

Dear Walker,

Thank you for participating in the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day on November 14, 2022. We are thrilled to have you join this nation-wide movement. By holding a Day of Dialogue within your community, you will set the foundation for our next generations to understand their abilities to effect change.

When I first anticipated the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day as an event that could be celebrated throughout the country, I knew that it needed to be more than a remembrance of my famous first steps into William Frantz Elementary in 1960. It needed to inspire our next generations to participate and understand the power of children to be the leaders of change in our world, and take steps toward the change that means most to them.

I learned in the first few days integrating William Frantz Elementary, that who we are lies in our heart, not in our appearance. My teacher may have looked like the angry protesters outside, but she showed me kindness, and wanted to help me. I have dedicated my life as an activist to end racism and all forms of bullying. I am also devoted to helping kids understand that they have power too!

For years I have traveled the country talking to school communities and other organizations about my story and how my experience as a six-year-old child influenced my life. Often, I am asked the question:

"What can I /we do?"

The Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day offers an opportunity for your community to discuss what things are most important to you, what projects (large or small) can engage the community to participate, and to decide which project to under-take this year.

Through the work of **The Ruby Bridges Foundation**, I hope to inspire and support kids as they find their passion and their strength, while also urging the importance of service. I look forward to hearing about the projects that come from your discussion. It is incredible to see how a **Day of Dialogue** can inspire a better tomorrow, **Together**, **one Step at a Time!**

¡Entra en acción!

Sé el cam <mark>B</mark> io	Piensa en lo que te gustaría cambiar.
Hazte escucha R	Interviene cuando veas que alguien está siendo maltratado. Habla con un adulto en el que confíes.
Imagina un mundo mejor	Tómate unos minutos para pensar en el cambio que te gustaría ver para que el mundo sea un lugar mejor.
Decidete a actuar	Determina qué pequeño paso podrías dar hacia ese cambio.
Sé G eneroso	Ayuda a los demás a entender lo que estás intentando hacer y cómo.
Enseña	Obtén más información sobre lo que te gustaría ayudar a cambiar y comparte tu aprendizaje con los demás.
Comparte tu progreSo	Comparte el resumen, las fotos, los videos u otros detalles del evento con nosotros en rubybridges.foundation.

#TakingStepsTogether, #RubyBridgesFoundation, #TheRubyBridgesWalktoSchoolDay, #StompOutBullying





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...Youth making a Difference

FAQ.

- Doe you have to walk TO school?

No. Many school communities will come together once everyone has arrived. The RBWTSD (Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day) is focused on the dialogue within the community, and the projects that will follow. Not all kids are able to walk to school safely, and safety is always the priority. Historically Ruby's walk was up the stairs and into the building, and that was what made history.

- What does A Day of Dialogue mean?

The day of dialogue will take place during the school/ work day. We have provided a few discussion questions to get you started, but encourage you to add to them.

During the discussion think of ways to implement the change you would like to see.- Design a project or find a project that already exists that could help make that change.

- What happens after our discussion?

The whole community will then vote on which project to choose.

Over the course of the school year your school community will participate in the project of choice

Dont forget to share projects and your progress with The Ruby Bridges Foundation: @rubybridgesofficial



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The Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day was rooted a student-led movement. When I 5th grade class was learning about the story Ruby Bridges in a Civil Rights lesson, one student asked, "Why Doesn't Ruby have a day named after her?"

Their class went on to lead the way in creating the day. They spoke to the city governemnt and had the day recognized within their community. And as time passed, they received support and guidance until the Resolution was introduced to the California Legislature in September 2021. It passed the Senate unanimously, creating the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day recognized each year on November 14th. We are hopeful that students from other states will work to see the day recognized in their home states as well.

IDEAS; A Day of Dialogue... Teens Making a Difference

- 1. What are issues that your students care about most?
- 2. Can holding discussions in each class subject help your students with their ideas?
- Can larger issues be transted in to smaller projects to engage the students? Even small projects can make a lasting difference.
- 4. Are there local issues that need attention?
- 5. Do your students want to lead the way to resolution in your state for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day?



Hello!

We are thrilled that your child's school will be participating in the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day this year.

In September of 2021, the California Legislature voted unanimously to recognize November 14 as Ruby Bridges Walk To School Day. Two years earlier a 5th grade class had asked the question: Why doesn't Ruby have a day named after her? Those same students decided to make it happen.

The 5th graders that began the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day offer a great example for what The Ruby Bridges Foundation hopes to see with the expansion of the event. Ruby Bridges and her brave steps into William Frantz Elementary and ultimately into the history books as a 6-year-old, in 1960, shows the power of children to make change. Ruby has traveled throughout the country talking to schools about her story, and how she learned that each of us has the ability to make a difference.

The Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day: A Day of Dialogue is an opportunity to support our next generations in reflecting upon what is important to them. School Communities will decide together on what project to undertake in an effort to address an issue that the kids feel is most important.

While our Mission at the Ruby Bridges Foundation is to end racism and all forms of bullying, The Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day initiative encourages school communities to discover their own mission. The event will look a little different from one community to the next. We look forward to hearing from your community about your event. #RubyBridgesWalktoSchoolDay

Communities are encouraged to wear purple, to come together in a Day of Dialogue and work together toward a brighter world, Together One Step at a Time...





For more information, Please visit: www.rubybridges.foundation, @rubybridgesofficial



Are you ready to walk? Do you have your purple shirt?

For a limited time, you can pre-order an official Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day T-shirt from The Ruby Bridges Foundation website.

Visit <u>www.RubyBridges.foundation</u>

When you donate \$50 to The Ruby Bridges Foundation, you qualify to receive the official Ruby Bridges Walk to School t-shirt while supplies last. We are collecting pre-orders now for a limited time. Don't miss your chance! Orders must be collected now for delivery in time for the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day event.

Order now....We will send your shirt before Nov 10. 2022- in time for the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day on November 14! (While supplies last)

We hope everyone will wear purple to their event! With the official event t-shirt you will be supporting the event and the mission of The Ruby Bridges Foundation.

And don't forget to register! <u>www.RubyBridges.Foundation</u>

Let's celebrate the power of kids!

November 14, 2022 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



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