication skills as audience members.
5. Develop movement vocabulary and muscle memory (learn to remember movement).
6. Nurture optimal brain development and function through appropriate developmental movement.
7. Develop a positive relationship with the body as a vehicle for a rich experiential life.
8. Have fun.

This year, I am hoping to work with parent volunteers to enrich my classroom environment and produce a performance. If you are interested in volunteering let me know. Some ideas that I have for volunteers include:

- researching/finding dance images and videos
- grant research
- helping to organize the performance
- helping out in the classroom

I look forward to hearing from you. The best time to reach me is M - F 12 - 1pm (ayswartzman@seattleschools.org)

Aaron Swartzman
Movement Instructor

ADVOCATE

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

What will the Families & Education Levy fund? And who would best represent our interests on the School Board?

Come learn more at a forum hosted by West Seattle PTAs.

What: Seattle School Board Candidate Forum, with a presentation on the Families & Education Levy

When: Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 - 9:00pm

Where: Madison Middle School - 3429 45th Ave SW

Join us at 6:30 for a meet and greet with the candidates. At 7:00p.m., the forum will begin with a short presentation on the Seattle Families & Education Levy. Next, each candidate will have an opportunity to answer: "Given the sacrifice of time, energy, and money, what compels you to run for the school board?" Then, candidates will answer written questions from the audience, moderated by Naheed Nizam, Seattle Council PTA Area Director for West Seattle.

SPECTRUM NEWS

Lafayette serves Seattle Public School district identified academically gifted students in the Spectrum program. The deadline for nomination to the program is **October 6, 2011**.

Nomination forms are available in the office or for more information [click here](#).



DID YOU KNOW?

Washington State has the 4th highest student to teacher ratio in the nation, with an average of 19 students per instructional staff. The national average is 15.2. How does our relatively high student to teacher ratio affect the education of our kids?

For more facts that will keep you up at night, read A Citizen's Guide to the Washington State K - 12 Finance. It was put out by the state legislature in 2011. [Click here](#) to read more.

For more information, please email Lisa Schubert at schubes14@gmail.com.

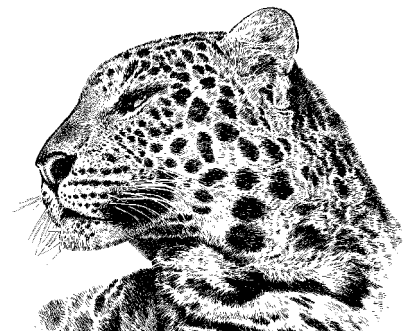
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PARTICIPATE

Volunteer opportunities come in all shapes and sizes to fit your availability and interests. Following is a list of open positions. Please consider giving of your time and talents.

Individual School Picture Day

Individual School Picture Day is October 4th! We need volunteers to help bring the classes to the photography room, touch up hair, straighten collars, etc. Help is needed from 9:30-3:00. If you are available to help all day, or even for a couple of hours, please contact Rosina at rosina_geary@comcast.net.



Passport Club is back and is looking for 15 volunteers to help with testing during the school day, one day per month beginning in October. Please contact Julie Pietsch at jhpietsch@yahoo.com with your questions or to volunteer.



Ms. Belfor needs help with **Fitness Testing** in October. Please contact her for specific dates and times. lsbelfor@seattleschools.org



Library Assistants needed. Check books in and out. Reshelve books. School year-long commitment. contact Ms. Nakagawa lnakagawa@seattleschools.org



Walk-A-Thon

Procurement team members needed - get out into the community and help raise funds for our school. Many businesses have sponsored enthusiastically year after year and are eager to do so again, we just need to contact them. Want to join the team? Have questions? Contact Mark Johnson at markj0501@yahoo.com



Pledge Counters are needed on October 7, 13, 21, 28, November 4 and 10 from 9:30 to 11:30am. Count student pledges, make copies and return envelopes to classes.

Movie night help needed. Help to coordinate the event on November 10th at the Admiral Theater. Set up. Arrange bake sale.

Day of Walk-A-Thon volunteers - it takes more than 100 volunteers to run this event.

