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October 21, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As always, safety and security are a priority within our schools. Therefore, we ask all adults to read the following carefully and adhere to the guidelines to ensure that the all of our children can safely relax and enjoy the fun-filled events scheduled for Halloween.

Friday, October 28th - TRUNK OR TREAT! (Thank you to our PTO for organizing this!)

Trunk Setup - 6:30 pm Trunk or Treating Events - 7:00-9:00 pm

All ALT families are invited to come together as a community for some fun on this Friday night! The same costume guidelines for school (below) should be followed for this PTO event and all schools. In light of recent events, no students or parents are permitted to wear clown costumes. All adults should be easily identifiable without masks. Supervision is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) who bring children to the Trunk or Treat and local police will be patrolling near all schools to support the events.

Monday, October 31st - COSTUMES, VISITORS, PARADE, AND SAFE DISMISSAL

COSTUMES

Parents are asked to send in costumes that are manageable enough for the children to change into by themselves. We encourage everyone to join in the fun and make responsible decisions when preparing costumes for school. Please note the following items are NOT permitted for children or adults visiting for any events:

- Clown costumes
- Real or pretend weapons/hazardous items
- Masks or hoods that conceal faces/identity
- Items or clothing that convey violence or impropriety
- Pets or live animals

VISITORS

We love when families are able to attend our school! However, as you can imagine, it is an extraordinary effort for staff to ensure that everyone entering and leaving with children are permitted. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we ask that you identify yourself when asked by a staff member and adhere to the guidelines below.

PARKING

All visitors are welcome to park in open spots in the front or at the side of the building. When all of our parking spaces are filled, you may park on one side of the local streets. Please do not park on the lawns of the neighboring houses. ALL CARS MUST BE MOVED BY 2:30 FOR BUSES TO ARRIVE.



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DISMISSAL

If you plan to take your child home immediately after the parade, parents are asked to send a note to the office as soon as possible with the name of the person who will be picking them up. Advanced notice is helpful for us to prepare lists and inform teachers prior to the afternoon events. If you do not provide such early notice, you must return to the classroom with your child's class to complete the dismissal sheet that will be located in your child's classroom at the end of the parade. Please make direct contact with your child's teacher to inform them when you are leaving. Remember that all vehicles must exit the parking lot slowly and carefully by 2:30 to permit buses to enter.

PARADE

If the weather is fair, the activities will take place on the playing field. In the event of rain, we will meet in the gym and parade two grade levels at a time (K-1, 2-3, 4-5).

During the parade, parents are asked not to block exit doors, as it makes it difficult for other parents to see their children and for the parade to continue to move. We will use a large oval procession. Parents are encouraged to distribute themselves around the entire oval for the best view.

Sincerely, Christine L. Smith Principal

