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Alabama Schools to Celebrate International Walk to School Day

MONTGOMERY – Nearly 40 schools in Alabama will join schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011.

Keeping with this year's theme, **Hike it, Bike it, I like it!**, students from around the state will walk and bike to school as part of Alabama's Safe Routes to School program Walk to School Day on the 5th, and Walk to School Month the month of October.

Kids in Grades K-8, parents, teachers and community leaders will walk and bike to and from school to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety and the health benefits of exercising. Statewide participation at individual schools will occur from 7-9 a.m., October 5 and throughout the month. Events include organized walks, Walking School Buses, special bike rides, interactive simulated computer games, parades and other local projects. A list of participating schools is located on the second page.

Walk to School events demonstrate the need to make walking and biking to school safer and raise awareness of the benefits of participation. Benefits include increasing the physical activity of children, fighting childhood obesity, reducing traffic congestion and fuel consumption and making communities more walking friendly.

In the U.S., International Walk to School Day is expected to be celebrated at over 3,500 events at participating schools. Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world.

In Alabama, Walk to School Day/Month is supported by the Alabama Departments of Transportation, Education, and Public Health. Please visit www.walktoschool.org for further information.

ALDOT's mission is to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally and economically sound transportation network across Alabama. For additional information, visit www.dot.state.al.us

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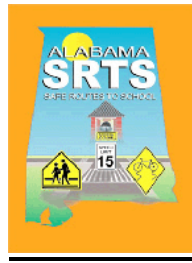
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2011 Alabama Safe Routes to School Walk 2 School Day Participants

SCHOOL SYSTEM	CITY	SCHOOL
Auburn City	Auburn	Richland Elementary
Birmingham City	Birmingham	Hudson K-8
Birmingham City	Birmingham	Hemphill Elementary
Birmingham City	Birmingham	Huffman Middle
Birmingham City	Birmingham	Robinson Elementary
	Birmingham	West Center Street Head Start
Baldwin County	Daphne	Daphne High School
Elmore County	Eclectic	Eclectic Elementary
Escambia County	Huxford	Huxford Elementary
Baldwin County	Fairhope	Fairhope Intermediate
Lowndes County	Fort Deposit	Fort Deposit Elementary
Gadsden City	Gadsden	Eura Brown Elementary
Gadsden City	Gadsden	Floyd Elementary
Gadsden City	Gadsden	Walnut Park Elementary
Gadsden City	Gadsden	W.E. Striplin Elementary
Butler County	Greenville	W.O. Parmer Elementary
Lowndes County	Hayneville	Hayneville Middle
Hoover City	Hoover	Bluff Park Elementary
Huntsville City	Huntsville	Ridgecrest Elementary
Huntsville City	Huntsville	Whitesburg Middle
Mobile County	Mobile	Burns Middle
Mobile County	Mobile	Dr. Robert W. Gilliard Elementary
Montgomery County	Montgomery	Chisolm Elementary
Montgomery County	Montgomery	Floyd Elementary
Montgomery County	Montgomery	G.W. Carver Elementary
Montgomery County	Montgomery	Highland Gardens Elementary
Montgomery County	Montgomery	Seth Johnson Elementary
Pell City City	Pell City	Williams Intermediate
Phenix City City	Phenix City	Lakewood Elementary
Prattville City	Prattville	Prattville Elementary
Prattville City	Prattville	Prattville Primary
Macon County	Shorter	D. C. Wolfe Elementary
Tallassee City	Tallassee	Southside Middle
Tallassee City	Tallassee	Tallassee Elementary
Tallassee City	Tallassee	Tallassee High
Tarrant City	Tarrant	Tarrant Intermediate
Vestavia Hills City	Vestavia Hills	Cahaba Heights Elementary