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### Upcoming Event: Halloween Safety

Halloween is October 31st! Make sure to share [Halloween Safety Tips](#) with students and parents.

You can also use this [Halloween Safety Info graphic](#), created by Safe Kids, in your newsletters and on your school bulletin boards!

### Grant Opportunity: America Walks Community Change Micro Grants

America Walks has extended another round of community change micro grants to individuals and communities interested in improving the public sphere for walking or otherwise helping to make walking more commonplace. This program awards up to \$1,500 to fund or help to catalyze smaller-scale, low-cost projects and programs that increase the prevalence of walking, expand the diversity of people and organizations working to advance walkability, and help to make walking safer, easier, and more fun for all community members.

This program is possible with support from partners of the Every Body Walk! Collaborative and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Applications are due by November 10th at 5pm Eastern.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Partner Highlight: School Outreach Coordinator Services Ending

At the end of October, the South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center will end most partner school services through the School Outreach Coordinators. The South Carolina Department of Transportation, due to funding limits, will no longer have a staffed Resource Center for Safe Routes to School. The Resource Center will support Crossing Guard Appreciation Week November 13-17, and be available to answer questions and concerns. Starting in 2018, please direct Safe Routes to School questions to Rodney Oldham, SCDOT State Safe Routes to School Coordinator, at 803-737-4073 or [oldhamr@scdot.org](mailto:oldhamr@scdot.org).



Rodney Oldham, CHES, CPT

### From our State Coordinator:

Thank you all for another successful International Walk to School Day! South Carolina has more than 224 registered events! And there's still time to register and have an event before October ends.

I'm so excited to see the continued interest and support for International Walk to School Day and Safe Routes to School.

For those of you who have already held your iWalk event, we want to hear how it went! [Click here](#) to complete our [event survey](#) and give us your feedback on your experience.

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in South Carolina Walk and Roll to School Day on March 7, 2018.

### Resource Center News: Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is November 13-17

The South Carolina Safe Routes to School Resource Center is proud to sponsor South Carolina Crossing Guard Appreciation Week November 13 - 17, 2017. Schools and communities are

## Spotlight on a Friend: Breathe Better B2

### Let's turn it off!

Breathe Better (B2) is an anti-idling, clean air education program promoted by DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality. The goal of B2 is to help protect public health and improve air quality by reducing harmful vehicle emissions around school campuses and other public spaces.

B2 is engaging community partners to help encourage all South Carolinians to turn off their engines while they wait. Schools and businesses can sign up to receive free educational and outreach materials to help make their campuses and parking lots idle-free zones that are healthier for students, employees, visitors and the community.

The enrollment period for the 2017-2018 school year is ongoing. Please contact Leslie Coolidge or Adey Olatosi at [breathebetter@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:breathebetter@dhec.sc.gov) to get your school enrolled. Learn more by going to the [Breathe Better website](#).

encouraged to use this week-long celebration to recognize the role that crossing guards play in helping keep our students safe as they walk and bicycle to school! Check out our website [here](#) to find ways to appreciate your Crossing Guard.

Let your Crossing Guard know how much he/she is appreciated by submitting a nomination [here](#) as an "Outstanding Crossing Guard". Deadline for submissions is November 10th.

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