

Merritt Memorial School

1 Dogwood Lane

Cresskill, NJ 07626



October 24, 2022

Dear Merritt Families,

Our Halloween celebration this year will take place one week from today on Monday, October 31. Students will be permitted to come to school in costume, and will remain in their costumes during the entirety of school day as long as it does not hinder their ability to complete school work or participate in the normal school day activities.

No masks or costume should be worn that covers the child's entire face. In addition, costumes should not depict any type of violent or sexual characterization. Weapons, or objects which may be used as weapons, will not be allowed. Any student violating these guidelines will be asked to remove the costume.

This year's Halloween parade will take place at 1:30 PM. Parents are invited to view the parade on the field across from the school. We are requesting that parents not wear costumes for the children's safety. With regards to the parade, I ask that families please respect the following guidelines in order to ensure student and staff safety:

- Please remain at least 15 feet back from the sidewalk that the students will be walking on around the field during the parade.
- Please do not congregate in the Cresskill Police Department parking lot.
- Please do not ask your individual child or classes to stop for pictures as we need to maintain the proper flow of traffic.

If the weather is uncooperative on the 31st, there will be no parade and students will celebrate with their teachers and classmates in their classrooms.

After the parade, students will be having their Halloween celebrations in their classrooms. Homeroom teachers will coordinate these parties with their class facilitators. We ask that you communicate with them regarding items that can be brought to school. All snacks should be individually wrapped.

We would like the day to be safe and enjoyable for our students. We thank you for your support and cooperation in maintaining the safety and welfare of our students. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Sean Conlon, Merritt Memorial School Principal