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## Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day

The annual *Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day*, sponsored by the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition, FameFathers, and Stark County Job & Family Services, is scheduled Thursday, September 17, 2015. The event, in its fifth year, provides fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and other significant male caregivers, the opportunity to walk or drive their children to school.

The event is designed to provide male caregivers the opportunity to show their children how much they support and value their education. Research shows that children whose fathers are involved in their education perform better in school.

This year, all city elementary schools in Alliance, Canton and Massillon will participate in the event. Each participating elementary school will send home flyers about the walk. The first 50 children who arrive at each participating school with their fathers, or father figures, will receive a drawstring back pack and a sports bottle. Adults will receive folders with information about community programs for fathers and male caregivers.

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