

Greetings, Falcon Families!

In an effort to balance our academic routines with important social and cultural opportunities for our students, we'd like to share information on our classroom celebrations. We hope this helps your family to plan and enjoy some exciting social milestones in your elementary child's experience.

Several holiday-centered celebrations have developed into traditions in our building. Students and their families look forward to these special themes and celebrations, and it may be helpful to know these traditions as your child progresses through school. Halloween, in particular, is an exciting time. We wish to tie our school celebration to curriculum to use our time wisely, create excitement surrounding learning pieces (such as reading, Wisconsin history, and science), and remain sensitive to families' unique approaches to this traditional holiday. Our grade levels celebrate at the end of October in the following themes:

EC - First Grade	StoryBook celebration: Students dress as their favorite story book character and share their favorite book.
Second Grade	Cozy Up With a Good Book - Students dress in pajamas or cozy attire and participate in reading activities throughout the day.
Third Grade	Mad Scientist day: Students dress as scientists and participate in a day of science demonstrations, experiments, and more.
Fourth Grade	Wisconsin theme: Students dress to reflect our Wisconsin heritage. This can include sports team apparel or Wisconsin history. Accuracy and creativity is encouraged!

**We ask that families refrain from dressing their child with potentially scary costumes and that they leave accessories and props such as masks, fake blood, weapons, etc at home.** Please also keep in mind that costumes worn for the entire school day still need to allow for daily activities. Students will still need to go to recess, physical education class, perform typical daily tasks, eat lunch, etc. These guidelines help all students to enjoy the day.

While our themes are intended to spark creativity and support learning, we understand that the themes may not coincide with your family's chosen costumes for this traditional holiday. **Please don't feel that you need to make an additional purchase to enjoy this school dress-up experience.** Our school mission, vision, and commitments emphasize innovation, so it's great to see creative use of common clothing or materials to share the excitement of imagination!

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office with specific questions.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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