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Hello Oster families,

Since Monday, October 31st is a staff development day with no school for students, Oster will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 28th. As always, I expect that there may be a few questions about what costumes are acceptable for your student to wear to school on Friday. Here are some easy guidelines to follow:

- 1) Costumes may not promote violence or have accessories or props that could be used as a weapon.
- 2) Masks can only be worn during the lunchtime parade. Students cannot wear them during recess, their class party, or after school, while on campus. Masks cannot be super scary, gory, or representative of any violence. If you are unsure, please bring the mask ahead of time and check with the classroom teacher or school office.
- 3) Costumes should not have fake blood.
- 4) Given the recent hysteria involving clowns, we are requesting that students not dress as a clown (out of respect to concerned students and families) and instead find an alternative costume.

Essentially, Friday is going to be a really fun day, but it is still a day of learning for our school community. Please encourage costumes that do not interfere with the classroom learning environment. If your student has a specific question about their costume, have them speak with their classroom teacher or myself during the school day. Alternatively, take a picture of the costume and email me for a quick reply.

I want to also remind parents that our Halloween parade will begin at 1:15 on our upper grade blacktop. Students will be sitting around the basketball courts and we ask that parents stand behind the students. If students do not want to participate in the parade, they will have an opportunity to have STEAM fun in the Media Center with Miss Kaitlin Klein. A special thank you to Assistant Superintendent Mary Berkey, for overseeing the afternoon festivities, since I will be at a CUE conference.

Questions? Email me: [mcenteed@unionsd.org](mailto:mcenteed@unionsd.org)

All the best,  
Ms. Dianne McEntee

