



Happy Halloween! **Come Join Us for the Parades!**

October 2011

Dear Mount Prospect Parents and Guardians

We will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31st with a costume parade. We will observe the occasion at school with classroom parties and two outdoor costume parades. Students in the morning preschool program will begin their parade at 11:15. They will come out from the cafeteria doors and parade along the Allen Road side of the building to the front entrance doors. Students in full day preschool, primary programs and Grades K – 5 will participate in a parade starting at 1:45 pm.

You are welcome to line the parade route and take part in what we hope will be a very enjoyable day for everyone. The parking lot will be closed at 12 noon. Please park your cars along Hansom Road.

In the interest of ensuring a safe and orderly Halloween celebration at school, we request that you observe the following guidelines:

1. All students will be expected to participate in their regular instructional program until their teachers direct them to get ready for the party and parade.
2. Students will be provided sufficient time to dress in their costumes. Since they will have time to prepare for the parade, please have your child bring a costume to school rather than wear one.
3. Parents are encouraged to assist their child in choosing a costume which is safe, comfortable, and easy in which to walk and in good taste.
4. Only teachers and assigned classroom mothers will assist the students in dressing in their costumes. All other parents/guardians should remain outside the building.
5. Weather permitting, we will hold the parades outdoors.
6. After the parades, all students will return to their classrooms to continue the celebration until the regular dismissal time
7. If it rains, the parades will be cancelled. Longer classroom parties will be held in place of parades. Unfortunately, due to the limited space as well as safety issues, we will not be able to have parents attend the classroom parties. We thank you in advance for your understanding.
8. Parents who do not want their child to participate in the Halloween parade/party should send a note to their child's teacher stating the time they want their child dismissed.
9. Parents are encouraged to car pool because of our limited parking areas.
10. We are encouraging healthy snacks for our Halloween parties. We would prefer no candy.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Judith R. Slutzky - Principal