To sign up email Kristi Brown kristiabrown@yahoo.com or Pauline Floyd pauline_gfs@hotmail.com



Metropolitan Market Coordinator

needed to collect receipts from the drop box in the front office and submit to the store. Lafayette receives a 1% rebate after sales tax. Contact Holly Grambihler rhgrambihler@msn.com with questions or to volunteer.



Box Tops For Education Coordinator

needed to collect box tops from the drop box in the front office. Lafayette receives 10 cents per box top. Contact Holly Grambihler rhgrambihler@msn.com with questions or to volunteer.



PCC Scrip Card Coordinator needed to promote scrip card sales. This position is ideal for someone who can be at school regularly to promote and distribute cards. Lafayette earns 5% of the card amount. Contact Holly Grambihler rhgrambihler@msn.com with questions or to volunteer.



FUNDRAISING FOR LAFAYETTE 2011-2012

Lafayette would not be the great school that it is without additional financial help. Now more than ever, fundraising plays a vital role in enriching the experience of our children at Lafayette by underwriting key programs and supporting additional assistance and materials not provided by the district. We recognize that these are tough economic times, and appreciate all that you do to support the school. Below is an overview of the key fundraising events and initiatives brought to you by your PTA in the 2011-2012 school year:

WALK-A-THON: October 21, 2011



Our largest fundraiser of the year, this event is a favorite amongst the kids. Kids get "sponsored" by friends/family based on the number of laps they walk or run and/or single donations. Donation pledges are enhanced by many local and national companies with matching funds opportunities. Prizes are awarded for the most laps walked and most money raised by grade level. This event requires a HUGE volunteer staff so please consider participating. Kick-off is Tuesday, September 27th with the Walk-A-Thon on Friday, October 21st. Movie night follows on November 10th to celebrate the success.

SCHOOL AUCTION: March 17, 2012



Good for the kids, fun for the parents! Mark your calendar for March 17th, 2012 for Lafayette's 2nd annual school auction. A live, silent and dessert auction will benefit many of Lafayette's programs. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents while helping the school 'raise some green!' More information and volunteer opportunities coming soon to create this magical event.

Have something to donate to our auction? Contact Laurie Utterback at luckie@biancadavis.com.

SHOP FOR LAFAYETTE

SAFEMAY

By registering your club card at escrip.com, at Safeway, or www.safeway.com, Lafayette receives 1% of monthly purchases up to \$300, 2% on purchases from \$330 to \$500, 3% on purchases \$500 to \$600 and 4% over \$600. Family & friends of Lafayette can register as well. Be sure to enroll our school through "Lafayette Elementary PTA" and you must update your enrollment selection each year! The [escrip](http://escrip.com) program is not limited to Safeway, many local businesses participate. Registering your debit or credit cards on escrip.com continually benefits Lafayette.

PCC

5% of your grocery bill will go to Lafayette. Purchase a PCC Scrip Card just once, and then reload it whenever you're shopping at PCC, at the same time you're paying for your groceries. Lafayette automatically gets 5% of the dollar-amount loaded onto the scrip card. It's easy and takes just one extra step while checking out. The card never needs to carry a balance. Cards or key tags are available for a one time fee of \$25. Forms are available in the office to order your card or key tag.

Metropolitan Market

Collect Metropolitan Market receipts and Lafayette will receive a 1% rebate after sales tax. Place these receipts into the collection box located in the lobby near the school office. It really adds up fast!!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Collect the "Box Tops" coupons found on many food packages, probably even now in your cupboard (e.g., cereal boxes, Kleenex boxes, Ziploc bag boxes) and send them to school with your child or place in the container in the front office. Learn more at boxtops4education.com. Fun collection sheets are available near the community bulletin board in the front lobby!

Are you an Online Shopper?

Check out www.escrip.com and learn about participating businesses that will give a percentage back to Lafayette PTA simply by registering. Great names (including Amazon, Expedia and Nordstrom) give back up to 10% or more—just register "Lafayette PTA."

PTA REFERRAL PROGRAM

The following businesses are offering Lafayette families a great product or service while giving back our school. If you have a business or know of one that would like to join our Lafayette PTA Referral Program, please contact Holly Grambihler at rhgrambihler@msn.com.

H&R Block

Lafayette PTA can earn \$25 for each new client referred to H&R Block. To receive the program reward, new clients must mention Lafayette PTA to the H&R Block tax preparer at the time of service. Call (206)935-2163 today to make your appointment at 3717 California Ave SW, Seattle WA. Ask for Cheryl Jones Senior Tax Advisor 3 (Lafayette parent).

