



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

## A NOTE HOME



On Monday, October 31, 2022, New Manchester Elementary School students will celebrate Halloween with a "mini costume parade" for their schoolmates, families, and community. This year, our students will walk to New Manchester Fire Department and around the block in New Manchester. We are working in conjunction with the Hancock County Sherriff's Department in order to create a safe walking route for our students. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from NMES and will follow the same route as the New Manchester 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Therefore, we are asking parents (with the exception of some families whose children will require a shorter walking distance) to park at the fire department and along the parade route, not at NMES.

Students will be allowed to bring their costumes to school that day. The costume will be put on directly over their clothing. Please adhere to the following guidelines so that we can ensure every student remains safe and has an enjoyable experience:

- Students may bring their costumes to put on over their clothes. Please do not send your child in costume that morning. Please keep the costume simple. It would also help if you can be sure all of the costume fits into a small plastic bag such as a Sparkle Bag, Wal-Mart Bag, etc. Label your child's costume with his/her name.
- Please be sure your child's costume is school appropriate. Do not send any accessories such as "pretend weapons" with your child as that is a violation of school rules.
- Please do not send make up to school for the students to put on. Do not send your child to school with full facial make up. If your child wears simple make up such as blush on cheeks, freckles on face, etc. that will be fine. Hair color is also permitted.
- Please do not send any edible treats/candy for your child to pass out in the classroom. Such treats will not be passed out at school and will be sent back home with your child. You may send non-edible treats for your child's classroom. (The PTA will provide an edible treat for all students)

With the success of previous years' pumpkin decorating activity, we are bringing it back this year. Every homeroom will be decorating a pumpkin to raffle. The raffle ticket prices will be 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The proceeds from this raffle will be given to our PBIS committee to purchase rewards and incentives for our students for each 9 weeks grading period. Due to the new parade route and parents not parking at the school, we will be conducting the raffle tickets differently. Pictures will be taken a few days prior to the parade and posted on Class Dojo and our school Facebook page. Families can send in money for raffle tickets. We will also have a few volunteers selling raffle tickets from 9:15 am – 9:45 a.m. the day of the parade in the school parking lot. You can pull up to the sidewalk to view the pumpkins and purchase your tickets. This will give you plenty of time to go into the community and find a place to park and stand to watch the parade. Every homeroom will be given a pumpkin to decorate. The classrooms will be working very hard to decorate their pumpkins in creative ways. You are sure to be impressed! We will draw the raffle tickets prior to the end of the day on Halloween and will call the winning families to come pick up the pumpkin.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please remember that this is a school event for students and your child may choose to opt out of participating if they so desire.