



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-October 9, 2015



Dear Parents,

As Halloween draws near, I would like to share our plan for the day- **Friday, October 30th**. Because we know that many children love the idea of wearing costumes, we invite them to wear a simple one to school. We will hold separate grade level sing-alongs and have a short parade around the school field. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend!

While children can get very excited about Halloween, some aspects of the day can be frightening for them. At school, we keep our activities simple and playful. Teachers read lighthearted stories and poems about Halloween and sing not-so-scary songs, such as "*Dem Bones*," and "*Jack-o-Lantern is a Funny Fellow*." Courtesy of the GPFA, all students receive a pumpkin and enjoy decorating it. But with all that Halloween entails in books, in the media, and even in holiday decorations, it is almost impossible to avoid images of ghosts, goblins, and zombies. We are mindful of the impact that scary words and images can have on young children. It is important to remember that many young children may still need help understanding the difference between what is real and what is imaginary. For these reasons, we ask that you please avoid sending your child to school in a costume that represents something frightening or gory. Remember, children at this age love to be superheroes, animals, and princesses!

Parents are invited to attend their child's grade-level **sing-along on Friday morning (10/30)** in the cafeteria and an outdoor parade around the field.



- ⬇ **Kindergarten 9:00-9:40**
- ⬇ **1st grade 9:25-10:15**
- ⬇ **All classes will parade together: 9:25-9:40.**

For safety reasons, please adhere to the following guidelines regarding costumes:

- ✓ The costume should be **simple enough for your child to change out of independently or safe and comfortable enough to be worn all day.**
- ✓ All children (whether they change or remain in their costumes) need to be wearing **safe footwear** in school. Please don't send your child with heels, slippery shoes, or shoe covers that cause a slipping or tripping hazard.
- ✓ Hats should be easily removed and **should not cover the eyes. (No masks, please.)**
- ✓ **We ask that all accessories (especially weapons) be left at home**, as they can be a distraction/danger to children. There is also the possibility that they can be lost or damaged.
- ✓ **Please do not send children with makeup on or with spray-painted hair.**

Please remember that food, especially candy, cannot be distributed in school.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled morning for the children!



Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein