

HALLOWEEN

at Glen Grove

The Glen Grove Halloween Parade will take place on **Wednesday, October 31st** at 12:55 PM. After returning from Pumpkin Caroling at the Abington Senior Center, our 4th graders will lead our school in the annual costume parade. We will exit the back doors of Glen Grove, snake around the grassy area behind the school and re-enter our building through the front doors. Parents are welcome to attend the parade. If you would like to be a spectator, please position yourself on the fields behind our school.

If it is raining on Halloween, the parade will be cancelled. Students will participate in a small, modified version of the parade in our gym for students ONLY, as it would be a very serious breach of fire department safety regulations if we were to have our entire student body and all of our guests in our gym at one time.

CLASSROOM PARTIES: The wonderful room parents of the Westbrook/Glen Grove PTA are busy eliciting volunteers to help organize the classroom Halloween parties. Please note the following:

In alignment with our other District 34 schools, there can be no more than eight room parents/volunteers who will attend classroom parties. We very much appreciate the room parents who plan these parties and organize the volunteers, and all of us want to ensure that our classrooms are not overcrowded and that the adults present are there to assist with activities and supervision. Please look for a communication from your room parent team regarding our Halloween parties in the near future, and be sure to sign up to assist with one of the fun activities that the room parents have planned. If you have not received a communication from your room parents, please feel free to reach out to your room parent team and express your desire to volunteer.

COSTUME INFORMATION: - To ensure our activities are safe and appropriate for the school setting please note the following:

- Avoid costumes portraying violent characters or monsters.
- **NO** weapons (real or look-alike) may be brought to school as part of a costume.
- Masks are NOT allowed.
- Aerosol containers are NOT allowed on school premises.
- Students are NOT allowed to wear costumes to school. They will change into their costumes after lunch/recess and before the parade.
- Students who require things like hair spray, make-up, hair color, etc. may have those items pre-applied so they can be worn to school.

REMINDERS

- **PARKING** - The parking lot at Glen Grove will not be able to accommodate all of our guests **as we must keep our circular drive and loading zones completely free of vehicles during the school day and during dismissal.** So, please consider walking or carpooling. Once our lot is full, you may park on neighboring side streets.
- **DISMISSAL**- To avoid the congestion in the hallways that all of the extra bodies cause, guests are encouraged to be out of the building by 2:20 PM. You must exit through the **FRONT** doors, only.
- **SIGNING STUDENTS OUT BEFORE DISMISSAL** – If you are taking your child home with you **before** dismissal, you must come through the front office with your child and drop off your name tag—a more efficient way of signing out. If you are taking your child with you at dismissal, there is no need to sign him/her out. Please just inform the classroom teacher that your child is leaving with you, especially if they normally ride the bus.

Finally, please note that to ensure the same level of safety on a party day that we expect in our schools every day of the year, we are asking that all adults who enter the building sign in through the front office and obtain a sticker identifying them as a volunteer.

Fall Festival For Students Who Do Not Celebrate Halloween

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN - If your family does NOT celebrate Halloween, we want to encourage you to please send your child to school that day. All children will spend the morning engaged in typical learning activities followed by lunch. After lunch, students who do not celebrate Halloween will attend the Fall Festival in our Learning Center, where Mrs. Berichon, our drama teacher, will have activities planned that focus on the season of autumn with its emphasis on harvest and giving thanks. Please let us know if your child will be attending the Fall Festival by completing the form below and returning it to school with your child.

FALL FESTIVAL FORM *(Please return to school with your student by Oct. 24)*

My child **DOES NOT** celebrate Halloween and will therefore attend the Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

Child's Name _____

Homeroom Teacher's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

