



Safe Kids Sonoma County
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**Parents, Students, Schools, and Local Officials Participate in Local Activities for
“International Walk and Roll to School Day” on October 8, 2008**

Sonoma County, CA - The Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, Safe Kids Sonoma County, and FedEx are sponsoring the 12th annual International Walk and Roll to School Day on October 8th, 2008. Activities are planned at over 33 schools throughout the county. Schools will provide information about safe walking and biking, healthy snacks and safety related items. Several elementary schools will host “walking school buses” and “bike trains”.

Walk and Roll to School events work to encourage and educate students to safely walk and bike to and from school, and educate parents, school officials, and staff about the benefits of walking and biking to school. Walking and biking to school promotes health, increases safety by reducing traffic congestion around schools, and aids the environment by reducing greenhouse gases produced from car exhaust.

Kawana Elementary School in Santa Rosa will be kicking off their Safe Routes To School Program (SRTS) with Walk and Roll to School Day. Kawana Elementary is one of ten schools nationwide that received funding from the SRTS National Partnership to create a model program for building a self-sustaining SRTS program in low-income communities. The school was selected because of its affiliation with HEAL - a Healthy Eating, Active Living Community Health Initiative funded by Northern California Kaiser Permanente – and the commitment of the school, parents, and City of Santa Rosa to improve the health of students. Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Susan Gorin, the Santa Rosa Police Department, members of HEAL, and Fed Ex partners will congratulate the school and students at a morning assembly.

Participating schools in Sonoma County include:

Windsor: Brooks Elementary, Windsor Middle

Santa Rosa: Kawana Elementary, Biella Elementary, Proctor Terrace Elementary, Strawberry Elementary, Sheppard/ RAMS Accelerated, Helen Lehman

Healdsburg: Alexander Valley, St. John’s, Healdsburg Elementary, Fitch Mountain, Healdsburg Junior High, Live Oak Preschool, Healdsburg Montessori, Healdsburg Community Nursery, Healdsburg High

Petaluma: Meadow School, Corona Creek, Sonoma Mountain Elementary, Miwok Valley Elementary

Sebastopol: Pine Crest, Brook Haven, Parkside, Sebastopol Independent Charter, Analy High School, Sun Ridge, Apple Blossom, Willow Spring, Orchard View, Tree House Hollow

Sonoma: Woodland Star Charter School

West County: Monte Rio

For additional information, please visit these Web sites:

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International Walk to School in the USA

National Center for Safe Routes to School

International Walk to School

www.safekidssonomacounty.org

www.walktoschool.org

www.saferoutesinfo.org

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