



## New Monmouth School

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Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to attend our Halloween Parade to be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Below are a few important reminders:

The parade for students in Grades K - 5 will be held in the afternoon at 1:30 P.M. Preschool students will have their own Halloween activities in their classroom. Classroom parties will be held after the parade. Parents may assemble on sidewalk in front of the school or on the side of the building. Children will parade along the parking lot, and back in front of the school. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be canceled, but the planned classroom activities will be held by teacher and the assigned class parents.

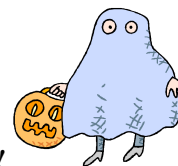
Please understand that there are limited parking spaces available on site. We must keep all yellow-curb fire zone areas clear. Try to arrange car-pools with other parents and use side streets for parking. Since the children will be lining up in the hallways before the parade, I respectfully request that parents do not enter the building before the parade begins. In case of rain, the parade will be cancelled, but classroom parties will be held. Due to space limitations, only those parents assigned to this party by the class parent should sign-in after the parade. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **COSTUMES:**

1. Students will bring costumes to school and put them on just before the parade.  
*Safety first:* avoid masks that impair vision, high heels, and long, flowing or baggy clothing which is dangerous on stairs and while parading.
2. Try to keep costumes as simple as possible so that most children will not need too much assistance from their teachers. Avoid the use of make-up since it will not be possible for us to help with application.
3. Costumes are not to depict, violence, blood and gore nor are they to make light of the use of alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or criminal activity. That means you must avoid guns, knives, swords, and other representations of violence. Keep them playful and light-hearted. These guidelines will be enforced.
4. Please do not send accessories or props (i.e. broomsticks, pitchforks, etc.)



**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**





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**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP INFLUENZA NOTICE**

Now that the flu season is unfolding, please be vigilant about reinforcing your child's practices with cough and secretion etiquette. This includes the use of tissues to cover coughs and trap nasal secretions. Children should be reminded to wash hands frequently and/or use hand sanitizers.

**How do you know if your child has the flu?**

Your child may have flu if he or she exhibits some or all of these symptoms. The child should remain home until there is no fever for 24 hours without the use of anti-fever medicine.

fever\*

headache

cough

chills

sore throat

fatigue

runny or stuffy nose

sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

body aches

\* It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have fever

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ga.htm>

Additionally, if your child has copious, continuous, uncontrollable nasal discharge, this increases the risk of exposure to possible illness to other children and staff. Please keep your child at home until the secretions are more controlled and can be contained, even if all other symptoms have subsided.

**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR PROFESSIONAL NURSING STAFFS' JUDGEMENT AS TO CHILDREN'S EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL BASED ON SYMPTOMOLOGY. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL AND EXHIBITING ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS, YOU WILL BE CALLED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD IMMEDIATELY. THE CHILD WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ONLY BASED ON THE SCHOOL NURSE'S PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT. MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS THESE PRACTICES IN PLACE WITH THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN IN MIND.**