

Halloween Parade

Parents & Guardians,

Our students will take part in a Halloween Parade on October 30th at 1:30p.m. Students will parade from the elementary school, around the track, and back into the building. Parents and visitors are welcome but will be required to stay seated in the bleachers and wear masks if practicing social distancing is not possible. In addition to reading the event details below, check out our COVID Precautions and Parent FAQ section on the back of this sheet. Thanks in advance for following through with the expectations and details below. *We are looking forward to this fun event!*

Sincerely,
Benjamin D. Kreifels, Elementary Principal

Participation

This parade is meant to be fun and appropriate for all ages, especially our very young students. At my discretion, costumes that depict or promote violence will not be allowed. Students who bring inappropriate costumes may walk the parade route with a modified or borrowed costume, or be provided with the option to walk the parade route in their regular clothes. **Make-up, hair colors, and accessories are not allowed.** Save them for evening and weekend festivities.

Treats & Donations

Classroom parties will immediately follow the parade. In past years, parents have volunteered to host treats and games. Per our school's COVID-19 Prevention & Response plan, visitors are limited during the school day and outside treats are not allowed. Our classroom teachers have decided to take it upon themselves to purchase treats for their classes. If you would like to offset the personal cost to our teachers, you are welcome to send money or gift cards to the school in an envelope labeled "Halloween Treats" by October 22nd. The money will be evenly divided among teachers to help cover expenses.

Details

Students in 1st-5th grades will NOT wear costumes during the regular school day. Please send your child with the costume in a labeled bag, to be stored in lockers throughout the morning.

Kindergarteners will wear costumes all day as part of an instructional activity.

Parent FAQ

“Is this safe during the COVID-19 pandemic?”

The parade will be held in a manner that is consistent with our COVID-19 Prevention & Response plan. Furthermore, because we know it is likely that students will “bunch up” as we walk the parade route, masks will be worn by all staff and students throughout the parade and party thereafter. If you have specific questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 precautions, contact Mr. Kreifels directly at 402-443-4250.

“My child REALLY wants to wear make-up or costume accessories to school. What should I do?” Try to explain to your child that keeping the “full effect” for Halloween Night is part of the fun! In addition, make-up in an elementary school setting is highly distracting, and costume accessories are easily lost. Keeping small accessories, such as costume jewelry, at home ensures they are there when it’s most important- Halloween Night! If all else fails, you can always say, “Sorry... Mr. Kreifels said so.” 😊

“My child in upper elementary really enjoys the “scary” aspect of Halloween, but their costume isn’t allowed by school rules...” Explain to your child that very young children are going to be part of the parade, and what we define as “appropriate” depends on the time and place. Keep the scary costume at home for later use and try finding a costume that is funny instead. If he/she is set on a costume that doesn’t fit the specifications set forth by the school, provide the idea of wearing a sports uniform or clothing about their favorite music artist.