

October 28, 2024
Halloween Fun!!



Dear Families...

Halloween (**Thursday, October 31**) is rapidly approaching and this is a time of year when we see many of you either helping out in the building, popping in to pin a costume or apply makeup, dropping off a special snack, or heading into the gym to attend the costume parade. To make this day as smooth and seamless as possible, we wanted to touch base with some info about coming and going, photos, as well as the activities taking place.



Primary Kindergarten – Gr 5

- individual teachers will send home guidelines for when and where a costume can be worn; costumes should be “recess-proof” (a jacket can go over top / it will stand up to rough and tumble play)
- activities will be managed by each classroom teacher or grade team and they will communicate with you in this regard as necessary
- **costume parade in the RVS gym starts at 2:10 – feel free to arrive around 2:00**



Middle School Gr 6 – Gr 8

- Pumpkin carving starts at 10:45 - your kids may be asking to borrow carving tools; judging by grade 5's at 12:50
- any 'weapons' that accompany costumes will be stored away until the costume parade
- costume parade / contest in the RVS gym starts at 1:10 – feel free to arrive around 1:00

Halloween is one of those “grey” areas that happens each year and involves lots of adults and staff in halls and so on.

- If you are dropping off food, feel free to leave it at the office, labelled with the class (e.g. 1B), as well as your name and your child's name so the dish can be easily returned by the homeroom teacher.
- If you are just attending the costume parade in the gym and do not require hallway access, there will be no need to check in at the office, or sign in; just head straight into the gym.
- If you would like to pop down to the classroom to deliver food, help with a costume, and so on, please stop by the office to sign in and we will provide you with a name tag identifying yourself, and the child/class you will be assisting; it is best if you pre-arrange your visit with your child's classroom teacher
- If you have pre-arranged with the classroom teacher to come in, then we will try and have your name tag prepared in advance to streamline the office process.
- When you leave, just stop by and hand in your name tag and we can cross you off the sign in list.

Please note that if your costume is SO FANTASTIC that we don't recognize you, you may be asked to remove your mask or provide identification at sign in– thanks for your cooperation in this regard.

Photographs: We would ask that you only take close up photographs of your own child, and only distant photographs of groups of children at the costume parade, recognizing that for a variety of reasons not all students have signed consent that allows their picture to be taken and/or posted online, but that all students generally like to participate in the costume parade. We appreciate your understanding and respect for the guidelines.

We look forward to seeing you for a bit of ghoulish fun!

Cheers,
Mrs. Cooper-Shand

