

October 27, 2016

Dear Desert Vista Families,

With Halloween just around the corner, we want to ensure our students are able to have some fun while keeping safety in mind.

The safety of all students is our top priority so we ask that those who choose to wear costumes on October 31<sup>st</sup> be responsible and respectful in selecting dress that is appropriate for school. Here are some guidelines:

- NO masks and NO excessive face paint – students must be identifiable.
- Given current events surrounding the use of clowns to make threats against schools across the country, we ask that students refrain from dressing up as clowns.
- NO costumes that promote the use of illegal substances or activities (drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.) or that are derogatory or offensive – *Use good judgment, please!*
- NO weapons or imitation weapons of any kind and NO accessories that may be used as weapons.
- School rules regarding the dress code must be followed.
  - ID's must be worn at all times.
  - Costumes must be appropriate – no underwear showing, no bare midriff, etc.
- Students wearing inappropriate costumes will be sent to the office to call their parents for a change of clothes.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping to make Halloween safe and fun.

Respectfully,

Dr. Christine Barela, Principal