

For many of our classes, Halloween is a fun and exciting time with special celebrations. This year it is important that our plans stay consistent with our district health and safety protocols, and we all continue in our efforts to limit the further spread of COVID-19 in our community. Here are how we will be keeping our celebrations safe and fun.

**Costumes:** Costumes can be safely worn in the classroom with a few simple rules:

- Remind your child not to touch each other's costumes, no matter how intriguing they are!
- Do not bring accessories that may be passed around as these can easily transfer germs.
- Encourage your child to integrate a non-medical mask or face covering into their costume, ideally one that covers their nose and mouth.
- Costume masks should NOT be worn over a non-medical mask. It might make it diffault to breathe.

**Goodies:** Teachers may choose to hand out individually pre-packaged treats using Covid-19 safety protocols such as tongs. Hands will be washed before and after handling goodies.

Parents are asked **NOT TO** bring Halloween treats to share this year. Thank you for your understanding.

Costume Parade Our traditional Halloween parade will not occur this year. Instead photos will be taken throughout the day and a slideshow will be put together that will be shown Friday afternoon in the classrooms. Blended Learning students are encouraged to send in their photos to their teachers so they can be included in the video.

**Pumpkin Patch** Thank you to the PAC for organizing our Latimer Road Pumpkin Patch. On Thursday we will have pumpkins delivered to our field and students will go out in their cohorts to pick their pumpkins. There will be no cost charged to the students. This event will occur rain or shine so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

