With Hallowe’en quickly approaching, we would like to share with families our plans for October 30th. Similar to last year, we are going to give students the option of spend the day in costumes at school or dress in orange and black.

We will need to make changes to our typical Hallowe’en Day to ensure the health and safety protocols continue to be followed. As a result, we will not be having a Hallowe’en Parade at Prince Philip this year. Please do not send any items, such as pre packaged treats for classmates, as students will not be allowed to hand anything out to classmates. Individual classes will have their own classroom-based activities planned for the day or half day.

**COSTUMES**
We invite all our students and staff to dress in fun costumes. Guidelines for costumes are as follows:

- Students should come to school dressed in easy to manage costumes that will be worn for the entire day;
- Staff will not be able to assist with costumes;
- Any weapons and plastic masks should be left at home (only cloth face coverings in which we can see the students’ eyes are permitted);
- no offensive content in the costume

**COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS**

- Students in grades 4-8 must continue to wear a mask even during this special day;
- Physical distancing will continue to be encouraged and expected;
- Food, treats or goodie bags for sharing are not allowed; and
- Families are required to complete the Ontario School Screening before coming to school each day: [https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/)

Some students may decide not to wear their costumes and that is OK! We encourage students to wear orange and black or a favourite Hallowe’en shirt in place of a costume. This might be a more comfortable option for students, as they may not want to be in costumes all day.
We look forward to a great Hallowe'en at Prince Philip!