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Dear HES Parents and Guardians,

On Friday, October 30, 2026, Hewlett Elementary School will celebrate our first annual Vocabulary Parade! While we have enjoyed celebrating with a traditional costume parade in the past, this year we are putting a literacy spin on the festivities by having students connect their costume to a vocabulary word.

This will be a fun and exciting opportunity for students to be creative while celebrating language and literacy. As you help your child select a vocabulary word and create a costume, please follow the guidelines below.

Choosing a Vocabulary Word and Outfit/Costume

Students may choose a **vocabulary word that describes or connects to their costume**. Their costume can represent:

- A vocabulary word or concept
- A book character
- A personal interest or hobby
- Something creative that connects to their chosen word
- HES! Wear HES spirit wear!

Students should also create a **large, easy-to-read card or piece of paper** displaying their vocabulary word and its definition. We encourage students to find a creative way to wear or display their word, such as using yarn or string to make it into a necklace.

For example, a student dressed as a superhero might choose the word courageous and display the word along with its definition.

Costume Safety and Appropriateness

To ensure that everyone has a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience, please **avoid costumes that include**:

- Masks that completely cover the face
- Realistic-looking weapons, including guns, knives, or swords
- Overly gory or violent themes
- Anything that could be considered insensitive, offensive, or disrespectful to others

We encourage creative, school-appropriate costumes that allow students to comfortably participate in the parade and celebrate their love of words and learning.

Come Watch the Parade!

Families are invited and encouraged to join us and watch our Vocabulary Parade!

The parade will begin at **1:45 PM on Friday, October 30**. Families should stand along the **field or playground fence** to view the parade. At the conclusion of the parade, students will return to the building, get their belongings, and dismissal will commence.

We are committed to making this a celebration where all students feel comfortable, included, and excited to participate. If you have any questions about a costume or vocabulary word, please contact your child's teacher or the HES main office.

We can't wait to see the creative words, wonderful costumes, and BIG vocabulary our students bring to life!

With C.A.R.E.,

Mrs. Sosnovsky
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Examples

