

October 24, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Based on recently shared information that has been developed in consultation with Hamilton Public Health, we have some Halloween guidelines to share with you. These guidelines are intended to support and supplement the processes already in place regarding the COVID19 fundamentals and the social distancing requirements in schools.



Teachers will be creating fun fall and/or Halloween experiences and activities to be done at various times during the day on Friday, October 29th that include curricular connections. We will not be having a school Halloween Parade to prevent cohorts from crossing paths and to ensure we follow the protocol guidelines of reducing the number of people that gather. Students will be able to see the costumes that other students are wearing within their own classroom setting. Unfortunately, at this time, we are not able to have any visitors in the school.

Please do not send any treats/goodie bags/packages for your child to share with their classmates. While we appreciate your generosity, we want to limit the number of items our students will be handling. Feel free to send a special treat to school with your child to enjoy during their classroom celebrations. **Please keep in mind that we continue to be a nut safe school and they are not to share with others.**

If your child chooses to wear a costume, they must wear the costume to school for the entire day. We want to prevent moments where many students are using the washrooms for changing.

Please remember the following guidelines when selecting a costume for your child:

- Costumes may not be violent or graphic in nature (knives, blood, swords, axes, guns, gruesome disfigurement or burns)
- Costumes will be worn during recess and classes such as physical education or dance. Please ensure the costume is comfortable, easy to move in and sit in. The costume must be able to fit under a jacket.
- Costume masks cannot be worn, as students need to be recognizable and many will already be wearing masks as outlined by Public Health. We want students to have clear lines of vision for safety reasons.
- Please have your children leave all props at home (magic wands, witch's brooms etc.)
- Please do your children's special makeup for the day before they come to school.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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