Found It

Ever lose something important? Or tired of replacing items that continue to get lost? Fear No More! Found It offers a great secure, solution to the lost & found.

Found it has created a pilot referral program for Lafayette Elementary and is offering our families 50%+ savings off the normal price!

Normally subscriptions are \$39.98, but when you use the code: LAFFNDZ\$ you will receive a starter kit, with full year of service for \$19.99. And with each subscription purchased using the code, Found It will donate \$5 to Lafayette PTA! Learn more about the benefits of Found It at their website: www.myfoundit.com.

Smith Brothers Farms Delivery Deal

How about signing up to have fresh milk and dairy products delivered to your home and benefit Lafayette PTA? Starting September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for every five people from Lafayette Elementary who sign up for home delivery service, they will pay our PTA \$250! Additionally, you'll receive a \$20 credit for your first delivery! Just follow these steps:

1. Visit www.smithbrothersfarms.com and click on "Home Delivery."
2. Click on "sign up for service" and enter "PTA" for the Promo Code.
3. A customer service representative will follow up with you to get the name of your school, so that our school receives credit! It's that easy!

*Smith Brothers Farms deliver to single family residences within their delivery area. To see if they deliver to your address, visit www.smithbrothersfarms.com or call 1-877-MILKMAN (1-877-645-5626).

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Lafayette PTA General Meeting

Date/Time: 9/22/11 at 7pm

Location: Lafayette Elementary Cafeteria

Proper notice was given to all members

Annie Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. A quorum was present

PTA Overview:

Annie read the PTA mission statement

Introduction of Board Members:

Annie introduced each board member

President's Report:

Annie explained her areas of focus as PTA President: build enthusiasm, grow the PTA, present a unified voice regarding capacity issues, and to "do right by your kids".

Principal's Report -Jo Lute-Ervin:

Below are some of the topics that Ms. Lute-Ervin addressed:

- She built upon the school's mission where all students and adults are lifelong learners.
- Playground rules are coming home next week in the Wednesday bulletin. Read the rules to your child, and reinforce them while playing when school is not in session, for consistency.
- There was good attendance at Kindergarten Curriculum Night.
- Grades 1-5 Curriculum Night will be October 6, 2011.
- Spectrum application deadline is October 6, 2011.
- MSP scores were given to teachers. They should be coming home with students soon.
- MSP school data will be presented at Curriculum Night by Karmen Nordhaugen.
- MAP testing window: September 19, 2011 through October 10, 2011 for all students.
- Student council campaigns have started, and their signs are posted around the building.

- New crossing guards: Darrell is a volunteer on 44th Street for the entire year. His wife Dana is the new crossing guard on Admiral and California.

- Fourth graders who will need medication at camp must have a green sheet filled out for the nurse, or they won't be administered medication for their concerns. So, medications should be placed in zip lock bags, along with directions for use.. Students with health concerns who do not turn in the green sheet will not be allowed to go to camp.

Pick up / Drop off Procedures:

A committee has been developed to address issues and concerns that parents have regarding the new procedure. Feedback from Lafayette's parent community is encouraged.

A letter will be in the Paw Print Press that explains the administrative perspective of why the decision to change the procedure was made.

Secretary report:

Motion: Maia Low moved to accept the May minutes. The motion was approved.

Tami Clark and Kellee Bryan explained and encouraged membership to the Lafayette PTA.

Legislative Report:

Lisa Schubert presented information regarding education in the state of Washington. Specifically, she stated that Washington has low paid teachers and a high teacher/student ratio when compared to other states. An issue forum will be held on October 18, 2011 at Madison Middle School from 6:30-9pm. The forum will include Seattle City School Board member presentations and information on the Seattle Families & Education Levy. More forums of this kind will be coming in the future.

Fundraising Overview:

Holly Grambihler sent around a handout with an overview of all school fundraisers. She explained many of them and answered questions.

Walkathon:

Kristi Brown presented walkathon information. October 21, 2011 is the walkathon date. The current goal is to raise \$55,000. Walkathon packets are going home Tuesday (9/27/11). This is the same day as the kick off assembly. Movie night will be held at the Admiral Theater on November 10, 2011. She encouraged volunteers to help with procurement and many other positions.

