



October 12, 2022

Dear Bellows Families,

Halloween is slowly approaching and is always a spooktacular day at F.E. Bellows! This year the class celebrations, parades and sing-alongs will be in the morning, with Daniel Warren hosting their events in the afternoon.

We are hoping this helps families who have children in both schools be able to attend the festivities at both schools. These events will take place on Monday, October 31, 2022.

Bellows will also be hosting Halloween classroom celebrations either right before or directly following each parade. At this time, **only the Head Class Parent and the two Events Coordinators will be allowed to attend**, as we are still mindful of gathering large groups of adults in contained classrooms.

Here is the schedule for that day:

- 3rd Grade Parade/Sing-along: 10:30- 10:45/ Classroom Celebrations: 9:45 am
- 4th Grade Parade/Sing-along: 10:50- 11:05:/ Classroom Celebrations: 9:15 am
- 5th Grade Parade.Sing-along: 11:10-11:25/ Classroom Celebrations: 12 pm

Families are invited to stand on the opposite side of Carroll Avenue to watch the parades and take photographs.

The sing-alongs will be on the Bellows Field. Each grade will sing one song led by Mr. Galgano. Parents are invited to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the singing. We ask that you leave the school grounds immediately after your child performs. If you have multiple children at FEB, you may wait until the last child performs.

Students will be asked to come to school in their Halloween costumes. **No students will be allowed to go home to change into their costumes.**

We ask you to please read and adhere to the guidelines listed below when deciding on the costume you send your child to school in on Monday, October 31.

- **No costume masks will be allowed to be worn in school.** If students bring them in their backpacks for the parade, we will allow them to wear them; however, it should not be a hooded mask that covers the entire head or face. There are also creative face paint options if you'd like your child to have the full look of the costume.
- Face painting must be done at home. Please make sure you are purchasing face paint that doesn't smudge or rub off easily. Dripping blood is not permitted.
- Costumes must be safe, fire retardant, not floor-sweeping (to prevent tripping and falling), and not frightening to younger children.

- Costumes that would restrict students from moving through the school building safely or distract them while working on academics will not be allowed. These tend to be blow-up/inflatable costumes (such as T-Rex) and others in the link below.

[Inflatable Halloween Costume Examples](#) (not allowed)

- We encourage costumes that have some educational value--book characters or historical figures, for example.
- No swords, knives, sticks, guns, or weapons of any kind are permitted on school grounds.

We also respect a family's decision to not participate in the Halloween celebrations due to personal reasons. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the activities, you may pick them up at 9:45 am. They should return to school as follows:

- 3rd grader- 11:00 am
- 4th grader- 11:30 am
- 5th grader- 12:30 pm

Please be aware that if the parade is canceled due to inclement weather, we will still host the celebrations in classrooms at the times listed above.

We look forward to a spooktacular time!

Michael Scarantino

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Principal

** If you are not allowing your child to participate, please return the slip below to your child's teacher with one of the two selections. Please do not return this slip if your child is participating.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

My child **will not be participating** in Halloween at school **and I will be picking him/her up at 9:45 am** and returning them to school after the event has ended.

My child **will not be participating** in Halloween at school and **will be staying there**. (In this case, the school will find a non-Halloween activity for them to participate in at school until the Halloween event ends.)

Parent Name (Print): _____

Parent Signature: _____