



Guidance for School Activities around Halloween

Please note there are options for your child on this day:

- wear orange and black - dress in a costume - wear everyday clothes

We do ask those who participate to not choose costumes that perpetuate stereotypes and cause harm that can further marginalize and oppress community members. If students wish to wear a costume please note the Costume Do's and Don'ts.

Costume Do's	Costume Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - follow the school Dress Code - wear black and orange - appropriate for school (can use washroom on their own, are not gory, your child can still participate in all subjects i.e. gym) - dress up as a character from your favourite book or movie - use makeup or face paint - this is to be put on at home before school - make sure you can get your costume on independently - check that your costume is safe (i.e. not too long) - be creative - ensure the student is still able to use the washroom independently when wearing their costume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no masks (they conceal student identity) - no weapons (even toy weapons) - no violent references - costume contact lenses - no costumes that are offensive to others which includes: using identities and cultures as costumes, transphobic costumes, black/brown face costumes, costumes reflecting religious beliefs, socioeconomic status, body shaming, or costumes that joke about situations that have caused harm (i.e. COVID)

Please note that our younger students may be sensitive to scary images! If students dress up, they will wear costumes all day (this will assist with distancing as younger students require a significant amount of help). If your child's costume requires any special makeup it should be applied before coming to school.

If your child does not or chooses not to participate in Halloween activities in class, alternative activities will be available as well as an alternate learning location.



We do not encourage sending candy to school, however, if treats are sent to be shared, please ensure they are nut-free and store bought and individually wrapped, so that ingredient labels are clear (we have many students with various allergies such as nuts, dairy, gelatin, gluten-free, etc.). Non-edible treats would be preferred (e.g. pencils, stickers, etc.) Classroom teachers will make the decision on how and when to share such items.

If you have additional questions or require support for your child to participate in our Halloween Spirit Day, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support!
Ottawa Crescent Public School Staff