



# Cindrich Elementary

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The month of October is fading away with brightly coloured leaves and some memorable events.

It has been a great Literacy Month. There have been super reading ideas for literacy every day in October.

Mrs. McBride turned blue last Friday as we met the challenge by raising almost \$1000 for our Terry Fox fundraiser. Congratulations to all our students and families that supported such a worthy cause!

We also had our grand opening of our new playground addition.

On Wednesday we will transform our schoolyard into a huge Pumpkin Patch. Every student will have an opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the field. **We are collecting \$2 to help cover some of the cost.**

Students are asked to bring a plastic bag to carry home their pumpkin. We will be ending the month with a Halloween Parade on Friday afternoon. All students will be participating in the parade in the gym at 1:00 p.m. On Halloween evening, we are asking our families and friends to keep an eye on our wonderful school. If you see any suspicious activity, please call this number **778-328-7751** to alert security. The district has personnel that will be on the school site.



## Halloween Parade –Friday, October 30, 2015

We will have a Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. With all classes participating in the event we are asking that there is sensitivity to the Kindergarten students that may be alarmed by frightening masks and any gore. Therefore, we ask that students do not wear a mask for this event or bring any weapons. It is district policy "It is expected that students will not use, possess or display any weapon, replica weapon or toy weapon, on any school property or at any event that is organized or sponsored by a school". The parade will take place at 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. to be followed by activities in the classroom. We have included some safety tips for Halloween evening.

**\* Remember fireworks are dangerous! Many children have lost fingers or their eyesight playing with fireworks.**

Our Leadership Team will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> for the "Scare Away Hunger." Please support our food drive. Watch for details. This year I will be providing a special treat to the class that brings in the most (items per student). That would be spookatacular, thank you for your support! **Please check our school webpage for information!**

We will have our Remembrance Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. You are welcome to attend.

### Dates to remember:

**November 4 Thurs. Diwali Assembly**  
**November 11 Wed. No school - Remembrance Day**  
**November 12 Thurs. No school - Curriculum Day for teachers**  
**November 13 Fri. No school - Pro-d**

***No school tomorrow - October 23, 2015 Pro-D Day***



# 10 tips to keep your kids safe on Halloween

## 1. Find the perfect frightful fit

Cold Canadian autumns can often spoil some of the fun of Halloween with sneeze-fearing mothers zipping heavy coats over their children's costumes. Before you buy or make a costume make sure it will be loose enough to fit over layers of warm clothing. Also, be sure the outfit doesn't hang too low, posing a tripping hazard. Young revellers should dress in brightly coloured outfits with reflectors so they can be seen by motorists. Health Canada also notes parents should ensure that accessories such as swords are made of a soft, flexible plastic.

## 2. Masks versus makeup

In the debate over the superiority of masks versus face paint, face paint appears to have won — at least in terms of safety considerations. Safety experts say that since masks narrow the field of vision, children should opt to use makeup. Faux blood and ghoulish powders can closely mimic the effects of frightening masks. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eyeholes are large enough for the child to see through properly. Also check that the nose holes allow for proper ventilation.

## 3. Halloween night all aglow

Jack-o'-lanterns may provide festive cheer but they also pose a fire hazard to small children. Never leave a candle in a pumpkin unattended and consider using a small flashlight as an alternative means of illuminating your pumpkin. Keep pumpkins, matches and lighters in a secure place out of the reach of small children. As with all clothing, caregivers should check the label to ensure that costumes are flame resistant.

## 4. Visit all your old haunts and make a map

Planning a route is crucial to an abundant candy harvest but a strategy also offers some practical benefits as well. Establish a route for children in pairs or small groups to walk in familiar neighbourhoods. Discourage children from zigzagging back and forth across the street, to ensure road safety. Parents who aren't accompanying their children should know the areas in which their children are walking in case of emergency. Children should also carry a flashlight and if available, a cellphone.

## 5. Don't let slowpokes be spooked

Choose a well-lit, central, local landmark to be a meeting place if anyone in the party gets separated. Keep a running headcount of children in your group so stragglers won't be left behind.

## 6. Build a spooky but safe and well-wired haunted house

With spooky smoke machines, lights and screeching soundtracks, Halloween enthusiasts can put on a haunting good show. Secure extension cords so trick-or-treaters can easily pass by without stumbling. When buying lights, check for certification from the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters' Laboratory of Canada. Also, check for frayed wires and be sure not to overload outlets.

## 7. Trash the unwrapped candy stash

Caregivers should tell their children not to eat their treats until the end of the evening when their candies can be properly inspected. Any treats that aren't wrapped or have torn, damaged packages should be thrown out. For children under the age of five, check for any hard or large chewy candies that might be a choking hazard.

## 8. Considerations for children with diabetes

The Canadian Diabetes Association says that children with diabetes should be allowed to keep potato chips, peanuts and sugar-free gum, along with a few extra treats. Younger children should be encouraged to stay home and hand out treats in costume.

## 9. Carve carefully

Let children draw the faces on the pumpkins with marker and leave the carving to the adults. Use a carving kit, equipped with blunt tools, and place the pumpkin on a sturdy, flat table. Don't try to saw the pumpkin but make a series of incisions along the drawn lines.

## 10. Start the evening early

Send your little ones out early so they can enjoy the evening before it gets too dark and make it home at a reasonable hour to rest and recover after a frightfully fun evening.