

Kirkland Middle School

WaLLkAbout

Sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/KiMSWalkAbout>



KIMS WalkAbout Mission

To provide a positive and safe learning environment for students by having trained parent volunteers at school during high traffic times moving through the outdoor areas of the school to discourage inappropriate behaviors and act as a positive adult presence.

KIMS WalkAbout Purpose

- Create additional opportunities for **positive interactions between students and adults** during peak traffic times.
- Provide **additional adult presence to discourage inappropriate behavior.**
- Ensure a **safe and healthy atmosphere** for all students.
- Create additional opportunities for **parent involvement** on a regular schedule.
 - Program has a **direct impact on their child's safety.**
 - Program provides **a connection point for parents** during their child's school day.

Why Volunteer?

- Gives you an opportunity to stay involved and engaged in your student's school day.
- Affords you an opportunity to be a positive influence in the overall school community.
- Provides support to the staff of KiMS during busy times of the school day.
- Directly impacts the safety of KiMS students.
- The time commitment is minimal and allows for a regularly scheduled volunteer opportunity.

Weekly Volunteer Opportunities

Before School

Mon. – Fri.: 8:15 AM – 8:35 AM

Lunch

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.:

Group A: 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM

Group B: 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM

Weds.:

Group A: 10:50 AM – 11:20 AM

Group B: 11:35 AM – 12:05 PM

General Volunteer Guidelines

- **Have fun!**
- Always sign-in AND sign-out with the office.
- Use volunteer nametag and clipboard.
- Model behaviors the students are asked to follow. Please NO cell phone use.
- Treat all students in the same, respectful manner.
- Remember to observe student confidentiality inside and outside school.

WalkAbout Basics

- **Have fun!**
- Engage students with smiles and conversation; Be present.
- Encourage students to be in the right place at the right time.
- Acknowledge students who are by themselves with a 'hello;' a friendly word can mean the world.
- Move toward loud groups; An adult's physical presence will often deter most unwanted behaviors.
- Discourage inappropriate behavior (including running and horseplay); Redirect behavior in a positive manner – avoid confrontation and/or power struggles.
- Directly engage school staff when enforcement of rules is required, or the need to address attitude problems with students arises. Direct students to the office for discipline.
- Trust your instincts; Do not hesitate to mention a concern, large or small, to school staff.
- Maintain safe physical interactions and verbal communication with students; Middle school students are not always able to interpret sarcasm or innuendo.
- Please do not use this time to talk to teachers or administrators about your student or school issues. Schedule an appointment separately.

Before School Checklist

➤ **Have fun!**

- Circulate around the front of the school where students gather before school
- Encourage students to move towards class after first bell

Things to Know:

- Doors should be kept closed during school hours
- Students should not enter gym locker room or other classrooms until after the first bell

Lunch Checklist

- **Have fun!**
- Circulate around the front of the school where students gather during lunch breaks.
- Encourage students to dispose of their trash in the proper receptacles.
- If volunteering **during Group B lunch**, please assist staff in the last 10 minutes of the lunch period in picking up and stacking chairs.
- Encourage students to move towards class after first bell.

