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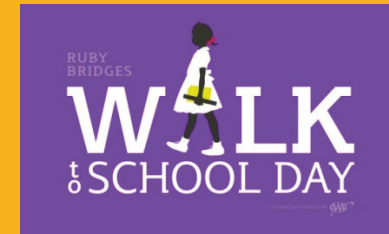
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# AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Presents

## A Fireside Chat with Ruby Bridges

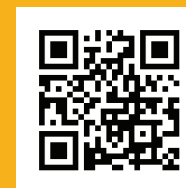


## An American Icon

Thursday, November 17, 2022  
Palo Verde Magnet High School  
Tucson, Arizona

**"We are a movement, not just a museum!"**

We are devoted to gathering and sharing the stories, images, and artifacts as we document, digitize, and preserve African American and Black life, culture, and history in Southern Arizona to benefit the community.



# Ruby Bridges – American ICON



Ruby Nell Bridges Hall is an American civil rights activist. She was the first African American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis on November 14, 1960. Bridges attended a segregated kindergarten in 1959.

In early 1960, Bridges was one of six black children in New Orleans to pass

the test that determined whether they could go to the all white William Frantz Elementary School. Two of the six decided to stay at their old school, Bridges went to Frantz by herself, and three children were transferred to McDonogh No. 19 and became known as the McDonogh Three.

Bridges and her mother were escorted to school by four federal marshals during the first day that Bridges attended William Frantz Elementary. In the following days of that year, federal marshals continued to escort Bridges to school.

Judge J. Skelly Wright's court order for the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans on Monday, November 14, 1960, was commemorated by Norman Rockwell in the painting, The Problem We All Live With (published in Look magazine on January 14, 1964).



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## Program

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**Ms. Ruby Bridges**  
Q & A

**Xavier Walker**  
Opportunity to make an impact!

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## Closing

**“The use of any recording devices during this event, including but not limited to, cell phones, video cameras, or digital recorders is not permitted during Ms. Bridges speaking engagement.”**