

Walkin' & Wheelin' Wednesdays

On September 7, we started our **Walkin Wheelin Wednesdays (WWW)** fall campaign! Last year, approximately 205 children walked or biked to school each Wednesday. We would like to encourage more students and families to participate in this fun and worthwhile event.

Numerous small groups of children already walk or bike to and from school. Here are some ways the Homestead community can increase the participation in WWW:

- **Join or start a Walking / Biking School Bus**
 - These buses may have parent 'drivers' who walk / bike along a **certain route**, collecting other children waiting at designated 'bus stops' on their way to school. After school, they walk / bike back along the same route.
- **Recruit a friend**
 - Every student already walking/biking to school can **invite 1-2 friends** who live **far away from school to join an existing walking/biking school bus.**
- **Choose a Park 'n Walk drop off site**
 - For those who live **too far** to walk from home, **Park n' Walk drop off sites** provide places where parents can park their cars and walk as a family to Homestead.

Here are **four suggested drop off sites** in the **Homestead neighborhood**:

1. *A friend's house.*
2. *The north pool at E. Easter Avenue, Centennial CO 80112.*
3. *The south pool at E. Geddes Place, Centennial CO 80112.*
4. *The west pool at E. Geddes Avenue, Centennial CO 80112.*

All *pools* are within **less than a mile distance** of Homestead Elementary, see *attached map*.

The benefits of the WWW program are many!

Walking/biking to school is **fun** and **energizing**, it not only gets the day off to a **healthy start and promotes a healthy lifestyle**, but also raises our **community spirit** with friends and family.

Families participating in **WWW** will also find a **safe, convenient and less stressful option for getting students to and from school**. By easing traffic around the school, **together** we can create a **healthier, cleaner and safer environment** for the **entire Homestead community**.

Thank you for supporting our **Safe Routes to Homestead** program.

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