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Hallowe'en Costumes & Masks

This year we are encouraging students to wear their Hallowe'en costumes (or orange and black) on Thursday, October 31st. **Students are not permitted, however, to wear a mask with their costume.**

There are two reasons for this expectation. The first is an issue of safety as students wearing masks may not always be able to see where they are going. The second involves ensuring that the school continues to provide a safe and secure learning environment for students; especially our younger students.



Students in the primary grades can be frightened by masks worn by older students.

Hallowe'en can be a very enjoyable time for children. We are expecting that our older students will continue to look out for the needs of our younger students and not wear masks on Hallowe'en.

Additional expectations for costumes include:

- No gore; and,
- No replica weapons of any kind.



Hallowe'en Activities

A Costume Parade is planned for October 31st at 12:45p.m. for students in grades K to 7. The Parade will take place in the gym.



Additional classroom activities may also be planned by classroom teachers.

Students in Division 2 will once again be planning and creating the annual (and famous) Haunted House in the theatre. Touring the Haunted House is optional for students.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our school's Remembrance Day Assembly will be held this Thursday, November 7th. The Assembly will begin at 10:40a.m. and feature presentations by students in the Primary Vibrations and School Choirs, and by students in Division 5. Parents are welcome to attend.



Donations for poppies will be accepted Thursday. Poppies will be distributed to students prior to the assembly.

Dates To Remember

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| Thursday, October 31 | Hallowe'en |
| Monday, November 4 | P.A.C. Meeting @6:00p.m. |
| Tuesday, November 5 | Early Dismissal @1:30p.m. |
| Wed., November 6 | Early Dismissal @1:30p.m. |
| Thur., November 7 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Friday, November 8 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Monday, November 11 | Remembrance Day |
| Monday, November 25 | Photo Retake Day |

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Early Dismissal Days for Parent-Teacher Conferences are next Tuesday, November 5th and Wednesday, November 6th. Conferences are booked on line. Instructions for booking a conference are below.

On Tuesday, November 5th and Wednesday November 6th we will be having early dismissal at 1:30pm to host Student Led Conferences or Parent Teacher Interviews.

Please read the information below to book your appointments.

1. Go to web site <http://wre.schoolappointments.com> and click on the "REGISTER" menu tab and create an account. Then login and add your children to the system.
2. After the children have been entered, you will be able to schedule an appointment immediately by selecting a teacher and clicking the "Book" button.
3. Select an available time slot, click it and then click the "Book Appointments" button.
4. Repeat this for each student.

When you are finished, you can view your appointments from the "PROFILE" tab by selecting "View Appointments". You can also print your appointments from the view screen.

Please note that some teachers may communicate their booking times via a class letter and are not using the online booking system.



Early Dismissal

Early Dismissal Days are next Tuesday,, November 5th and Wednesday, November 6th. All students will be dismissed at 1:30p.m. next Tuesday and Wednesday.



Safe Schools Department

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October 28, 2019

Dear Neighbour,

Re: Safe Schools Halloween Initiative

As you know, Halloween is approaching. We are writing to request whatever assistance you can provide to help us keep our schools and neighbourhood from being vandalized.

In the last school year, the Surrey School District took close to **\$275,443.34** out of its budget (our taxes) to repair acts of vandalism. This money could have supported our students in many different ways. The Surrey School Board remains focused on reducing this expense.

While we do our best to educate young people to convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism on our schools and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours' help to watch for anyone "hanging around" our schools, particularly after dark on Halloween.

For many years, the school district has organized patrols of district staff (including trustees) in which small groups take shifts of an hour or two to walk around the grounds of the school. This small effort does a great deal to deter youth from even approaching our schools.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open to any activity at our schools and don't hesitate to notify us if you notice people milling about. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify police by calling 9-1-1. We also welcome your call to a special Surrey School District phone number set-up for Halloween at **778-776-9991** to report any suspicious activity so a security patrol can be dispatched.

School vandalism affects our entire neighbourhood. Defaced walls or damaged property can be seen by everyone. News reports about such activity generate a public perception about our neighbourhood. Vandals allowed to congregate at a school typically spread their activities to neighbouring homes and vehicles. Vandals frequently choose to return and congregate where they have not encountered any deterrents in the past.

Please join us as we demonstrate to vandals that they are not welcome at our schools, or in our neighbourhood!

Thank you for your help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Rai", written over a circular scribble.

Rob Rai
Director, School & Community Connections

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff McMillan", written in a cursive style.

Jeff McMillan
Manager, Security/Infrastructure