# Walk to School Day!

How do you energize your school community, plan efficiently, and engage volunteers?

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## Backwards By Design

- In a backwards by design model, you hear about the event and then the details are revealed.
  - Walk to School Day--Overview



#### Walk to School Day in Action



### Walk to School Day





## Energize Your School Community

- Ped Safety Dance—make it fun!
- 1) Identify a Champion
- 2) Consult the experts around you
- 3) Hold informational meetings
- 4) Celebrate little things
- 5) Contact the media and promote your event
- 6) Communicate with stakeholders
- 7) Offer incentives





## Plan Efficiently

Plan the event with the <u>Champion</u>
Contact school administrators
Contact local police & fire departments
Contact local school board
Contact politicians





Promote, Promote, Promote

#### Engage your Volunteers

- Review the plan (seek support)
- Be specific with your needs
  - Identify jobs for each volunteer



 Prepare volunteer acknowledgements (card or small gift basket)

 Review your event with all stakeholders with a survey or a follow up meeting

## Questions to Consider

- O you have a SRTS program?
- O you have a "neighborhood" school?
- How many children currently walk or bike to school daily?
- What type of parental support does your school receive?
- Is the administrator supportive

of wellness initiatives?





