



October 1, 2026

Dear HMR Families,

We hope that you are all able to attend our Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30, 2026.

K-5 Parade:

Our K-5 students will participate in the parade at 11:30am. Our parade will take place outside and start *promptly*. Students will exit through the HMR Kindergarten doors to begin our parade route. You may park in available lined spaces in the HMR lot (do not park in spots reserved for handicapped vehicles, staff, or FLEF). Overflow may park in the gravel lot or on side streets. If you park on High Mountain Road, you will likely be ticketed. We parade through the entire lot, walking through the basketball court area also providing you with room to spread out and get a good glimpse! **Guests will not be able to drive through the parking lot once the parade begins or exit the lot until the parade has concluded.**

K-5 Grade Halloween Parties will take place at 11:45am:

The PTA will provide a list of class parents/volunteers attending parties and only those parents on the approved list will be permitted to attend parties. You will check in at a table outside of the Main Office.

Preschool Parade & Parties:

The preschool parade will take place at 9:15am, immediately after drop off. You can keep your cars parked at the drop off spot until the parade concludes. Preschool parties will take place *at 9:30am*. If you are a class parent remaining for the preschool party, you must park your car in a lined parking spot.

Costume Guidelines:

We are asking that students, who choose to dress for Halloween, come to school dressed in their basic costume. All accessories (masks, wigs, etc.) should accompany the children to school in a clearly labeled bag. Children will put these on with the assistance of their teacher prior to the parade.

To ensure that all costumes are “school-appropriate,” please see guidelines below:

- Wear comfortable and safe shoes!
- Any logo or message on a costume must be school-appropriate.
- Weapons of any kind (e.g. toy guns, knives, and swords) are not permitted.
- Any mask that obstructs a child's ability to see clearly is not permitted.
- If your child comes to school dressed in an inappropriate costume, he or she will require a change of clothes to participate in the festivities.

Reminders for all:

As a reminder, goody bags are not permitted. Students may not distribute candy or treats. Please do not send them in, as we do not want to have to send them back home with your child.

If you have not opted into the Party Food, please send a snack with your child. They cannot be given party food if you have not opted into the PTA Party Food Program. We want to avoid any children being disappointed during the class parties. If you are sending a personal snack in with your child, it must still be labeled nut-free.

Halloween is a minimum day with a 1:00pm dismissal for K-5. *The dismissal process will begin at 12:45pm.* Preschool dismissal begins at 12:30pm.

Thank you in advance for all of your cooperation in making our Halloween event a memorable event for everyone. We look forward to seeing you on the parade route!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jaclyn Bajzath