

KATZIE NEWSFLASH

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Tuesday, October 31

Halloween Costume Parade

Friday, November 3

Non-Instructional Day –

Classes not in Session

Halloween COSTUMES and PARADE

Halloween is fast approaching! Please remind students that replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school even if they are a part of their Halloween costumes. As per Safe & Caring Schools Policy [9410](#) & Regulation [9410.1](#) - "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."

Parents are welcome to gather in our school gymnasium at 8:30 am to view the costume parade which will begin at 8:45 am. As the hallways will be very congested on this day, please head directly to the gymnasium to await the ghouls and witches!

Food Bank Donation Drive Has Started!

In conjunction with the "WE" event that the Grade 7's attended in Vancouver, Katzie students will be collecting food items and other donations for the Cloverdale Christmas Hamper drive. This is a great opportunity for school and home to work together to teach and inspire empathy and compassion for the less fortunate within our local community.

Challenge: To Meet Or Beat Our Record of 2 years ago which was 20 large boxes!

Contests: Each Friday the class who donates the most items during that week will receive a small "treat".

The overall top donating Primary and Intermediate classes will earn a pizza lunch for their class in December.



Food Bank Wish List:

Toilet Paper
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Deodorant
Coffee/tea
Peanut Butter



Grocery Gift Cards (please give to office)

Pancake Mix
Unwrapped Toys & Games
Razors
Juice Ketchup



Students Calling Home

Please encourage your children to memorize one emergency contact number. Also let your child know that if they call home from a school telephone to please leave a message for you and the details of why they are calling. We have an increase of calls to the office wanting to know who has attempted to make contact with you, unfortunately if the call was not generated from the office we cannot quickly help you.

WEATHER!

Most days students will be sent out for fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch. With the normal wet Lower Mainland weather back again, students need to come to school with appropriate clothing for the rain – warm sweater, warm jacket or rain jacket, boots, umbrella, mitts and toque. It would also be helpful if a light and easy to carry change of clothing could be kept in your child's backpack.

****EARLY/LATE STUDENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF****

Please ensure that ALL STUDENTS ARE SIGNED OUT AT THE OFFICE. Although it may be convenient to pick up your child from the classroom or the playground, in the interest of student safety, please make sure that you sign out all children at the office. Thank you very much!



Did you know that according to the BC Lung Association, 30% of Canadians report that scents adversely affect their health which can contribute to allergic reactions, respiratory irritations, headaches, irritability, nausea, anxiety, fatigue, depression, and etc... ???

There are thousands of products that contain chemical ingredients which provide a "pleasant" scent. They may include the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/Conditioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Fragrances/Perfumes | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Household Chemicals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairsprays | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Air fresheners/Deodorizers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorants | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles | <input type="checkbox"/> Colognes/Aftershaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soaps | <input type="checkbox"/> Oils | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lotions/Creams | <input type="checkbox"/> Potpourri | |

Unfortunately, the "pleasant" scent isn't usually the concern, but rather the chemical ingredient that produces the scent itself.

As a general guideline, only use products that:

1. Are labelled either "scent-free, unscented, or fragrance-free" and
2. Remember, your nose is a reliable resource to confirm it.

We Share The Air – Thank you for helping us contribute to a "SCENT SAFE" environment by refraining from wearing scented products.

Halloween “Trick or Treat” Safety Tips

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Costume safety

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight. Carry a glow stick that can be worn around the neck or wrist.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.
- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child's ankle.



Trick or treating safety

- Walk in groups and stay together. Visit houses on one side of the street at a time.
- Cross only at an intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Never walk out between cars to cross the street and never cross in the middle of the block.
- Children should stay in populated and well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- Examine your children's candy before they eat it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.



Driving safety

- If you are driving on Halloween night, be extra careful. Slow down and look ahead. Be aware of your surroundings. Children are excited on Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Pay more attention to intersections and crosswalks.
- Be prepared to stop for kids who may run out in front of you.
- Remember that there will be more foot traffic on Halloween night and most of it will be excited young children.
- If you are going to be attending an office party or an adult Halloween celebration, don't drive if you have been drinking.

An adult should always supervise younger children.