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FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY A SUCCESS

Canton, Ohio - Yesterday marked the annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day, an event sponsored by Stark County Job and Family Services and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. This year's participation surpassed 2023, with a total of 2,063 fathers and 2,745 children.

Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day encourages fathers and other significant caregivers to show support for their child's education by walking or driving them to school. Research shows that children whose fathers are involved in their education perform better in school.



Middlebranch Elementary, Plain Local Schools

Representatives were on-hand at participating schools this morning to greet walkers and distribute free gifts, provided by the Fatherhood Coalition, Buckeye Health Plan, and Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio.

Thirty-four schools participated this year in the following school districts:

- Alliance City School District: 354 fathers, 412 children
- Canton City School District: 743 fathers, 1022 children
- Massillon City School District: 240 fathers, 343 children
- Plain Local School District: 649 fathers, 847 children
- Beacon Academy: 27 fathers, 46 children
- Our Lady of Peace: 50 fathers, 75 children

The mission of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition is to empower fathers to take a positive role in their child's life, sponsor activities that strengthen families, and educate the community. For more information, please call 330-451-8477 or visit StarkJFS.org.

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