

In Preparation for Halloween

Friday October 29th @Laurier

Friday, October 29th is our fun Halloween day at Laurier, and many of our students are looking forward to the related activities in their classrooms. Our staff members are working hard to make this day a special one for our students, organizing educational and fun activities.

This is also a special time of the year with Halloween followed by Remembrance Day, and is a time to pay much attention to our most vulnerable children, and the fact that Halloween may tend to draw out undesirable behavior. Please let us know in advance if we can be of any support and assistance and/or if you notice anything unusual.

Student Halloween Costume Expectations

In an effort to enjoy and celebrate Halloween at Laurier appropriately and respectfully, please use the following guidelines when helping your child(ren) selecting a costume:

1. Costumes that are provocative, revealing, sexual in nature, or employ questionable props are not permitted.
2. Costumes that depict violence, alcohol, or drugs are not permitted. Fake weapons are not allowed.
3. Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted.
4. Costumes should not hinder student ability to participate in classes, including P.E. Costumes may not disrupt or impede traffic, or present issues of safety in the hallway. No masks in school.

Talking points for Parents to assist in this teachable moment:

- Remind your child(ren) of their audience in the building (students, teachers, parents, community members).
- This is a school—what may be appropriate in pop culture or the media may not be appropriate for a place of learning.
- We are a community, and we want students to think about how their costume choice may impact others within this community.

Safety recommendations this Halloween during the Covid-19 pandemic:

Please refer to the Halloween Guidelines from the BC Centre for Disease Control at the following link:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/treat-yo-self-to-a-safe-halloween>

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

Thank you for taking the time to review these guidelines with your children.