

October 20, 2015

Dear Bluejay Families and Community,

I would like to personally share with you information regarding our Halloween Parade and Social scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2015. As family members, you are cordially invited to attend the parade portion of our activities. Weather permitting; this parade will travel around the inside of our new track. You are welcome to come and see the many varied costumes our students will be sporting this year. We ask that you arrive by 2:30 and stand or sit on the infield of the track.

Students are encouraged and will be permitted to dress at school for the parade in a costume they may be using for Halloween. They should bring their costumes in bags or boxes to be able to change into in the afternoon. It is favorable to have a costume that can be worn over their clothing so that no clothes need to be removed or lost. So as to keep the parade on a positive note, we are asking that no weapons (toy or real) of any kind be included as part of a costume. We also ask that no costumes have horror themes or be one which might be deemed not appropriate for small children. We know that many parents like to wear costumes as they watch the parade. We know this means a lot to our children, but we would ask that you do not have your faces covered nor have costumes that might scare our small children.

For security reasons and out of concern for an orderly afternoon, we are following the past practice of having designated "room parents" come in to help students change before the room parties. In an attempt to keep things manageable, only those people designated as room parents may come into the building for the room parties. Room parents; you may enter the double doors (Door A) to meet with the homeroom mom coordinator to obtain a visitor's badge. As you can imagine, Friday will be a little hectic and your cooperation in following these guidelines will be greatly appreciated! Please do not be disappointed that we ask you not to go to the classrooms before or after the parade unless you are a designated room parent helper for this day. Throughout the year, there are a number of activities that need volunteer help. We hope to be able to accommodate everyone who would like to volunteer through these additional activities.

Following the parade, the students will return to their classroom for dismissal. If you plan on taking your child home with you following the parade we ask that you send a note in with your child. Children who are being signed out by their parents will be sent to the gymnasium following an attendance check in their classrooms following the parade. You will need to present your dismissal passes to our personnel in the gymnasium when signing out your child.

In the event of rain or inclement weather, the parade of costumes will take place inside the school. Visitors will be invited to the Gymnasium to view the students. We are all looking forward to a great day! We extend our thanks to the PTA and many volunteers on duty this day, for their support. Thank you all for being part of our school community.

With Bluejay Pride,