

## Halloween Parade and Party Information 2021



Hillside's Halloween Parades and Parties are scheduled for Friday, October 29th!

**Costume Parades:** The parade schedule is as follows:

AM K, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	9:45AM
PM K	1:15PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	2:15 PM

Students will parade around the upper field (KA/P, 1 & 4) and lower fields (2 & 3) while family members may view from designated viewing areas on the field. The students will continue in a line around the fields and will go back into the building at the conclusion. Parents are invited onto the viewing areas on the field to watch the parade. We ask that all visitors maintain physical distancing outside. In the event of inclement weather, the parades will be inside. We are not able to invite parents inside, but we will video the parades and share the links.

**Class Parties:** The Halloween parties will be facilitated by the teachers. PTO homeroom parents and volunteers will organize the crafts and activities and drop them off prior to Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. We send a huge THANK YOU to the PTO homeroom parents and volunteers!!

**Costumes:** In preparation for the Halloween activities, we ask that our families be aware of the following guidelines. Due to distancing parameters, it will be difficult for adults to assist with costumes. Please take into account the following considerations as you plan your costumes:

- *costumes should be comfortable and safe to wear throughout the school day allowing for movement up and down stairs as necessary **or***
- *costumes can be independently pulled over the top of clothing at the designated time.*

**We ask that the following types of costume items be avoided:**

1. Concerning subjects--costumes depicting blood, death, horror creatures, controversial political figures or frightening characters.
2. No weaponry--items resembling guns, swords, rifles, knives or other weapons.
3. Full face coverings--It is important to see and recognize everyone wearing a costume and for the students to be able to see to walk safely along the parade route.

In addition, please use care when selecting a costume which may be perceived as trivializing or promoting negative stereotypes based on color, creed (religion), disability, national origin, or race.

Students and visitors in costume must be immediately recognizable to support our District and school safety practices.

Thank you for your assistance and support!

We are thrilled to celebrate with our families again this year!