Dear Parents/Guardians:

The JFK Halloween Parade and class parties will take place on **Monday, October 31, 2016**. To ensure that our school community has a safe and successful day, please review the information below.

- **Grades K-2**: Students can wear costumes/makeup to school as long as students are still able to use the bathroom. Otherwise, send it in a bag labeled with his/her name.
- **Grades 3-5**: Do not wear costume to school. Place all costumes and accessories in a bag labeled with your child’s name. They will have an opportunity to change before the parade.
- For safety reasons, please make sure that your child’s costume is not too long so that he/she may safely walk along the parade route as well as when boarding the bus.
- Costumes should be **safe** and **appropriate** for school and represent a non-violent character.
  - Toy weapons, props, and masks **will not be allowed** to accompany a costume (i.e. masks, swords, knives, guns, bows, balls, skateboards, etc.)
- If the temperature is cold, please remember to send in jackets.
- **The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. outside on the playground.**
  - Parents should stand outside the designated cones along our parade route.
  - Parking is limited. Please carpool or park on a side street if you are able.

We also ask that students **refrain from dressing as clowns this Halloween due to the recent increase in incidents involving individuals dressed as clowns that have caused anxiety and terror among children.**

To ensure the safety of our staff and students, **only class parents** that will be assisting with afternoon events will be allowed to enter the school building after the parade. If you are a parent assisting with the party, please remember to sign in at the main office and retrieve a visitor’s tag.

Thank you so much in advance for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Kolleen S Myers
Principal