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Hello Safe Routes to School coordinators and friends! Here is what's new with Michigan's Safe Routes to School program this month:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAINING SCHEDULE: FALL 2007

Now is the time to enroll in Safe Routes to School training! Trainings are great opportunities for school personnel, parents, and other interested stakeholders to learn how to get a successful SR2S program up and running. Our training staff explains the five SR2S Handbook modules and their associated activities, discusses federal funding opportunities for SR2S programs, leads a walking audit and action planning session, and much more.

Our fall 2007 training dates and locations are:

DATE	CITY	LOCATION
September 26	Bay City	Bay County Community Center
September 29	Detroit	Detroit Youth Foundation/YouthVille
October 11	Battle Creek	Prairieview Elementary School
October 18	Kalkaska	People's Church

SR2S training was developed specifically to assist local school teams undertake successful SR2S initiatives. Because it is important to ensure that school representatives have space in trainings, we place a priority on school representatives when filling the limited number of training spots. Training sessions are currently capped at 40 participants.

Trainings are free, but **you must enroll in advance** by calling the Safe Routes to School office at 1-800-434-8642 or by sending an e-mail to Alex Nikoloff at anikoloff@michiganfitness.org.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY—OCTOBER 3, 2007

On Wednesday, October 3, millions of children in more than 40 countries worldwide will enjoy the many benefits of walking by celebrating **Walk to School Day 2007**. This annual event—now in its seventh year—promotes safe and walkable communities, health and physical activity, and concern for the environment.

Registering your school for Walk to School Day is fast and easy; simply contact the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports at (800) 434-8642. Our office will mail a planning packet to your school in mid-September. **Registering for Safe Routes to School automatically registers your school for Walk to School Day.**

This year, all schools participating in Walk to School Day will also have access to a variety of downloadable materials from the National Center for Safe Routes to School, including templates for printing stickers, certificates, a frequent walker punch card, and more. Registrants will also receive a weekly e-newsletter for six weeks in September and October with tips and resources on holding a Walk to School event.



Walk to School Day at Cornell Elementary School, Okemos, MI (courtesy photo).

If the October 3 date does not work for your school, simply choose an alternate date in October; the entire month of October is officially designated as "International Walk to School Month."

Stay tuned for more Walk to School Day information in September's SR2S Newsletter!