



# Walking to School

In 1997, the Partnership for a Walkable America sponsored the first National Walk Our Children to School Day in Chicago, modeled after the United Kingdom's lead. Back then, it was simply a day to bring community leaders and children together to create awareness of the need for communities to be walkable.

By the year 2002, children, parents, teachers and community leaders in all 50 states joined nearly 3 million walkers around the world to celebrate the second annual International Walk to School Day.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Westlake's four elementary schools are participating in the International Walk to School Day.

The event promotes:

- Physical activity
- Teaching safe walking skills to children
- Awareness of how walkable a community is and where improvements can be made
- Concern for the environment
- Reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- Taking back neighborhoods for people on foot
- Sharing time with community leaders, parents and children



**The Westlake Girls Soccer team participated in the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure on Sept. 11. 41 girls raised money and walked in the 5K event to help Cancer Research and Awareness. This is the 5th year that Girls Soccer Team has participated in this national fundraiser event. This year the girls raised \$6,400, bringing their 5 year total to over \$12,000.**

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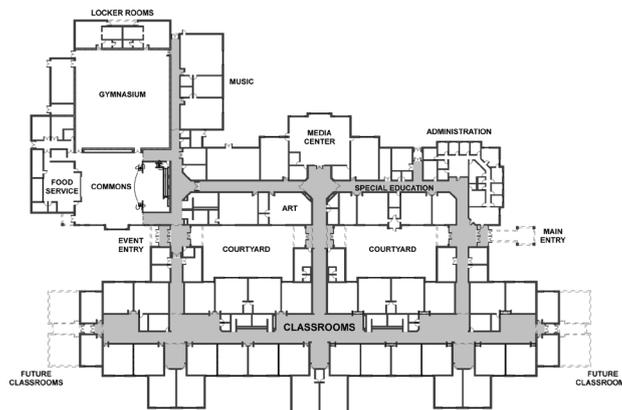
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## High/middle school drawings revealed

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through a similar process as the middle school. The rendering was first shown to staff on Sept. 16 and the school district is continuing to gather specific input from both staff and community members. Like the middle school staff, high school staff members also will be visiting a variety of high school buildings to better shape their views of what they hope to see in the new Westlake High School.

The school district has additional construction update meetings planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 21 and 22, to update residents whose neighborhoods ring the WHS and Dover/LBMS sites. Emerald Environmental's surface water/wetlands delineation report was sent to the regional Environmental Protection Agency



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office in Buffalo.

District officials met with City of Westlake officials on Monday, Sept. 20, regarding the upcoming demolition of the Red Brick building. The school district is soliciting bids for the demolition with a bid opening date of Oct. 6. The building will come down in late November or early December.