Passport Club:

Julie Pietsch explained that the Passport Club is a PTA sponsored program. Participants receive a map and passport that include various study levels and stamps. She is hoping that teachers will make the program a part of their teaching day (10 signed up so far). The first test day is coming in October and she needs 15 volunteers for this once a month.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

Kati Meyer presented the following needs for September and October: walkathon volunteers, PCC coordinator, Metropolitan Market coordinator, Box Top coordinator, library volunteers, school photos, and fitness testing.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Weinmann explained that the treasurer's report is available for all to see.

Approve PTA Standing Rules:

Annie stated that the PTA needs to approve the standing rules.

Motion: Kati Meyer moved to approve the standing rules. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2011. The next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Don't forget to send in your Lafayette PTA Annual Membership dues!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

JAVA WITH JO/KOFFEE WITH KARMEN

Want to spend a few minutes getting to know the school's new leadership in a relaxed, non-hurried environment? Join Jo and Karmen in the cafeteria for an informal chat on Wednesday, October 5 from 9:45 - 10:15. They look forward to getting to know the families here at Lafayette! Hope to see you there.



PTA MEETING SCHEDULE 2011-2012

	Board Meeting	General Meeting
October	5th	13th
November	2nd	17th
December	no meeting	no meeting
January	4th	12th
February	1st	9th
March	7th	15th
April	4th	12th
May	3rd	10th

SEPTEMBER

Sept 19 to Oct 14th - Measure Of Academic Progress Testing
28th - **2-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL** at 1:35pm, Professional Development

OCTOBER

3rd - Student Council Candidates Assembly (10:25am, Cafeteria)
3rd to 28th - Developmental Reading Assessment for all 2nd graders
4th - Individual School Picture Day
5th - International Walk to School Day
5th - Java with Jo/Koffee with Karmen (9:45-10:15am, Cafeteria)
5th - Student Council Elections
5th - PTA Board Meeting (7-8pm, Library)
6th - Academically Gifted Program (Spectrum) Nominations Due
6th - Curriculum Night, Grades 1-5 (6:30-8pm)
7th - Walk-A-Thon Pledge Envelope Turn-in
12th - Student Council Meeting (12:25pm, Library)
13th - Walk-A-Thon Pledge Envelope Turn-in
13th - PTA General Meeting (7-8pm, Library)
14th - **NO SCHOOL**, Professional Development
21st - Walk-A-Thon Pledge Envelope Turn-in
21st - Walk-A-Thon
26th - **2-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL** at 1:35pm, Professional Development
28th - Walk-A-Thon Pledge Envelope Turn-in

OCTOBER 6, 2011

CURRICULUM NIGHT FOR GRADES 1 THRU 5 (Except Room 14)

6:30-6:55pm	Report from the Principal
7:00-7:45pm	Time in the classroom
7:50-8:00pm	Meet our specialists Laurie Belfor (PE), David Zwiren (Technology), Melia Scranton (Fine Arts), Aaron Swartzman (Movement), Linda Nakagawa (Library)

To provide you with high quality presentations we are trying just one classroom session this year. This means that if you have more than one child in grades 1-5, parents would need to split up to cover more than one classroom or attend just one session then pick up the handouts from the other classroom(s). In the past when we have offered 2 sessions, the second session has been very sparsely attended and the first session has been cut off in order to start the second session (for a very few people). This is the rationale behind going to just one high quality session. We look forward to seeing 100% of our parents. Please be sure to sign in in your child's classroom. The Grades 1 thru 5 Curriculum Night is an **ADULTS-ONLY** event. It is not an appropriate event for students.



International *in the* Walk to School **USA**

**Wednesday,
October 5, 2011**

Join children and adults around the world
to celebrate the benefits of walking.

why walk? International Walk to School is an annual event that promotes walking for several reasons:

- Physical activity
- Teaching safe walking skills to children
- Awareness of how walkable a community is and where improvements can be made
- Concern for the environment
- Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- Taking back neighborhoods for people on foot
- Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children

get started at:
www.walktoschool.org

and contact your local coordinator: Julia Cain
jula.cain@gmail.com

Prepared by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, which serves as the National Coordinator for International Walk to School events in the USA.