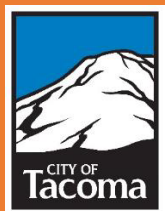


Tacoma's 1st Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day



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AGENDA

- Why we organized this event
- What we planned
- What actually happened
- What people told us

Image shows a group of 40+ students walking in a local park along a walking trail with the front three students holding up the Ruby Bridges Walk to School day banner



WHY RBW2SD?

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- Commitment to equity and to becoming an anti-racist organization: Resolution 40622.
- Support dialogue that's already happening in our schools.
- Inspire students to identify, share, and lead changes.

Image shows the last of the Ruby Bridges Story Walk signs. It has one of the last pages of the book and talks about how young people can be change makers. It ends the walk with asking students questions about making change in their community.



Join us for a celebration of Ruby Bridges and youth change-makers on:

November 14, 2023

Participate in the walking parade at 8:20 AM in Manitou Park. See the map on the back.

Together, we will:

- ★ Learn about Ruby Bridges’ courage and celebrate her historic steps while walking to school.
- ★ Talk about how young students can be change-makers with your local elected officials.
- ★ Check out the Ruby Bridges’ Story Walk – only available in the park for a couple days!

Learn more about this national Walk to School event at: rubybridges.foundation

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Parade!

Meet at the corner shown on the map with the **yellow star!** The walking parade will walk along the Manitou Park path (**orange line**) to the undercover area at school (**green balloons**).



Usually drive? Park at the park (**blue lines**) or nearby to join the fun!
Please follow parking regulations to be a good neighbor:



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Images of the front and back of the Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day flyer that was sent out to families.

STORY WALK PREPARATION

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- Park temporary use permit
- Publisher permissions
- Page layout & printing
- Materials acquisition & assembly
- Installation

All materials: \$857

Image shows the first of the Ruby Bridges Story Walk signs with the first two pages of her book. The sign also says, "Start here to read Ruby's story."





written by acclaimed civil rights icon **Ruby Bridges**
art by #1 New York Times bestselling illustrator **Nikkolas Smith**

over an obstacle
(such as a river).
1b: a time, place, or
means of connection
or transition.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED?

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- School Board President
- City Council Member
- Split into groups with Group Leaders

Photo above shows School Board President with megaphone. Photo below shows City Council Member talking with students about Ruby and making change in one's community.

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- Energy!
- Reading!
- Time Crunch!

Left photo shows students gathered around one of the story walk signs, reading. Right photo shows students energized and wanting to run.



Photo shows staff member pointing out the last of Ruby's Story in her book as City Council Member and students approach and look at the story walk.



Left image shows City Council member handing out stickers and snacks; Right photo shows city staff at the mode tally and “sign the poster” welcome celebration table.



LESSONS LEARNED

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- Time management
- Class integration (P.E.)
- Longer installation
- More schools
- Black History Month

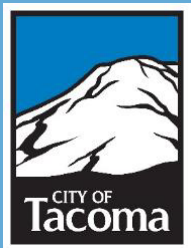


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Photo of the 16 city and school staff that made this event a success!

Thank you!



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