

Safe Routes and Pedestrian Safety Resources



Safe Routes Partnership

SafeRoutesPartnership.org

America Walks

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Walk, Bike and Roll to School Days

WalkBikeToSchool.org

Upcoming Events

National Walk, Bike and Roll to School Days



October 9, 2024

May 2025 - date TBD



Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

November 14, 2024

RubyBridges.Foundation/walk-to-school-day



Mount Rainier Elementary has been participating in this twice-a-year event since 2019.

Other recent PGCPS participants include: Thomas S. Stone Elementary, Hollywood Elementary, Beacon Heights Elementary, Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, and Cesar Chavez Dual Spanish Immersion



Sign up to register and promote event on social media.
<https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/registration/>

Hand out stickers to everyone
who participates.



Measure progress by tallying how
many students walked, biked or
rolled versus car and bus riders.



Designate locations for student and family walking groups.



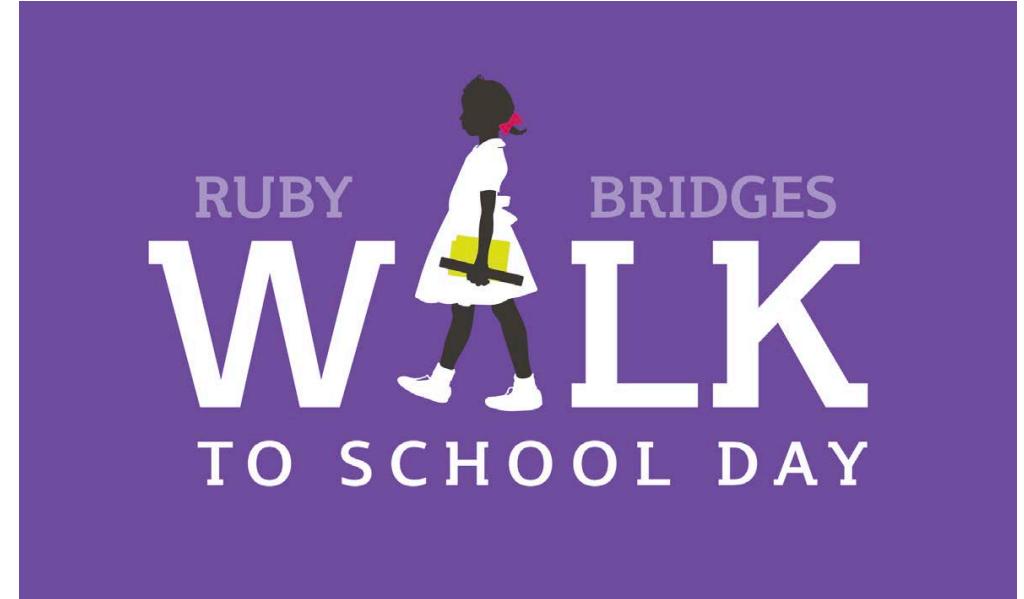
Invite local elected officials, PGCPS leaders, and the media.

Create a walking school bus.



Meet a walking group or join one along a route to walk to school on **October 4!**

