



Angelo L. Tomaso School

Shining Brighter Every Day

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Mrs. Christine Smith

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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 all of our children can safely relax and enjoy the fun-filled events scheduled for Halloween.

Friday, October 26th - TRUNK OR TREAT! (Thank you to our PTO for organizing this!)

Trunk Setup - 5:45-6:30pm

Trunk or Treat Events:

Quiet Creep - 6:30-6:45pm

During this time, the DJ will not be playing music to offer children an opportunity to trick-or-treat at the trunks without loud noise if that is what they prefer. All families are encouraged to start at this time! The DJ will announce a five-minute warning before he begins playing the music.

Full Trunk or Treating Events - 6:45-8:00pm

During this time, the DJ will be playing while the children trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk!

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. 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.

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

Parade Time: 1:45-2:15 pm

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:

- 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



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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.**

PARENT ARRIVAL AND LOCATION FOR THE PARADE

If the weather is fair, the activities will take place behind the school on the back playing field. You may arrive at the school and proceed to the playground area where checkpoints will be set up by grade level for registered visitors to be screened and receive a wristband.

Once screened, parents should gather in the center of the coned off area. Teachers will lead the children around the perimeter of the parents at least two times for parents to snap pictures and view all of the great costumes! Teachers will then lead the children to the back of the building for dismissal. Only one parent is permitted to proceed to the dismissal area. All other visitors and parents are asked to remain in the field.

In the event of rain, please enter through the front of the building. We will meet in the gym and parade two grade levels at a time (K-1, 2-3, 4-5).

PARADE PROCESS AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURE ON HALLOWEEN ONLY

If you plan to take your child home immediately after the parade, parents are asked to complete the Google Form provided in the eblast with this letter instead of sending a note that day. This advanced notice is helpful for us to prepare lists, inform teachers, and organize the children prior to the afternoon events.

Weather permitting, we are going to be dismissing students from the back field again this year. Therefore, the parade procedure will be as follows:

1. Teachers will escort their classes out of the building, place their backpacks in order by class along the back wall of the school, and then begin the procession for the parade. (Parents, please do not go near this area during the parade.)
2. At the end of the parade, teachers will escort their students back to this area to line the children up by class for dismissal.
3. **ONE** parent should **LINE UP** behind the sign for their child's teacher to await the teacher's permission to sign out their child. **PLEASE BE PATIENT** with this process so that each child is safely dismissed with a verified parent.

***REMEMBER THAT ALL VEHICLES MUST EXIT THE PARKING LOT SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY BY 2:30 TO PERMIT BUSES TO ENTER.**

***It is also best to avoid distracting the children with pictures during dismissal so that they can listen to their teacher for directions, so please snap as many shots as you can during the parade!**



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*All students must be officially signed out by a parent from their homeroom teacher prior to leaving the school grounds.

*In the event of rain, parents will receive different directions for a dismissal procedure from within the school.

*THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PATIENCE, SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING AS
WE TRY TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE AND HAPPY!*

Sincerely,

Christine L. Smith
Principal



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