



Dear Parents,

Halloween is coming and you're all invited to our parade! The EARTHs Halloween Parade will take place on the morning of Friday, October 30th at 8:15 (right when the bell rings) and will only last about 20 minutes or so. As you can probably imagine, conducting a parade with close to 560 students in costumes takes planning.

With that, we have some guidelines in place that **MUST** to be followed to ensure a smooth event. **Please follow the guidelines strictly if your child is going to participate!**

If you do not want your child to participate you have a few options:

1. *You can bring your child to school at 8:45 with no penalty.*
2. *Your child can arrive at the regular time and go to the Library for non-Halloween activities until the parade ends.*
3. *Your child can join the parade and wear a red shirt for Red Ribbon Week, Spirit Wear, or an EARTHs uniform*

COSTUME GUIDELINES:

- To avoid a few hundred kids changing in the bathrooms at one time, kids participating must wear their costume **OVER** their uniform for easy removal afterwards.
- **ALL COSTUMES MUST COME OFF IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE.** Kids can then hand them to their parents or place them in a labelled bag or their backpacks. No one should need a private place for changing!
- Please remember we're an elementary school: No weapons, blood, or gore. We have 4 and 5 year old students so ALL costumes **MUST** be appropriate in every way!
- For safety reasons (along with a few others) we have to be able to see who our students are. Therefore, **NO MASKS ARE ALLOWED**. Kids can come in full costume with masks to our Halloween Festival coming up this Saturday, Oct. 24th.
- Make-up/face paint is not allowed for the same reason we need easy costumes: We can't have hundreds of kids in the bathrooms removing their make-up in the sink!

Please read through these guidelines with your children before the parade.

Remember... The **Halloween Festival** is this Saturday, Oct. 24 and is the perfect time and place for our students to wear their full costumes and showcase their creativity!

The **Halloween Parade** is on a regular school day and just a quick 20-minute thing we do for fun before a full day of regular instruction.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. I hope to see you there!

Jeff Rickert, Principal

