

October 20, 2024

Dear Families,

Halloween is a time of celebration for many in the community. Each year, we look forward to seeing students enjoy various Halloween activities.

The North Vancouver School District honours the diversity within the community. We want to ensure teaching and learning environments are places where students and staff feel safe, included, respected and valued.

In preparation for a safe and fun Halloween for all, please be aware of the following and speak with your child as appropriate:

- If costumes are permitted at your child's school, they should allow for students to be easily recognizable and/or to be able to identify themselves to any staff member when asked.
- Costumes that are in poor taste or offensive in any way (e.g., hypersexualized, culturally insensitive) are not allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the [B.C. Human Rights Code](#) when selecting costumes (e.g., race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, etc.).
- School codes of conduct must always be followed. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property. Vandalism is a crime.
- Replica weapons (e.g., guns, knives, etc.) are not allowed.
- The possession and use of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. Please visit the [City of North Vancouver](#) and [District of North Vancouver](#) websites for information on municipal fireworks regulations. The North Vancouver RCMP has also issued [a media release](#) urging caution around fireworks and safety, including some key safety tips.

Thank you for ensuring Halloween continues to be a fun and safe celebration for all community members.

With appreciation,

Dr. Pius Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

