



Cindrich Elementary

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The month of October has faded away with brightly coloured leaves and some memorable events. We have raised \$1012 for our Terry Fox fundraiser. Congratulations to all our students and families that supported such a worthy cause! On Thursday we will be transforming our schoolyard into a huge Pumpkin Patch. Every student has an opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the field. **We will collect \$2 to help cover some of the cost.** Our Diwali Assembly last week showcased our talented student performers. *We wish a very happy Diwali to our families!* We will be ending the month with a Halloween Parade on Tuesday afternoon. All students will be participating in the parade in the gym at 12:50 pm. 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.

It's Picture Re-Take Day on Friday October 27th. Students are to bring back their photo proofs from last picture day and turn those in when they go for their picture re-take. All new students to the school after the September 21st can have their picture taken as well.



We have a newly elected PAC Executive!!! Thank you!!!! We really appreciate your time and support!

Halloween Parade –Tuesday, October 31, 2017



We will have a Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31st 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 that involves blood. Therefore we ask that students **do not wear a mask, or clown costumes** 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 1:00pm – 1:45 p.m. We have included some safety tips for Halloween evening on the last page.

*** Remember fireworks are dangerous and illegal! Many children have lost fingers or their eyesight playing with fireworks.** There is a \$250 fine for possession of fireworks under the age of 18 and a \$5000 fine for exploding fireworks.



Our Leadership Team will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on November 1st to 9th for the Food Bank Event. Please support our food drive. This year I will be providing a special treat to the class that brings in the most (items per student). Thank you for your support!

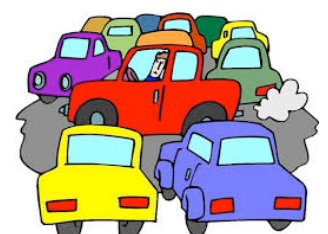
We will have our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 9th at 1:45 am. You are welcome to attend.

Dates to remember:

October 27th Friday
November 1st Wednesday
November 3rd Friday
November 9th Thursday
November 10th Friday
November 13th Monday

Picture Re-take Day/School Wide Run (pm)
Food Bank Drive begins
No school - Curriculum Day
Remembrance Day Assembly @ 1:45pm
No school – Pro-D Day
No school

Parking and Drop off in the Upper Parking Lot has become a very serious safety concern. Children are running through the parking lot as cars are trying to back up and other cars are blocking the bus entrance. We will have a teacher monitoring the area. **Please think safety!**



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.