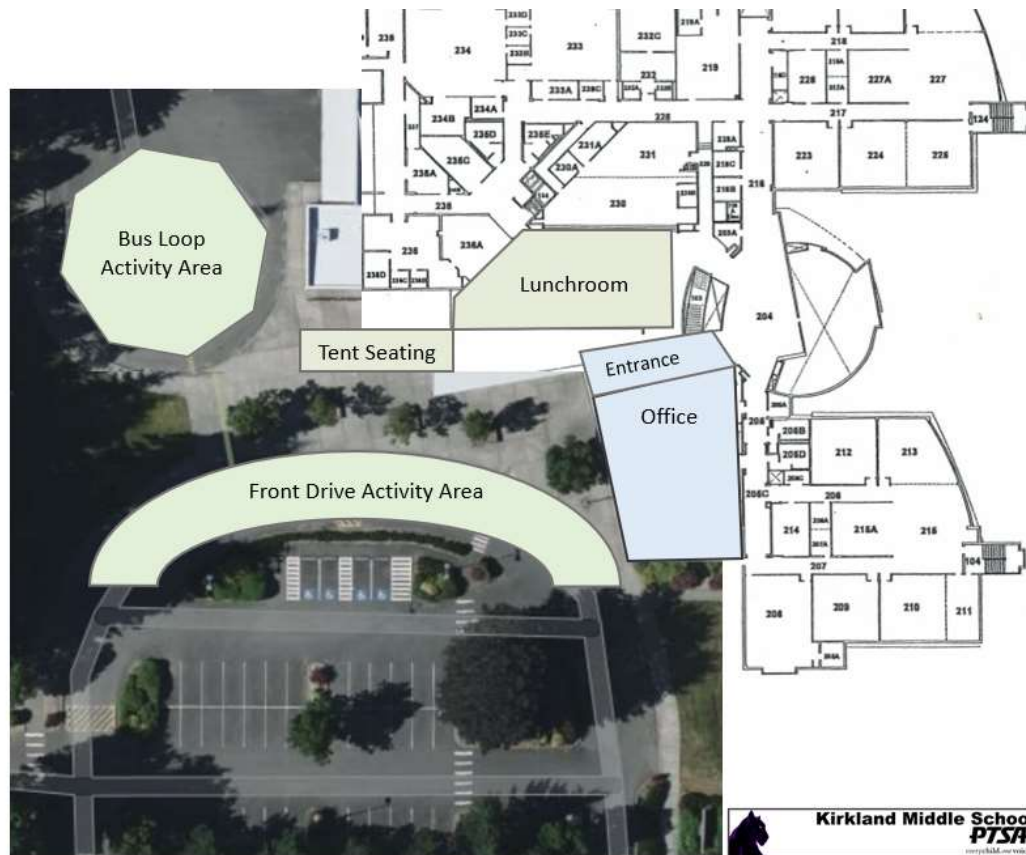
Things to Know:

- For those students who decide to eat lunch inside:
 - They are **not allowed** move their chair; however, they **may** turn it in the location it is placed
 - They must **stay seated** in their chair while eating; They may not roam around inside
 - They must **return to wearing their mask** when they are done eating; Encourage wearing of their mask with *gentle reminders* (i.e., make eye contact, touch your mask)
- For those students who decide to eat lunch outside:
 - They are **not allowed** to move their chair; however, they **may** turn it in the location it is placed
 - Students are not required to wear their mask outside during lunch, but must return to wearing it before re-entering the building
- Students are allowed to use the restrooms at the office during the lunch break
- Students are **not allowed** to be past the student phone, past the restrooms across from the counseling center or the restrooms next to the kitchen during the lunch period
- Students are **not allowed** to leave school grounds during the lunch period
- Students **may use** the library during the lunch period (if open), but **may not** linger in the hallways outside the library

WalkAbout Routine

- Arrive 5 minutes ahead of volunteer start time and check-in at the front office.
- Pick up a WalkAbout Volunteer Badge & Clipboard. Review information provided.
- Circulate around the front of the school where students gather before school and during lunch.
- Communicate with appropriate personnel if a situation occurs.
- **Have fun and enjoy yourself and the kids!**
- When finished return the lanyard and clipboard to the office and be sure to Sign-Out.

WalkAbout Area



Things to Know

- All parent volunteers must be LWSO Approved and provide proof of Vaccination. For more information visit: <https://www.lwsd.org/get-involved/volunteering-in-lwsd>
- Sign-up to volunteer by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/KiMSWalkAbout>
- An overview of what to do, what to know, and what not to do will be sent to you upon receipt of your volunteer sign-up!
- Don't forget to submit your **Volunteer Matching Hours** request to your employer if they provide this benefit. More information is available at <https://kirklandmiddleptsa.org>
- Questions? Contact walkabout@kirklandptsa.org

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THANK YOU!!
FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR
WalkAbout

We would like to extend our *heartfelt gratitude* to the volunteers who participate in KIMS' WalkAbout Program.
We are so lucky to have such dedicated, positive, enthusiastic volunteers!!

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