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**Brevard County Schools to celebrate
National Bike to School Day on May 6, 2015**

May 4, 2016- Brevard County Schools will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Bike to School Day on May 4, 2016.

Students, in participating schools, will be riding to school **on Wednesday May 4th** along with parents and teachers or promoting bike safety through extra safety lessons or informational articles in school newsletters. To find out what a particular school is doing we encourage you to contact that school directly.

In its fifth year as a national event, Bike to School Day encourages a nationwide bike-focused celebration for students in the month of May and builds on the popularity and success of Walk to School Day, which is celebrated across the country – and the world – each October. The May date is also significant in that it is National Bicycle Month.

Bike to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for bicycling and walking and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, bicycle/pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools and the broader community.

The Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization promotes Bike to School Day as part of their Safe Routes to School Program. The Space Coast TPO salutes Brevard County Schools for the large number of schools participating in this year's event. The number of Brevard schools participating this year represent 12.5 % of the schools registered statewide.

Local schools participating in the event are listed below.

Apollo Elementary
Atlantis Elementary
Croton Elementary
Endeavor Elementary
Fairglen Elementary
Holland Elementary
Indialantic Elementary
Jupiter Elementary
Lewis Carroll Elementary

Manatee Elementary
Palm Bay Elementary
Quest Elementary
Roosevelt Elementary
Roy Allen Elementary
Suntree Elementary
Tropical Elementary
West Melbourne Elementary
Westside Elementary

For additional information, please visit these websites:

Walk and Bike to School Day
National Center for Safe Routes to School

www.walkbiketoschool.org
www.saferoutesinfo.org

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About National Bike to School Day

National Bike to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, provides an opportunity for communities across the country to join together to bicycle to school on the same day. The event builds on the excitement surrounding National Bike Month, led by the League of American Bicyclists each May, as well as the popularity of Walk to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School every October.

National Bike to School Day is based on the Walk to School Day model. Walk to School Day was founded in 1997 as a way to bring community leaders and children together to build awareness for communities to be more walkable. The one-day event has now grown to a month-long celebration with students and parents from more than 4,000 U.S. schools joining millions of Walk to School Day and Month participants worldwide. The reasons for walking have grown just as quickly as the event itself. For more information on bike and walk to school activities in the United States, visit www.walkbiketoschool.org.

About the National Center for Safe Routes to School

Established in May 2006, the National Center for Safe Routes to School assists states and communities in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school. The National Center serves as the information clearinghouse for the federal Safe Routes to School program with funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. Part of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center, the National Center also provides technical support and resources and coordinates online registration efforts for U.S. Walk to School Day and facilitates worldwide promotion and participation. For more information, visit www.saferoutesinfo.org.

** For more information on activities being planned by each school, contact that school directly