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Dear Friends:

We will have our annual Halloween Parade starting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st.

Each class will go out the Kindergarten entrance doors and will proceed around the track, continue past the blacktop, around the playscapes and will re-enter the building through the doors closest to Ms. Grabinski-Ciliberto's office.

For safety and security reasons, please do not send your child to school in a costume with a mask, weapon or a long implement, i.e.; laser, sword, pitch fork, etc. Since we hold the parade in such close quarters, these items often pose a potential problem for other children and adults.

In light of recent events, I'd ask you to consider speaking to your children about their choice of costume. I think it's worth considering some alternatives to the fiends and ghouls in favor of a costume which celebrates the **heroes or role models** of our time. This would support the work we've been doing to create a respectful, compassionate and caring community.

**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 the 31<sup>st</sup> only (12:00-1:00). If you are planning to take your child home during the **longer** lunch period from 12:00 to 1:00pm, **please send a note to your child's teacher.** Grades K-5 students will be dismissed at their usual dismissal door at 12:00 noon. Please have your children **return from the longer lunch period at 1:00 p.m.** Children who cannot go home at noon can change into costumes following lunch and a shortened recess.

In case of inclement weather, the parade will take place indoors. We regret that we will not be able to include parents and friends if it rains.

Hope you will be able to join us for the parade.

Sincerely,

Margaret Leininger  
Principal

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