

# Walk to School Day

October 17<sup>th</sup> is Walk and Bike to School Day for Freedom Hill Elementary! This is an annual event that promotes walking for several reasons:

- ✓ Physical activity
- ✓ Teaching safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
- ✓ Awareness of how walkable and bikeable a community is and where improvements can be made
- ✓ Concern for the environment
- ✓ Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- ✓ Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children

It is very challenging to participate in this event as a school due to our location and the amount of students who must take a bus to get to school. Because of this we will do a similar style of “walking to school” as we did last year. Please look below to the schedule for how it should run on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**9:30** Report to designated location

**9:30-9:40** Walk around the track or field with your class (no running since there are so many people on the track)

**9:40-9:50** Return to class

You may choose to continue walking until 9:50 but you may begin returning to class at 9:40. This allows classes to enter the building at different times to “reduce traffic congestion” in the hallways. So let's get moving!

## Designated Locations

**ID/IDS and Preschool** Blacktop

**K-2** Soccer field

**3-6** Track

**\*NEW THIS YEAR!\*** Parents and other members of the community are welcome to join us! If you are interested in joining us please sign in at the front office and join us in the gym **no later than 9:20**. We will send you from the gym to the designated locations!