



## **FW HOWAY ELEMENTARY**

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### **Hallowe'en Parade**

Students and staff are invited to dress up and participate in our annual Hallowe'en parade during the afternoon of October 31<sup>st</sup> (optional participation). If students are choosing to wear a costume, please remember to keep special costume pieces at home so they do not get lost or broken. Students will also need to leave toy weapons that are part of costumes at home.

The parade will be outside (weather permitting).

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*A message from The New Westminster Schools Team regarding Hallowe'en:*

*As Halloween approaches and people prepare their costumes, we wanted to provide you with a few quick reminders about safety and appropriate costumes at school. Halloween can be an exciting day for many young people. Kids get to be creative, have fun, and engage in celebrations. Dressing up in costume is an anticipated tradition for many students and staff members alike. It's also a time when we are a little more aware of what we need to do to keep each other safe in all ways. And those safety considerations parents, students and staff need to consider at school are:*

- Students in costume at school (where and when permitted) should be easily recognizable and/or be able to identify themselves to staff or other students when asked. No full-face masks are permitted.*
- We celebrate diversity and inclusion in New Westminster schools. Costumes that are offensive or in poor taste are not permitted ... when selecting a costume, please consider whether it violates rights or appropriates identity, based on rights maintained under the Canadian Human Rights Act: race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic characteristics, or disabilities.*
- No replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are allowed on school property.*
- School codes of conduct must always be followed. This means acting respectfully to peers and staff and maintaining good care of school property. Vandalism is never acceptable and is a crime.*
- The possession or use of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly and always prohibited.*

*We appreciate your help in making Halloween an enjoyable event for all participating staff and students.  
The New Westminster Schools team*