



DEER PARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, Thursday, October 31st, marks the holiday of Halloween. I would like to address questions concerning the wearing of costumes to middle school.

It is not encouraged for the students to come dressed in their costumes to school. We would prefer that students save their costumes for their after-school Halloween activities. That being said, costumes are not forbidden, however, there are several rules the school must enforce. They are:

- No costumes that portray a stereotyped image of a culture or group of people
- No costumes that are offensive to any racial, ethnic, or religious group, or persons with disabilities or illnesses
- No violent, scary, offensive or explicit costumes
- No weapons (swords, bats, sticks, light sabers, guns of any kind, etc.)
- No headwear, head coverings, hats, or head decorations
- No masks
- No full face makeup (students must be identifiable)
- No "bleeding" and/or fake blood
- No slippers; all footwear must be appropriate for school
- No props (canes, bags, bottles, stuffed animals, etc.)

If you would like to read more information about helping to make children aware of inadvertently dressing up in what might be considered to be a culturally insensitive costume, it can be found through the #IAmNotACostume Campaign, which can be found at <http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>

Additionally, students should not bring candy to school to distribute to others.

Thank you for your help in making school a safe place to learn!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eliana".

Eliana K. Levey, Ed.D.
Principal