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Memorandum

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Noel Schoneman, NTCP Coordinator
Ray Steiger, P.E., Interim Public Works Director

Date: September 23, 2010

Subject: WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL PROCLAMATION

The City Council has presented Walk to School Week proclamations in past years to designate the annual Walk Your Child to School Week in Kirkland. This year the event is October 4th – October 8th. Council members are invited to participate in the feature day for each school. The schedule is listed below.

Monday, October 4		no activities
Tuesday, October 5	8:30 - 9:00	AG Bell, Juanita
Wednesday October 6	8:15 - 8:45	Peter Kirk
Thursday, October 7	8:30 - 9:00	Ben Franklin
Friday, October 8	8:00 - 8:30	Mark Twain
Not yet scheduled		Lakeview
Not participating in 2010		Rose Hill

Chris Williamson and Amanda Maggiora, volunteer coordinators for Ben Franklin Elementary School, will attend the City Council meeting to accept the proclamation on behalf of all the participating schools.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming October 4 to 8, 2010 as "Walk Your Child to School Week" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, a *Partnership for a Walkable America*, a national coalition working to improve the conditions for walking in America and to increase the number of Americans who walk regularly, encourages local communities to support International Walk to School Day and Month 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 is committed to making the journey to and from school safer and healthier for all children; and

WHEREAS, the City's transportation engineering, non-motorized transportation planning, and school walk route and neighborhood traffic safety control programs support Kirkland's commitment to a walkable community; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders in Kirkland are encouraged to walk to school every day but particularly during the week of October 4 through 8, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4 to 8, 2010, 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 5th day of October, 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor