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Verona schools to celebrate Walk & Roll to School Day on October 12, 2022

WHAT: The Verona School District in Verona N.J. will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 12, 2022.

WHO: All Verona District School Students, Parents, Staff, Teachers, Administrators, Law Enforcement, The Verona Environmental Commission, the Honorable Mayor and Verona Town Council and Township Administration and Staff.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: Forest Avenue, Brookdale Avenue, Laning Avenue, F.N. Brown, HB Whitehorne and Verona High School.

WHEN: Approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of school, depending upon location.

SIGNIFICANCE: Walk to School Week, established in Great Britain in 1994, has grown into an international phenomenon. The first National Walk to School Day, called *Walk Our Children to School Day*, was held in the United States in 1997 and the first Bike to School Day occurred in May of 2012. The event is newly celebrated as '**Walk & Roll to School Day**' on the first Wednesday of every October. Since October 5 is Yom Kippur, the event was rescheduled for the second Wednesday this year.

This event is celebrated in over 40 countries by millions of walking participants; however, walk and bike to school events can take many forms, and can be held any time throughout the school year.

In the United States, Walk to School Day is expected to include more than 1250 events across all 50 states. Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world. As of mid-September, 2022, there are 37 registered events in New Jersey.

Walk to School Day events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools, and the broader community.

We encourage your individual schools to support efforts to continue a healthy practice of walking to school on a more regular basis. Many schools have introduced “**Walking Wednesdays**” which creates a more active and healthy routine for students and their families.

We ask that the schools and participants capture the significance of this day with group pictures that can be promoted on the Verona Environmental Commission’s social media pages and website, among others. Photos sent to VEC@VeronaNJ.Org will have assumed consent to publish.

Walk & Roll to School Day
National Center for Safe Routes to School

www.walkbiketoschool.org
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