

## **We are in full Halloween swing!**

There have been so many opportunities to Trunk or Treat already. You are definitely getting your moneys worth out of this year's costume. Not to mention all the 'treats!'

Your child's teacher should have sent out classroom specific party plans. Due to the prevalence of food related allergies and Dartmouth Public Schools food safety policy, students cannot bring any food to share with their classmates. Thank you for honoring this policy.

Hat's off to the DeMello & Cushman PTO for organizing the Trunk or Treat! The trunks were fabulous, the treats were great - having pizza available was brilliant. Such a creative way to celebrate with our school friends.

The excitement of Halloween will be on full display when we Parade on Tuesday. Our Cushman Preschool program has students from all 3 attendance zones. Our Parade times do conflict with the Parades at other schools. I apologize in advance. This is a great time to call upon extended family and friends. Keep in mind your child will be so excited to see their friends in costume, they may not even see you if you are here.

I also need to remind our family photographers that some parents have not provided permission for their children to be photographed for social media purposes. Our teachers know not to include the face of those children in their communications. As a parent, you may not know, so please refrain from posting pictures of children who are not yours. Thank you in advance.

If Halloween is one of our favorite days at school, the day after Halloween is not. The excitement, late night outings, and candy intake make November 1st a cranky day. Therefore, we ask that you send a traditional snack (not candy) to school in the days following Halloween.

Other happenings next week included School Picture Re-take Day on Thursday, November 2nd. We will only photograph students who were absent on the original Picture Day as well as any child who returns their picture package. This is our final Picture Day until we take the less formal Spring pictures later in the year.

Here is our Peek of (next) Week -

**Tuesday, October 31** - Parent viewing of the Halloween Parade - along the playground fence

9:30 Preschool

2:30 Kindergarten

**Thursday, November 2** - School Picture Re-take Day

If you are interested in having your child's picture re-taken please return the package

Due to the size of our school and the expected number of re-takes the photographer will only be here until 10:30, so please be on time to school.

Preschool parents are reminded to sign up for a Parent/Teacher Conference with your child's teacher. Individual notices (via Parent Square) have been sent to you by your child's teacher.

Just a Reminder - Our Recycled Textile Bins are for Textiles ONLY - clothes and linens. Please do not leave furniture or toys. They cannot be recycled in those bins.

Fingers crossed this beautiful Fall weather will continue (at least through Trick or Treating)!

A Haunting We Will Go...

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