



Woodfern School's Annual Halloween Parade

Thursday, October 31, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Please join us on Thursday, October 31st, at **9:00 a.m.** for our annual Halloween Parade! **The parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.!** All students are invited to arrive at school in costume to be ready for our morning parade. Students are also asked to bring a bag to school with their name on it to put costume pieces away that may interfere with learning throughout the day after the parade is over.

The parade will be held outside, weather permitting, on our back black tops and along the north side of the school. There is no need to ring the main entrance doorbell as you will not be entering the school building. Our parade will circle twice around the parade route to ensure our visitors get to see everyone in the parade. Parents and their guests are invited to come to watch the parade.

Visitors to the parade are welcome to take photos and waive from the sidelines, however we ask that those viewing the parade not approach or stop the students to take pictures or chat. It is difficult to supervise the children appropriately and keep our parade moving if adults mingle in the parade line. *Thank you for your assistance!*

As you plan your child's costume for Halloween, we ask that you keep the following in mind:

- ★ Please remember our practice of asking students to refrain from dressing in costumes that are unduly gory, revealing, or suggest any form of violence. Costumes should be modest. Toy guns/toy weapons are not permitted.
- ★ Any necessary costume accessories should be small enough for students to manage on their incoming school bus and to take on their bus going home. We ask that parents do not bring costumes or accessories to the school office to be delivered to the classroom prior to the parade. Please also note that we cannot accommodate parents coming to the office after the parade to retrieve student costumes or accessories.

- ★ We are once again asking that any parents/guests who choose to dress in costume also be conscious of the above costume considerations.

A special note for our afternoon kindergarten students: Students in Mrs. Iovino's afternoon kindergarten class are invited to participate in the morning Halloween Parade. Those students should be driven to school to arrive promptly at 8:45 a.m. (no earlier - no later.) Students will be greeted at the front door of the school by a staff member and will walk in the parade with the morning kindergarten classes. At the conclusion of the parade, parents are asked to return to the front door where the staff member will dismiss students to their parents. Please wait on the front sidewalk - you do not need to ring the bell or enter the building.

Please note that our main/staff parking lot will be closed to visitors during the parade. Visitors are asked to park in the gravel lot to the north of the school and not on the street or grass as you may be ticketed. Finally, we also ask that visitors do not bring dogs or pets to the parade.

Thank you for your attention to the above. Our goal is to ensure a safe, fun day for our students and your assistance is greatly appreciated. I hope to see you at the parade.

Thank you,

Steven M. Kerrigan, Ed.D.
Principal

