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STUDENTS HOP ON THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Walk, bike, skip or roll to school every day – that’s the message behind the eighth annual *International Walk to School Day* on **Wednesday, Oct. 6.**

Many Jeffco schools are encouraging students to participate in this fun walking event to promote safe routes to school and emphasize the physical, mental and environmental health benefits of walking or bicycling to school.

Kendrick Lakes Elementary in Lakewood will form a walking bus that starts at Green Gables Park located near the school.

Prospect Valley Elementary in Wheat Ridge will partner with the local fire department to hand out stickers to kids participating that morning.

Pennington Elementary, also in Wheat Ridge, joins with the school’s PTA to provide healthy granola bar snacks to students, and the school’s staff will greet students as they arrive at school.

The Wheat Ridge schools’ walking events fit in perfectly with the recently adopted Wheat Ridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The plan supports the future development of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure facilities to enhance the overall environment throughout the city for residents to safely walk and bike.

The Jeffco schools will also use the walk to school event as an opportunity to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety to children while crossing streets.

Editor’s note: Interested media should contact Communications Services for individual school locations and times of each school’s walking event.