Halloween Considerations

Friday, October 30th ~ Information for Families

Students have three options for the day: wear orange and black, dress in a costume, or wear everyday clothes. Whichever option works for you! Alternative activities will be available for those who do not participate in Halloween. Please connect with your child's teacher.

Costume Considerations…

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- Follow the school dress code
- Wear orange and black, or dress as a favourite book or movie character
- Be creative!
- Choose a school-appropriate costume: something your child can still take part in everything, including gym
- Make sure your child can put it on and take it off independently, including to use the washroom
- Check that it is safe (for example, not too long)
- Apply makeup or face paint at home before school

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- No masks (they conceal student identity, may impair vision)
- No weapons, including toy weapons
- No violent references
- No costume contact lenses
- No offensive costumes. Ontario's Human Rights Code prohibits discrimination based on race, ancestry, creed, disability, gender identity or expression, and more. Please avoid costumes that use cultures or identities, body shaming, or jokes about harm

Good to Know

- **Costumes are worn all day** unless your child can remove them independently. Our youngest students need to be able to manage their costume on their own.
- **Younger students may be sensitive to scary images,** so please keep costumes friendly.
- **Costumes can get broken, lost, or dirty** at school, so have a back-up plan for evening trick or treating.
- **Please choose with care.** Costumes should not perpetuate stereotypes or harm.

No food or candy sharing. Due to allergies in our school, please **do not send candy or treats of any kind to share**. If you would like to share something, non-edible items such as pencils or stickers are fine. Classroom teachers will decide how and when to distribute, please connect with them.

Questions, or need support for your child to take part? **Please reach out to your child's teacher.**