

“Notes From School”

Trick-or-Treat Safety/Harvest Day/Fall Festival

With the end of October near, the Halloween tradition of Trick-or-Treating draws closer and closer as each day passes. Along with the goal of having fun, more importantly, we want all of our youth to have a safe evening on Monday, October 31.

The National Safety Council offers the following safety tips for parents and anyone who plans to be on the road during Trick-or-Treat hours that week:

Motorists

- Watch for children walking in roadways, medians, and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

Trick-or-Treating

- Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home

Costumes

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags to make sure they are visible
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

The American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips for the Trick-or-Treat trail:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable. Agree on a specific time when they should return home
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat
- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind Trick-or-Treaters...

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going
- Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic
- Never cut across yards or use alleys
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out driveways
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Prior to the week's events, the annual 4K Harvest Day will be on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at Anthony Elementary and the PTA Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 28 at 2:15 PM in the School District of Mondovi Multi-Purpose Room. The public is invited to come and watch the costume parades and the activities. Be safe!