The Belvidere Walking Club launched in 2014 by Coach DeWitt.

**INSPIRED TO** give his students an activity before school, Coach started a walking club with over 60 kids the first year! Parents and teachers also joined in the fun, walking with their kids before work or school.

Coach saw it as a way to also help build relationships between the school staff, parents, and most importantly – with students.
To date, nearly **600 kids** have joined Walking Club, averaging 100 students each year.

Cold weather presents a challenge, but doesn’t stop the activity! The Club just moves inside, **walking the halls on Walking Club days**!

Students continue to ask about Walking Club every year and look forward to START!
The success of Walking Club is not only in its numbers, but much more!

- Building Relationships –
  - with students, teachers, and parents!
  - with the community – Grandview Police have walked with us too!
- Getting students ACTIVE
- Going on field trips
- Participating in community walks and National Walk to School days!
Walking Club is unique to Belvidere and we are still going strong.

We are motivated to keep going and love participating in the Cass County Walk, raising over $1,400 the last two years!

The health benefits are more than just physical, but also emotional. Allowing kids to actively ease into their day, connect with others, and talk about what’s on their mind.
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