

Mr. Anthony Barbato, Principal



JAMES H. METZGAR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 13, 2026

Dear Parent / Guardian:

This year, Halloween will be celebrated at Metzgar Elementary with an outdoor costume parade (weather permitting) and a classroom party on Friday, October 30, 2026. Students should come to school dressed in costume and either bring a change of clothes or wear regular clothing under their costume.

The parade will begin at approximately 9:30 AM, and students will parade inside before moving outside. Parents can view the parade outside only. Mrs. Perbonish's room will lead the parade. Each pod will line up and join the parade line. The students will then exit through the front entrance of the building, proceed through the parking lot, and return into the building through the side entrance. Please note that we will only parade outside if weather permits.

Classroom parties will be held in the morning. PTA classroom representatives have already been assigned to each room for the party. Only those parents assigned as classroom representatives should be present in the classroom for the party. If you are volunteering for a party, please remember that ***siblings are not permitted in classrooms during the party.*** In addition, individually wrapped snacks are best practice.

When planning for your child's costume, please consider a nonviolent character. Several suggestions are cartoon characters, historical figures, Disney characters, and characters from favorite books. **Please remember that 'weapons' of any type, real or toy, are NOT permitted. Guns, knives, swords, hockey sticks, ball bats, etc. are not allowed.** If your child's costume includes a 'weapon' type item, please leave it at home for the school parade and party. In addition, **roller blades or skates are not allowed** for safety reasons. Please monitor costume choices and be aware of these restrictions on props.

If you have any questions regarding the parade or parties, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Sincerely,
Anthony Barbato, Principal