Dear Middlefork Parent(s):

The countdown to one of the most rousing days of our school year has begun! And because of the extra energy, enthusiasm, and plans generated by Halloween, it is important to explain the following safety guidelines to you and your children. First, we request that students’ costumes not depict violent themes or characters. We expect our children to cooperate and interact peacefully, and since it is natural for children to act like the characters portrayed by their costumes, it would be counterproductive to endorse costumes depicting violence. Since students will also parade in their costumes, we ask that you note these additional parameters:

- Keep props to a minimum; large or sharp props are not permitted.
- Toy guns or items that may be construed as weapons are never allowed in school and therefore may not be used as costume props.
- Students should be able to don their costumes with minimal assistance.
- Costumes should not drag on the floor.

The abbreviated schedule for Halloween is provided below. Please note the earlier dismissal time for kindergarten students on October 31st only.

10:15 a.m. Kindergarten room parties
11:00 a.m. Kindergartners don costumes (parents invited to assist)
11:15 a.m. Kindergartners parade through classrooms and gym

**11:50 a.m. Kindergarten Dismissal**
1:55 p.m. 1st -3rd parade/assembly
2:25 p.m. 1st -3rd parties (some classes may schedule earlier times in the day)

Parents who are able to visit with us on 10/31 are reminded to park in the parking lot or north of the building along Wagner Road (not in the spaces in the driveway) and to check in and wear an identifying visitor tag. Best wishes for a safe and happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Greene
Principal

P.S. Northfield’s Officer Friendly, will also speak with Middlefork students about Halloween Safety on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.