

# **11 Greeley-Evans District 6 schools to participate in International Walk to School Day**

Eleven Greeley-Evans School District 6 schools will join four other Weld County schools in celebrating International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, the North Colorado Health Alliance announced in a news release Friday.

Students at the 15 Weld County schools who walk or bike to school will be welcomed with balloons, music, healthy snacks and prizes, according to the release.

Further, classes will compete for highest participation levels, and the winning class from each school will receive the Golden Shoe Award, according to the release.

There will be an increased police presence to ensure safety. "Walking to school is great for kids," District 6 Wellness Coordinator Rachel Hurshman said in the release. "The exercise wakes kids up, stimulates feel-good chemicals in the brain and gets them ready for a full day of learning."

The event is organized by the Make TODAY Count! campaign, as well as District 6 Student Wellness, according to the release.

Greeley and Evans schools participating are: Dos Rios, Meeker, Martinez, Jackson, Centennial, Madison, Hieman and McAuilffie elementary schools, as well as Heath Middle School and Salida del Sol Academy. Outlying Weld County schools are Platteville Elementary School and Pete Merich Elementary School in LaSalle, as well as Twombly and Butler elementary schools in Fort Lupton.