

# SAFE Halloween CELEBRATIONS

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 some recommendations to ensure your classroom celebrations are safe and fun:

## Costumes

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

- Remind students not to touch each other's costumes, no matter how intriguing they are!
- Prohibit accessories that may be passed around as this encourages gathering and decreases physical space between students.
- Students must continue to wear non-medical face masks as required.
- Remind students not to wear a costume mask over a non-medical mask. It might make it difficult to breathe.



## Handing Out Goodies In-Class

If teachers would like to hand out goodies to the class, please:

- Designate one adult to distribute sealed, pre-packaged goodies. No homemade treats, even if individually sealed. If possible, go outside to hand them out.
- Ensure hands are clean before and after handling goodies.
- Hand out goodies in creative ways that minimize contact and maximize physical distancing—use tongs, baking sheets or a slide to distribute goodies. Don't put treats in a shared bowl where germs can congregate.



## Activities

Things to consider when planning activities:

- Encourage students to keep their hands to themselves and limit physical contact.
- Celebrate outside if possible and use caution with any activities that involve singing or dancing.



Here are some fun and safe activities to do with your class:

- **Outdoor Fall/Halloween Scavenger Hunt:** Look for dry leaves, creepy twigs and other materials for art projects or assignments geared towards subjects like math. Students can search individually or in small groups.
- **Goodie Launcher:** Share a picture of a candy launcher made of Lego to spark curiosity for STEM and inquiry in your students! Then let them build their own goodie launcher and test it outside.
- **Gallery Walk:** Have students decorate the windows of their classrooms, then let classes walk the perimeter of the school to see everybody's artistic endeavors!
- **Costume Parade:** Students can still safely show off their Halloween costumes. Parades are best done outdoors or in open areas, and classes can be separated from each other. Take your costumes to the field and put them on display from a safe physical distance!