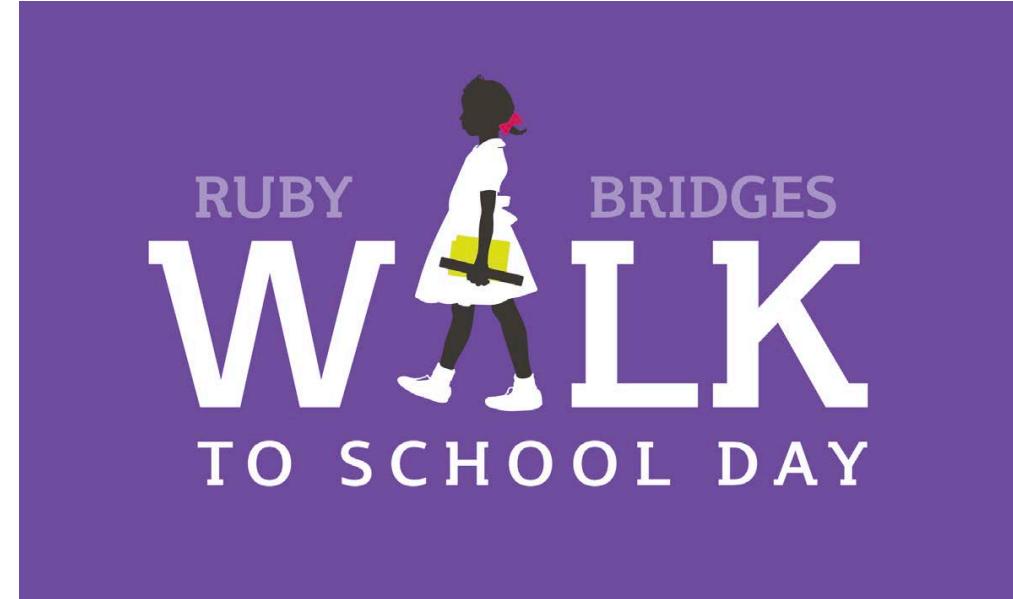




Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day at Mount Rainier Elementary School



A Morning of Community Togetherness and
Promoting the Benefits of Walkability



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Hosting Elected and Local Officials to
Raise Awareness of Walkability and Ruby Bridges



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A Day of Education and Engagement by
Reading to Every Classroom and Teaching Ruby's Story



To build safe streets, we need to address racism in urban design

“Across the nation, street safety is dictated by race, class, and place. The lower a metro area’s median household income, the more dangerous its streets are for people walking.”

“Investments in infrastructure and street design—like those included in Vision Zero campaigns across the country—are critical to building safe streets.”

-The Brookings Institution, 8/28/19

WHY WE WALK

American Road Deaths Show an Alarming Racial Gap

“... fatalities follow a clear and consistent pattern: Across the country, Black and Hispanic pedestrians are killed at significantly higher rates than white pedestrians.

A study published last year by Harvard and Boston University deepened our understanding of this phenomenon by controlling for the distance traveled by different racial groups when driving, walking or riding a bicycle. It found that Black people were more than twice as likely, for each mile walked, to be struck and killed by a vehicle as white pedestrians. For Black cyclists, the fatality risk per mile was 4.5 times as high as that for white cyclists. For Hispanic walkers and bikers, the death rates were 1.5 and 1.7 times as high as those for white Americans using the same modes of transportation.”

-New York Times, 4/26/23

Walking While Black: New Research Examines Why It's So Dangerous

“Traffic engineers can design roadways that give pedestrians more visibility and more space, says Goddard. Adding crosswalks and other traffic devices for pedestrians helps drivers better understand that pedestrians are intended users of the road.”

