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## City Departments Celebrate Walk to School Events

Harrisonburg, Va. – Several city departments, who are members of Safe Kids Central Shenandoah Valley, will partner with Harrisonburg City Public Schools to celebrate the annual Walk to School Day.

Walk to School Day is recognized throughout the United States on Wednesday, October 5. In an effort to get more participation and allow more schools and students to walk to school, events at different schools will be held throughout next week.

“This is an event we host on an annual basis to encourage students to walk to school but also teach them how to do so safely,” explained Wanda Willis, fire prevention specialist with the Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) and Safe Kids coordinator.

### Walk to School Events

- Monday, October 3 at Smithland Elementary School
- Tuesday, October 4 at Waterman Elementary School
- Wednesday, October 5 at Keister Elementary School
- Thursday, October 6 at Stone Spring Elementary School
- Friday, October 7 at Thomas Harrison Middle School and Spotswood Elementary School

Motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling in school zones or around schools in an effort to make it safer in this community for children and their parents to walk to school.

In addition to the Harrisonburg Fire Department, the Harrisonburg Police Department, Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation, Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation, and Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital will all participate in these events.

Additional information on this event and safety information can always be found at [www.walkbiketoschool.org](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org) or [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/safe-kids-central-shenandoah-valley](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/safe-kids-central-shenandoah-valley).

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