

Informational Update - Halloween Parade

Hello Fellow Polar Bears!

I know that the Fall Costume parade is a long standing tradition, and I recognize that we need to examine this more deeply as a district and school. It is always our hope that students feel welcome and accepted in their learning community. I want to share information regarding the day.

Morning Choices for Students

Fall activities will occur throughout the school day. A Halloween Parade will take place from **9:05-9:25 AM**.

An alternate activity will be provided for students who choose not to attend the parade. Mrs. Susan Woods will run the activity from the art room/gym area.

Choice One - Fall Fun Activities

The beginning of the day FALL FUN activity is open to all students, including those students who are not walking in the parade, or do not have costumes. *Please email your child's classroom teacher to let them know if your child would prefer to attend the alternate activity.* This information will help us plan ahead for the Fall Fun activity. Additional Fall themed activities will be embedded into the day for all students.

Choice Two - Fall Costume Parade

- Students will come to school in costumes.
- Parents/Guardians will be instructed to either: walk their child to school, or drop their child off, park in our parking lot or across the street at the church, and walk their child over to our playground.
- Parents/Guardians will line up along the outside fence.
- We encourage you to take pictures of your own children.
- Students will line up at the end of morning recess like usual. We will enter the building, get settled, hang backpacks, and take lunch count. We will exit the building at 9:05 AM through the cafeteria - Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 - One lap around, re-enter through the cafeteria, and return to the classroom.
- After the parade, students will take off their costumes in the classroom and pack it up in their backpack. Please remind your children to have clothing under their costumes.
- All students will return to their scheduled day by 9:30.

Halloween Parade and Costume Reminders

- All students should wear clothing under their costumes.
- The entire parade will take place inside the playground, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement, the parade will be held indoors, and we will not be able to accommodate guests.
- Please be sure that your child's costume is one that he/she can manage removing independently.
- Costumes should be non-violent and non-gruesome. They must be appropriate for a K-5 school community.

- **No weapons of any kind will be allowed. Limit pieces, as they risk being lost.**
- **Masks and face paint will not be allowed. Students will be asked to remove any mask brought to school.**
- **Please DO NOT bring any pets.**