

# KIMS WALKABOUT

Greetings Amazing WalkAbout Volunteers!

The beginning of the school year is off to a great start and we are so happy to see so many great WalkAbout Volunteers helping out. As the students and staff continue to settle into their daily routines, we look forward to watching the continued growth of the WalkAbout Program. We understand that your time is precious and we applaud you for giving some of it to our school community.

New to the WalkAbout Program here at KIMS? Get started by reviewing the [ONLINE TRAINING](#)...

Looking forward to meeting many more of you incredible volunteers and making this year of the WalkAbout Program the best ever!

Sincerely,  
Ashley Depner & Janis Rabuchin

## WHAT IS WALKABOUT?

The WalkAbout Program at Kirkland Middle School is a PTSA sponsored, school supported, parent staffed program that provides a positive adult presence on campus during peak traffic times. The additional adult presence discourages inappropriate behavior allowing students to feel safe. It also gives parents the opportunity to volunteer in an area that directly impacts their child's safety and gives them an additional connection to a big part of their child's day.

Walkabout receives great administrative support from our teachers and staff!

## WALKABOUT MISSION:

To provide a positive and safe learning environment for students by having trained parent volunteers at school during high traffic times (before/after school and lunch times) moving through the campus in pairs to discourage inappropriate behaviors and act as a positive adult presence.

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR WALKABOUT:

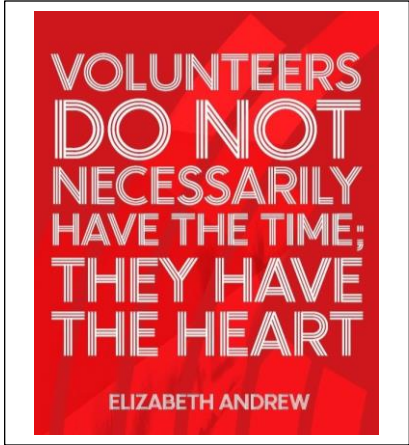
- 1) Complete [LWSD Volunteer](#) Approval process
- 2) Attend/Review the REQUIRED [WalkAbout Training](#)
- 3) Fill out KIMS [WalkAbout Volunteer Form](#)
- 4) Sign-up for a shift (or two) at [VOLUNTEER SPOT](#)
- 5) Show up with a smile!

Kirkland Middle School  
WALKABOUT SHIFTS:

**BEFORE SCHOOL:**  
Daily: 7:55 – 8:15 am

**DURING LUNCH:**  
M. TU. TH. F: 11:00 -11:30  
and 11:55-12:25  
W: 10:30-11:00 & 11:15-11:45

**AFTER SCHOOL:**  
M. TU. TH. F: 2:40-2:55  
W: 1:10-1:25



**THANK YOU!**

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers who have participated in KIMS' Walkabout Program. We are so lucky to have such dedicated, positive, enthusiastic volunteers.

(List of Volunteers...to be updated monthly)

### GENERAL KIMS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

- Always sign-in AND sign-out with the office. Use volunteer nametag and clipboard.
- Model behaviors the students are asked to follow; NO CELL PHONE USE.
- Remember to observe student confidentiality inside and outside school.

### WALKABOUT GUIDELINES:

- Greet kids with smiles and pleasant conversation.
- Encourage kids to be in the right place at the right time.
- Acknowledge students who are by themselves with a 'hello'; a friendly word can mean the world.
- Move towards loud groups. Your physical presence will deter most unwanted behaviors
- Enforcement of rules or attitude problems should be referred to staff.
- Trust your instincts. Don't hesitate to mention a concern, large or small.
- Please do not use this time to talk to teachers or administrators about your student or school issues. Schedule an appointment separately.

### WALKABOUT ROUTINE:

#### **(Clipboard Guidelines)**

- 1) Check in at the front office. Grab WA Volunteer Lanyard.
- 2) Pick up the appropriate (Before School, Lunch, After School) WA Clipboard. Review Information.
- 3) Begin your WA route. Monitor bathrooms and school building perimeters as you pass through
- 4) Communicate with appropriate personnel if a situation occurs.
- 5) Have fun and enjoy yourself and the kids!
- 6) When finished return the clipboard and lanyard, and be sure to Sign-Out with the office.