

Good morning Coalbanks Families,

I hope you all had a fabulous weekend and are planning to spend quality time with family and loved ones this Thanksgiving weekend. Please take time to think about all of the things we can be grateful for.

Recently, we have been receiving many questions about Halloween this year. Due to COVID restrictions, things will look slightly different this year. We will be having Halloween festivities in our classrooms. Students will be able to wear costumes this year; however, all students will need to wear a COVID mask along with their costumes. We ask that parents please use some discretion around costumes with this restriction in place. More information will be sent home from your child's homeroom teacher around specific details on this day.

This year students will not be able to bring snacks to share with classmates. Students may; however, bring snacks and refreshments for themselves, but not to share with other students. We are not calling this year's Halloween activities classroom parties. Instead we are calling them Halloween festivities. **Costume parades will not take place this year due to COVID.**

Every year we get asked about costumes and what is permitted within the school. As much as we do not wish to restrict costume creativity, we do need to keep in mind that we have Kindergarten to Grade 5 students and some costumes can be scary and intimidating for our younger students. We ask that you please use discretion when planning your child's costume. Please remember that items resembling weapons will not be permitted in the school. Also, each year we get asked if students will be going outside for recess during this time and the answer to that questions is "yes". All students will be heading outside for a morning recess and noon hour break.

We hope this email will answer all your questions regarding Halloween festivities at Coalbanks this year. We are excited to still be offering Halloween at Coalbanks. Have a wonderful start to the week. Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joey Gentile

Principal