

# Mountain View Newsletter

## October 19, 2016

Thursday, October 20.....No School  
Friday, October 21.....No School  
Monday, October 24.....No School  
Monday, October 31.....Halloween, Students Released at 12:40  
Tuesday, November 8.....Parents and Pastries, CLC at 8:30

### Principal's Message

Halloween is a fun time to dress up as something different or exciting, as well as eat treats and spend time with family and friends. At Mountain View we enjoy having a costume parade for the students. You are invited to watch the parade. We ask that as many parents as possible congregate in the auditorium to see the students on parade. We will bring all students through the auditorium after we pick them up from their classrooms. After parading through the auditorium we will drop students off in their classrooms, and the remaining line will parade through their rooms. We are allowing costumes for the Halloween parade, but we do ask that we not have students or adults in costumes that show excessive blood or gore. Masks will be allowed only during the parade, and must be put away before and after the parade. Finally, please don't allow students to bring facsimile weapons to school. Even though they are not real weapons, we ask that they be kept home so as not to cause any distractions at school.

I also ask that we respect others' cultures and religious beliefs by not dressing as a person from another race or culture. For example, it can be very hurtful and disrespectful to our American Indian friends and families if we dress in their cultural and/or traditional dress. The tradition of Halloween dress-up is often thought of as a funny show. Because of this, wearing the traditional dress of various racial or ethnic groups is viewed by those from that culture as disrespect for their very important cultural beliefs and customs.

Please help us respect other cultures by not dressing yourselves or your children in others' traditional clothing as a Halloween costume. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### Parents and Pastries

The principals would love to meet you, share what is new at Mountain View, and answer any questions you might have. Our next Parents and Principals discussion will be held in the Community Learning Center on Tuesday, November 8 at 8:30. We hope to see you there.

### No School October 20-24

School will not be held from October 20 through October 24 for fall break, which is an opportunity for educators to attend professional development classes. School will start at 7:55 on Tuesday, October 25.