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Dear Parents:

Excitement is mounting as North Ridge begins to prepare for its annual Halloween Parade. As you know, the parade is scheduled to take place on Friday, **October 29**, beginning promptly at 2:30 p.m. We anticipate the parade will last 15 to 20 minutes.

Should we encounter inclement weather, the parade and any other Halloween related activities will be rescheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021. We will do our best to notify the community of our intentions the afternoon of October 28, 2021.

The safety of our children is always our number one priority. In order to ensure the children's safety and security, we ask that you assist us in the following ways by:

- ❑ **Sending your child to school with a costume that is comfortable and appropriately sized.**
- ❑ **Insuring that if masks are worn with the costume;** they not obstruct your child's vision in any way, and should be selected with discretion as not to create unnecessary fear in, or discomfort to, other children. **Costume accessories such as sticks, bats, or weapon-like components as part of your child's costume are prohibited to bring to School.**
- ❑ **Please note the parade route.** The children will exit the building at approximately 2:30 p.m., and proceed to the front circle then re-enter the building at the Kindergarten entrance. The attached map on the reverse side should be of assistance to you.
- ❑ **Please be reminded dogs are not permitted on school premises.**
- ❑ **Signing your child out if you plan on taking him/her home after the parade.** Because we anticipate that some parents will choose to take their children home after the parade, we ask for your cooperation as we implement a release system that is designed to protect the children of North Ridge.

One masked parent may enter the school after all children have returned to their classrooms utilizing the main entrance, and report to the child's class. You will sign out your child with the teacher. Your child will receive a large pumpkin sticker which will need to be displayed on your child's hand as they exit the building.



Exit 1- Kindergarten Door

Ms. Sherman, Ms. Mariani, Ms. Dimaria, Dr. Ruffini, Ms. Rowan and Ms. Sandak's parents should exit through the side door next to Ms. Mariani's classroom, after signing out your child.

Exit 2 – Alcove by Music Room

Ms. Martello, Ms. Messina, Ms. Frank, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Meyers, Ms. Wilson, Ms. DiMarco's parents should exit through the Music/Cafeteria Entrance, after signing out your child.

Exit 3 – 2nd Grade Doors

Ms. MacKenzie, Ms. Povey, Ms. Chiaino, Ms. Schultz, Ms. Ciniski, Ms. Serxner and Ms. Eannuzzi's parents should exit through the 2nd Grade Entrance Door in the Parking Lot, after signing out your child.

If you are granting permission for someone else to pick up your child at the conclusion of the parade, we must have that information from you, **in writing**, on the **morning** of **October 29**. **If you are picking up your child, be sure to bring photo identification along with you.** We will **not** release any child until we can verify identification.

In order to ensure the physical safety of all our students, please refrain from sending in any food items and items that may be a choking hazard for distribution to your child's classmates/friends. If you do send in items, please have individually wrapped items in baggies. Thank you in advance!

Have a wonderful time and take plenty of pictures!

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