



**Eastdale Elementary School**  
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board  
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Dear Parent, Guardians and Caregivers,

As we approach the end of October we are moving into the time of year where there are many celebrations and holidays. At Eastdale we realize that our larger Community is very diverse with many families celebrating various cultural and religious practices and special days.

Halloween at Eastdale, on **Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>**, children can either wear costumes and/or Black or Orange clothing to participate in our spirit day. We will be having a student assembly where we will be acknowledging our MVP's and having the students parade in the gym.

Our Grade 6,7 and 8's will be having a dance for the last two periods and there will be class celebrations for the other grades. Teachers will be sharing their specifics with you closer to the day.

There will be activities for students who do not celebrate or participate in Halloween activities. The following are suggestions/questions one can ask themselves when choosing a costume to avoid being disrespectful or offensive to others. **Weapons are NOT allowed to come to school even if they are part of a costume. Masks can be worn in the class and not when the students are travelling though the school halls and at nutrition breaks.**

- 1) *Is my costume making fun of a group of people, their culture, religion and or belief systems?*
- 2) *Does my costume reinforce jokes and stereotypes about certain groups, cultures, religions and/or belief systems?*
- 3) *Am I altering my skin colour, facial/body features to make it like a particular race, ethnicity or cultural group?*
- 4) *Am I dressing up as a culture borrowing from a religion that is not my own or is not part of my background?*

Let's make our celebrations fun and inclusive for everyone.

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. R. Bratuz*  
Eastdale Principal



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