Totowa Borough Public Schools

Washington Park School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades Five through Eight:

The students and faculty at Washington Park School will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30, 2026, during the school day.

Students who choose to participate must come to school dressed in costumes. Students will not be permitted to leave class to prepare their costumes. **Sprays and makeup must be done at home.** Students may bring a change of clothes if the costume is too cumbersome to wear all day.

Costumes for all students should not be suggestive or revealing and **MUST** be school appropriate. The school's discipline policy regarding ***"wearing appropriate school clothing at all times"*** will be adhered to.

Toy knives, swords, or weapons are NOT permitted. Halloween masks are also **not** permitted during instructional time or in the hallways but may be worn during the celebration. Costumes that negatively stereotype or offend specific ethnic or other groups are also **not** permitted. **Additionally, we encourage all students and parents to be mindful of costumes that emulate anything in pop-culture or media that may disrupt or impact the educational process.**

It is very important that you exercise sound parental judgment and help us by assuring that costumes are appropriate and suitable for school.

There will not be parental viewing for grades five through eight. However, there will be a best dressed costume contest for each grade level sponsored by the Totowa PTO.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Joseph Compel
Principal

cc: Ms. Patricia Capitelli, Chief School Administrator
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