

Anna S. Kuhl Elementary School participated in National Walk to School Day by holding a Walking School Bus event on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. **What is a walking school bus?** A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with a group of adults. It's like carpooling without the car! Studies show for various reasons fewer children are walking to school, and more children are at risk of becoming overweight. In an effort to encourage walking and exercise, we held a walking school bus event. It was a well-coordinated, safe and fun morning walking to school.

The Walking School Bus started at the corner of East Main Street and Kingston Avenue at the J's Mobil Gas station and proceeded down Kingston Avenue/Culvert Street/Route 209 until we reached the Anna S. Kuhl schoolyard. The past 4 years we have participated in National Walk to School day, and had a total of 20 students participate. This year by the time we got to the school we had **50 students**, faculty, staff, administrators and community members participate.

Light refreshments were donated by The Shop Rite of Montague and Scrunchy the Bear walked with us. The Port Jervis Police Department and local Crossing Guards walked with us and gave safety tips to the students at each bus stop. Officer Scotty Robertson provided all of the students give-a-ways at breakfast. Our Walking School Bus that lead the walk was made by ASK Art Teacher Denise Jackson. A huge thank you also goes out to the Orange County Health Department (Lauren Carroll and Jessica Ridgeway) who have helped us the past four years put on this amazing event.