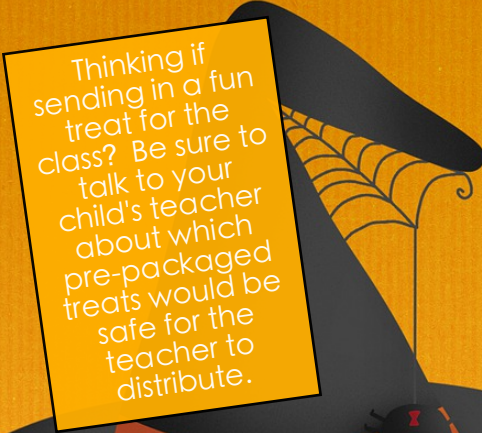


Halloween Festivities at Bertha Kennedy

We have plenty of excitement building up to the creativity of Halloween! While our annual Halloween dance has had to be cancelled for this year, there are still many things at BK to celebrate on Halloween. We will of course allow our students to dress-up on Friday, October 30th. We simply want to communicate a few reminders to families when sending your children to school with their Halloween costumes. It is possible that you may need to make some modifications to your child's costume so that they are not hampered by their costume when in class. Although teachers do some different activities on this day, it is still a regular school day with curricular outcomes being covered.

Please consider the following questions before sending your child to school in their costume:
Will my child be warm enough to go outside for recess?
Can my child still participate in daily activities such as physical education?
Can my child get in and out of the costume independently for washroom breaks?

Please keep in mind that costumes worn to school should be respectful of our diverse student population as well as our faith. Sometimes, even with good intent or even without fully realizing it, people may wear costumes that may make others feel upset, insulted, or embarrassed. Please avoid any costumes that mimic cultural, racial, or ethnic groups. Our goal is to help students have fun, be creative with their imaginations and show others kindness while celebrating All Hallows' Eve; a celebrated day in our Catholic Church.



Thinking if sending in a fun treat for the class? Be sure to talk to your child's teacher about which pre-packaged treats would be safe for the teacher to distribute.

ESSENTIAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

To accompany our school re-entry guideline and due to COVID restrictions we are kindly requesting that if your child's costume came with a any type of mask, please leave it at home to reduce the spread of bacteria. We cannot permit costume masks of any sort be worn as students are also wearing their PPE cloth masks as required.

As has been in the past - we also kindly remind families to please refrain from sending any props whatsoever to school that may accompany their child's costume (this would include toy guns, toy swords, toy knives, and any other sort of weapons) these items not only increase touch points for potential transmission of the virus, but are also a safety concern and can scare children.

Please feel free to contact us at the school should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal

Josie Cancian
Vice Principal

