



October 14, 2022

Dear Delevan Drive Families,

On Friday, October 28, 2022, students will have an opportunity to celebrate Halloween if they choose to by participating in our *Koal-O-Ween Parade*. This year, our parade will be in the morning starting at 8:30 AM in the school's upper yard. Families will be admitted onto campus at 8:25 AM. We are encouraging students to come dressed in their costumes. We will NOT provide school time for students to change into their costumes at school. Students should wear their regular school clothes under their costumes. Students should be able to remove their costumes on their own. Parents may not interrupt the classrooms before or after the parade. Also, for safety reasons, we ask that families remain behind the designated orange cones during and after the parade procession. We also ask families to clear the school campus immediately after the parade.

There will be a costume contest! This year's five categories are: 'Funniest', 'Most Original', 'Scariest', 'Storybook Character', and 'Cutest.'

Costumes worn must be:

- Tasteful and appropriate for a school setting
 - “Costumes shall not be demeaning to any person or group based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or to any individual staff or student at the school. -BUL-5298.2”
- Not of a violent nature (no weapons or replicas are allowed)
- Minimal and easy to remove make-up (we want students to be comfortable throughout the day).
- Masks and accessories/props may be brought and used for the parade only, provided safety is not hindered.
- Costumes should be safe and not create a safety hazard. Be mindful of footwear. Costumes may not impair a students' vision or movement (e.g., ability to climb stairs).

In following the above guidelines, you will be helping us keep our students safe. The library will be open for those students who do not wish to participate during the parade.



Students and families are also invited to join in the after school *Harvest Festival* which will also take place on Friday, October 28, 2022, from 2:40-5:00 PM. There will be many fun activities and delicious treats. Students need to be accompanied by an adult during the festival. Students should not be dropped off and left unsupervised. Our festival is organized by our dedicated PTA members. Come and support our school!

Dismissal

Dismissal procedures for this day will be our normal routine. Students will be dismissed through their regular dismissal gates at 2:09 PM. Students who go to YDP/YS/E3 will be dismissed to their assigned after-school program at 2:09 PM.

All families and students returning for the *Harvest Festival* will enter through the main Avenue 42 street gate at 2:40 PM. This will be the enter and exit gate throughout the festival.

Parking

There is limited parking around the school. Please be mindful of the designated no parking areas and of our neighbors. Our goal is to keep traffic flowing for dismissal.

Safety First! - Be patient with us. Keep in mind, due to the high level of traffic (people/cars) on this day, student dismissal and parking for the parade and *Harvest Festival* might take extra time.

For more information about the *Harvest Festival*, including how to purchase your ticket wrist bands, please visit Delevan Drive PTA's website.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pratt
Principal
Delevan Drive Elementary School

