



2017 National Walk to School Day Recap

How many Schools Participated? 82 Elementary and Middle Schools participated from 21 towns. There were 8 “newcomer” schools that walked for the first time and 10 “welcome back” schools that had not participated in 2016. Kane County was the number one County in all of Illinois with the highest school participation! An estimated 20,000 students walked, biked, or participated in Walk to School Day activities.

Who Walked? Children of all ages, Parents, Mayors, Kane County Board Chair and Officials, Fire Chiefs and Firemen, Police Chief and Policemen, Kane County Sheriff, State Troopers, State Legislators, School Mascots, Sponsors, and other Supporters.

Were there Activities? Signing Walk to School Banners seemed to be the biggest hit! Fit for Kids stickers and giveaways, along with high fives from awaiting community leaders put smiles on many faces and resulted in “best morning ever” comments.

Why was your support important? 11 sponsors supported 2017 Walk to School Day. We appreciated your generosity that together raised \$11,000. Each of the 82 Schools or PTOs will receive a \$150 incentive / stipend for participating in Walk to School Day.

What outcomes can be anticipated? Walking and physical activity become a healthy habit that families and children enjoy and practice. Communities support accessibility of walk to school in their neighborhoods. Promotion of childhood wellness will reduce Childhood Obesity so kids will become active, healthier adults.



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