



October 24th, 2022

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

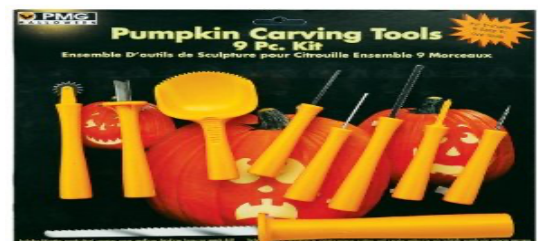
We wanted to provide you with some information regarding upcoming Halloween events at Homma.

Pumpkin Carving

On **Monday, October 31st**, all Homma students will be participating in a **school-wide big buddy pumpkin carving activity**. This activity will take place in the morning during three time slots, 9:00–9:40, 10:15–10:55 and 11:00–11:40.

Students are invited to bring the following:

- 1) One small **CLEANED OUT** pumpkin on **Friday, October 28th or Monday, October 31st**. Please clean the pumpkin out from the **BOTTOM**. **You don't need to send in the bottom of the pumpkin.** Students must be able to carry their pumpkin to and from school by themselves. You may want to send a bag with them to use for transportation. Please label your child's pumpkin with their name and division number on a piece of masking tape.
- 2) A proper pumpkin carving tool (please see picture beside). These can be bought at most dollar stores. **NO KNIVES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!** Please put **child's name on the carving tools**



Please label the pumpkin with your child's name and division number on a piece of tape. We will also be looking for parent volunteers to help us with the pumpkin carving in the morning. Please contact Penny Leggo at kitsnpups@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Candy and Treats

We are asking students to not bring candy or treats to share with classmates on Halloween. Homma PAC will be providing students with hot chocolate while they are carving pumpkins in the afternoon. Thank you, Homma PAC, for your support!

Halloween Costume Guidelines

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their costumes on October 31st. Wearing costumes is completely optional, but should your child choose to wear one, we do have guidelines to remind you of so that we can all have a fun and safe day.

- Students come to school in their costumes, rather than getting changed at lunch. Students will still be expected to go out for recess to get some fresh air and exercise, so they should be able to move freely

and play in their costumes.

- **Leave masks and weapons that may go with your costumes at home. Masks can be scary, and difficult to see out of and weapons are never allowed to be brought to school, even plastic ones.**
- As always, we want Halloween to be fun for ALL. When choosing costumes, a few things to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:
 - RACEblack face/brown face
 - CULTUREIndigenous regalia/dreadlocks
 - RELIGIOUS FAITHreligious figures /gods /saints
 - GENDERgender switching for humour or to mock
 - TRAUMAhangman’s noose/weapons

Candy Donations

Once again Homma Student leadership along with student leaders from McMath will be inviting students to donate candy to the following cause.

See below...

“The GSM Street teams continue to work on the downtown eastside of Vancouver. Last year they delivered more than 15,000 candy bags and several hundred pairs of socks and other amenities to residents of this desperate neighborhood. The need for candy and donations remains. The candy bags help them to deliver a note of inspiration to those in need.

We are hopeful you will consider donating any extra candy they have, and to parents whose children are not going door to door, we are hopeful you will consider purchasing bags or boxes of treats, NEW mittens or warm socks, so that they can continue their mission.”

Thank you for supporting our Halloween plans. It will be a fun day of building teamwork and community with our students. Please let us know if you have any questions.

From,

Homma Staff