

# Monthly Motivator: November



Iowa Safe Routes to School is dedicating the month of November to Ruby Bridges and encouraging you to celebrate Ruby Bridges' Day on November 14th by walking to school.

## About Ruby:

In 1960 a federal court ordered Louisiana schools to desegregate. The school district created an entrance exam to see if African American students could handle being in an all-white school. Ruby and five other students passed the exam. The six students were to be sent to two different all-white schools. The school district delayed their start and Ruby's first day of school was November 14, 1960. A few days before the start of school, the two African American students who were going to attend with Ruby, decided to stay in their home school. Ruby braved William Frantz Elementary School on her own.

The above excerpt is from: <https://www.smcoe.org/for-schools/safe-and-supportive-schools/ruby-bridges-walk-to-school-day.html>



## Reasons to get moving in November

**Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day - 14**  
**National Take a Hike Day -17**

