South Hackensack School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Halloween is quickly approaching. We are excited to share this spirited day with your children. Our main goal is to provide a happy, healthy, and safe Halloween experience for everyone. Halloween festivities in school will take place on **Friday, October 30th.**

This year our Halloween parade will begin at **9:00am**. Our homerooms will begin the parade by Exit B (the door near our Pre-K room facing Dyer Ave.). They will parade following the sidewalk path and finish in the rear of the school near the Great Hall entrance. Parents will be permitted to stand and watch the parade along the perimeter of the sidewalk path that goes around the entire building.

Once our parade is over, students in Grades Pre-K through 8 will continue their normal school schedule. They will gather in the gym with their class for our school-wide Halloween celebration at their regular lunch hour. Only parents who have signed up as a class parent may attend the celebration and are responsible for setting up their child's class tables. PEO will reach out to those parents.

Students should come to school dressed that morning. Please make sure costumes do not impede the child's safety while traveling. We are also asking parents to help us stay vigilant about the importance of safety. For our Halloween festivities, ***weapon-like props will NOT be allowed.*** If a student does come to school with a weapon-like prop, they will ***not*** be allowed to hold it. Costume masks are allowed to be worn for the outdoor parade only. They will not be allowed to wear them indoors.

Should you not want your child participating in any Halloween activities, please inform your child's teacher in advance of Friday, October 30th so that you can discuss all options for that day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to celebrating this fun day with the children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Letizia Pantoliano
Interim Superintendent/Principal