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FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY A SUCCESS

Canton, Ohio - Yesterday was the annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day, proudly sponsored by Stark County Job and Family Services and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition. Participation grew in 2025, with approximately 2,200 fathers and 2,800 children taking part in the event.

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.



Avondale Elementary, Plain Local Schools

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

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

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| • Alliance City School District: | 353 fathers, 396 children |
| • Canton City School District: | 765 fathers, 948 children |
| • Plain Local School District: | 843 fathers, 1108 children |
| • JRC – Canton Locations: | 29 fathers, 46 children |
| • Head Start – Massillon/Canton: | 117 fathers, 148 children |
| • Beacon Academy: | 23 fathers, 27 children |
| • Our Lady of Peace: | 50 fathers, 150 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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