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Dear Travell Families,

Travell will hold its annual Halloween parade on Tuesday, October 31, at 2:30 p.m.

Scheduling Change - Tuesday, October 31 ONLY

Costumes may be worn in the afternoon only. Children are encouraged to **go home for lunch** to change into costumes. Our lunch period will change for October 31 only. All students will have a 60-minute lunch (12:00-1:00).

- <u>If you would like your child to GO HOME for lunch</u>, simply pick up your child from the usual arrival/dismissal door at noon. Students should eat at home and change into their costumes. At 1:00, students should report to their usual arrival/dismissal door in costume.
- <u>If you would like your child to STAY at Travell for this lunch period</u>, you must send an email to your child's classroom teacher, copying **Ms. James** (kjames@ridgewood.k12.nj.us) and **Ms. DeLucca** (bdelucca@ridgewood.k12.nj.us) by <u>3:00 pm on Friday</u>, October 27. Students who remain at Travell will have lunch and recess, and they will be able to change into costumes following the lunch/recess period.

Costumes

- When children return to school at 1:00, they may not wear Halloween masks into the building. Once the parade begins, they may wear Halloween masks. Please be sure that Halloween masks allow for unrestricted vision.
- Please refrain from dressing children in gruesome, violent, or vulgar costumes.
- Do not send children to school with toy weapons or other long implements (e.g. lightsaber, pitch fork, etc.). The parade is held in close quarters and these items pose a potential risk for other children and adults.

Spectators and Parade Route

- The parade will run outdoors only, drizzle or shine.
- Families are encouraged to join us. Feel free to watch from school grounds, but all spectators must stand clear of the basketball court and the track.
- Each class will exit the Kindergarten door and proceed around the track, continue past the blacktop, around the playground, and re-enter the building through the grade 5 door (by Ms. Gillio's office).



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Alternative Activity

We understand that some families may prefer that their children not participate in this activity; dressing in costume is optional and at the discretion of each family. For students who choose not to participate, an alternative activity will be available.

We hope to see you at the parade!

Sincerely,

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