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To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Iris Cabrera, P.E., PTOE, Transportation Engineer
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Date: September 19, 2012

Subject: Walk Your Child to School Week Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation for Walk Your Child to School Week.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

October 3 is International Walk to School Day. The City Council has presented these proclamations in past years to designate the annual Walk Your Child to School Week in Kirkland. This year the event will be held October 1 – 5, and Council members are invited to participate in the Feature Day for each participating Kirkland elementary school. Staff will be coordinating with Council schedules. The schedule is listed below.

Tuesday, October 2	8:30-9 AM	A.G. Bell
Wednesday, October 3	8-8:30 AM	Rose Hill
Wednesday, October 3	8:30-9 AM	Henry David Thoreau
Thursday, October 4	8:45-9:15 AM	John Muir
Thursday, October 4	8:45-9:15 AM	Lakeview
Wednesday, October 10	8:30-9 AM	Sandburg
Friday, October 12	8-8:30 AM	Mark Twain

Representatives from the individual elementary schools are coordinating activities at each school. A planning meeting was conducted with the representatives to share ideas and coordinate schedules. Police and Fire staff will be available to attend events, and the City will provide costumes for Ped Bee, the Pedestrian Safety Bee, to make appearances at each school.

Chantal Mees Koch and Tracie Wilhelm from Carl Sandburg Elementary School plan to attend the City Council meeting to accept the proclamation on behalf of all the participating Kirkland elementary schools. In addition, students and parents from the other schools are also encouraged to attend to show support for this annual event.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming October 1 to 5, 2012, as “Walk Your Child to School Week” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the National Center for Safe Routes to School, a group working to improve safety and health and walking conditions for children, encourages local communities to support International Walk to School Day and similar activities; and

WHEREAS, walking to school encourages physical fitness through the easiest-to-do and most enjoyable form of exercise and promotes safety by teaching children the skills to walk safely and to identify safe routes to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland recognizes the importance of pedestrian safety and has constructed multiple improvements to school walk routes across the City; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders in Kirkland are encouraged to walk to school every day but particularly during the week of October 1 through 5, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1 to 5, 2012, as “Walk Your Child to School Week” in the City of Kirkland, Washington and encourage everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians today and every day.

Signed this 2nd day of October, 2012

Joan McBride, Mayor