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On Friday, October 29, Holland Brook School will conduct our Halloween parade. Students will exit out of the building via the fifth-grade door adjacent to the playground. They will make their way to the track, walk around twice, and then return to their classrooms.

All visitors who arrive early will wait outside of the building and next to the track until the start of the event at 1:30 p.m. The best location for your picture taking is anywhere around the inside or outside of the track. Visitors are encouraged to spread out.

Parking for spectators is limited and will be available only in the parent visitor parking lot and along the access road leading to HBS. Family members are encouraged to carpool and should plan on arriving early (no later than 1:15 p.m.) to find parking as this event has historically drawn a large turnout.

In case of inclement weather, a modified indoor route will be used. With limited space for walking, spectators will not be allowed to participate if the event is moved indoors.

Important Safety Reminders: Please Read

The following guidelines have been established to ensure the safety of our students during the parade and when transitioning in and out of the building.

- Costumes should be brought to school by the student in a bag labeled with the student's name and homeroom. Do not send your child to school in full costume as they will have to get changed out of the costume prior to attending their regularly scheduled classes. Prior to dismissal all students will be asked to take their costumes off before leaving the classroom.
- All students will have approximately ten minutes to get ready for the parade. If more time is needed to put the costume on, an alternative should be considered.
- Encourage your child to bring a costume that fits easily over their clothing. Changing rooms are not available. Face painting is discouraged and masks may only be worn during the parade and not inside the building.

Parents please use your best judgment when selecting an age appropriate costume and accessories. While the custom of Halloween is to be scary, at this age level it is more appropriate to make it a fun day, not scary. Too many times we have seen young children with costumes that include simulated blood or weapons. We would like to celebrate the day without having to correct students about pretending to injure each other with their weapons that they bring in as part of their costumes.

Also, masks that have an abundance of simulated blood or gore are not appropriate. Any student who chooses not to comply with these expectations will be removed from the celebration.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to having you join us on October 29 for this fun-filled event.

If you intend on taking your child home after the parade, please complete the form below and return by Monday, October 25. Expect significant delays if you decide to pick up your child early without completing this form.

I plan to pick up my child after the Halloween parade on October 29, 2021.

Student Name:_____

Homeroom Teacher:_____

Parent Name:_____

Parent Signature:_____