

# Wattles Elementary School

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*Dr. Judith L. Garrett*  
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October 11, 2007

Lt. Jerry Scherlinck  
Troy Police Department  
500 West Big Beaver Rd.  
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Dear Lt. Scherlinck,

On behalf of the students and staff at Wattles Elementary, please know how much we appreciated the help of Officer Nickie Kaptur and Officer Robert Kowalski for this year's Walk To School Day, which was held on Oct. 4, 2007. All 400 Wattles students and approximately 50 parents and staff met at the Church of Christ on Trombley Street and we "walked to school"! The police officers helped direct traffic and provided safety as we crossed two intersections (Trombley and Ellenboro and Colebrook and Ellenboro.) Officers Kaptur and Kowalski did a great job!

This is an annual event at Wattles each fall and Troy Police Officers have always helped to provide safety for the adults and students.

I feel fortunate that the Troy Police Department has a close working relationship with the schools!

Sincerely,



Dr. Judy Garrett  
Principal

cc: City Mgr  
Division Commander  
D/C Mayor  
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NEWS RELEASE - WATTLES SCHOOL

TROY, MICHIGAN

Wed., OCT. 3, 2007

8:45 a.m. approximately

*Rainy Day -  
Rescheduled  
10/4/07*



**WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!  
NEW ROUTE THIS YEAR!**

**WHO/WHAT:** Wattles AM Kindergartners, K+ and grade 1-5 students, parents, teachers, noon-aids and principal will celebrate Walk To School Day by walking to Wattles School from the parking lot at Church of Christ on Trombley between Rochester Road and Ellenboro. This allows us to participate in a healthy walk to school without crossing major roads. **THIS IS OUR THIRD ANNUAL WALK TO SCHOOL! EVERY YEAR WE TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

**WHY:** Walk to School Day is sponsored by the Governors Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

In 2004 Wattles School received "The Healthiest School in Oakland County" award from the Healthy Schools, Healthy Oakland committee. We continue to look for ways that we can include exercise and healthy eating into our daily schedule. Participating in "Walk to School Day" is one of the ways adults and children from school can exercise together!

\*In May of 2005 and 2006 children and parents participated in ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously).

\*Students have participated in a mileage club: they get points for walking, jogging or running on our school jogging track.

\*The Troy School District physical education department has achieved Level 8 status for the outstanding physical fitness curriculum.

The walk will **START** with all students gathering at the parking lot for warm up stretches by one of our third grade teachers, Mr. Ben Martin. Then Mrs. Forney, head teacher, will lead her first graders and the rest of the school on our **WALK TO SCHOOL!** We will conclude by meeting in the gym for a short program which includes the Pledge of Allegiance (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts), a patriotic song (2 fourth grade girls will lead us), a "top secret song" (YMCA - everyone's favorite exercise song), and the presentation of the Walk to School certificate (Received by Safety and Service Patrol 5th grade representatives). All children will receive an apple as a healthy treat as they leave. When they return to the classroom, they will receive a special green sticker for participating in the walk.

**Thank You to:** The parent volunteers, noon-aids, Troy Police Department, Troy Church of Christ for the use of their parking lot **AND** for the donation for the cost of the apples, Troy School District Bus Transportation Department, Wattles teachers and Wattles **STUDENTS!!**