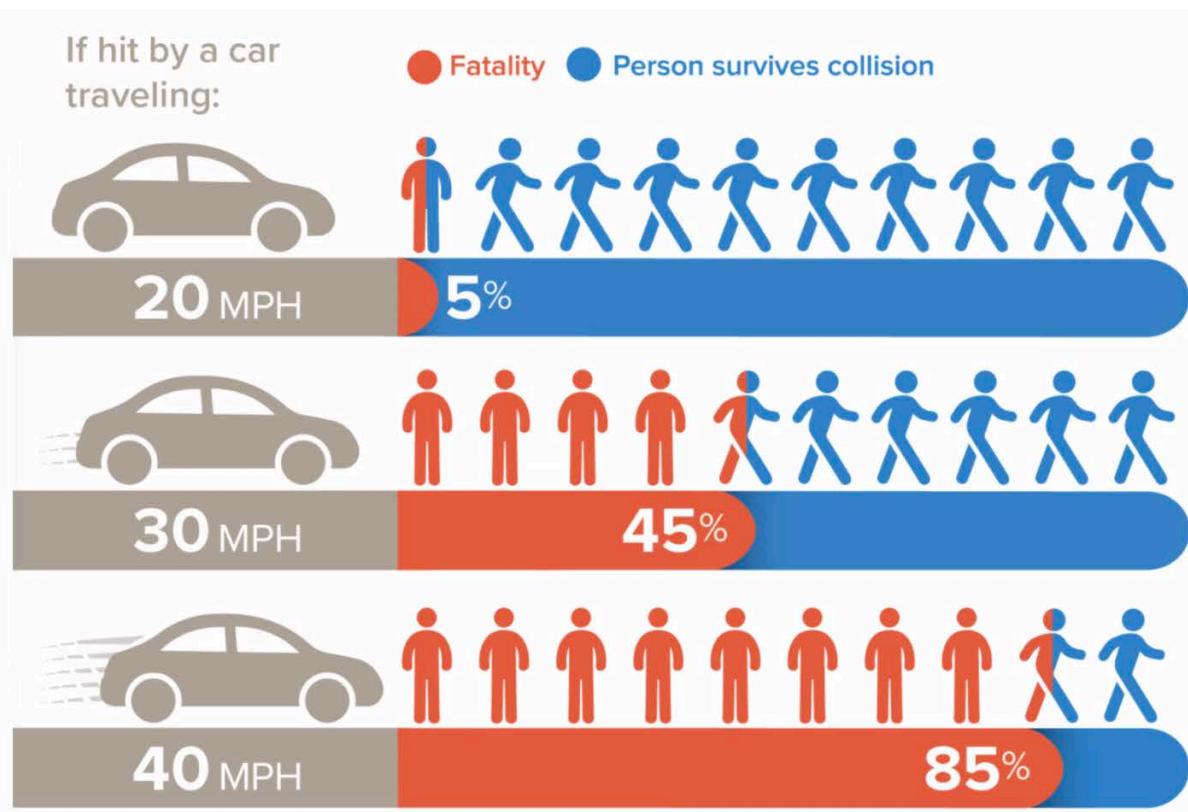
-Governing.com, 3/23/17

**We can't expect students and
families to walk or bike to school
if we don't provide them with the
safe streets they need to do so.**

Advocacy Opportunities



Work with local municipalities and county officials for **more crosswalks**



Advocate for **lower speed limits** in our communities



Successfully worked with state legislators to authorize **stop sign cameras** (HB 364)

Safe Streets for All

\$9.7 million in federal funding awarded to Mount Rainier



Additional planning funds for:
Brentwood
Edmonston
Riverdale Park

Prince George's County municipalities were awarded nearly \$11 million out of \$28 million statewide.

Mount Rainier included both PTOs as advisory members of City's Vision Zero Task Force.

SAFE ROUTES PGCPS



'Our kids can't wait': Prince George's County parents demand safer roads

2 hours ago

'Every child has the right to get to-and-from school safely'! Demand for more crossing guards in Prince George's Co.

This comes less than a month after two children were killed in the crosswalk outside of Riverdale Elementary School.

Coalition of 11 PGCPS parent groups (representing 8,200 students) who mobilized after tragedy at Riverdale Elementary. Supported by several municipalities and key advocacy groups like WABA.

Prince George's Co. parent-led school groups demand safer roads after 2 kids killed in crosswalk

A blue rectangular banner with white text. On the left, there is a white rectangular box containing a letter from 'PGCPS Parent Leaders: Our Kids Can't Wait for Safe Routes to School'. The letter discusses the tragedy at Riverdale Elementary and demands immediate action from the Prince George's Police Department (PGPD) to fill vacant crossing guard positions by January 1, 2024. It also calls for local governments to provide grants and for state and local leaders to explore options like infrastructure investments and traffic calming. The banner also lists the names of 11 PGCPS parent groups that signed the letter. On the right side of the banner, there is a large white text area with a blue background that reads: 'FILL VACANT CROSSING GUARD POSITIONS BY JANUARY 1, 2024', 'COORDINATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PGCPS', and 'INVEST IN OPTIONS TO MAKE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS SAFER'.

COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS RECIPIENTS

Working with students, local artists, school administration, and municipal officials to design street and sidewalk art, plus signage, for a dedicated safe walking route to school.

Focus on cluster of apartment buildings housing many of our lower-income students, with potential to use designs as a template for other safe routes to MRES and other schools.



Mount Rainier Elementary PTO

Create a dedicated equity-focused safe walking route to and from school that is not only a pathway on paper, but a vibrant and visual artistic reflection of our community.