

Celebrating Halloween



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BC's Provincial Health Officer is encouraging people to keep health and safety protocols in mind as they celebrate Halloween. Here are some recommendations for the school community to ensure classroom celebrations in the Burnaby School District are safe, as well as fun.

Costumes

- Encourage students to integrate a non-medical mask into their costume that covers their nose and mouth.
- Remind students not to wear a costume mask over a non-medical mask, as this can make breathing difficult.
- Remind students not to touch each other's costumes, no matter how tempting.
- Prohibit accessories that may be passed around as these can easily transfer germs.

Treats & Goodies in Class

- Designate one adult to distribute sealed, pre-packaged goodies.
- Wash hands before and after handling them.
- Don't put treats in a shared bowl, which can gather germs.
- Hand out goodies in creative ways that minimize contact and maximize physical distancing, such as using tongs or baking sheets.
- If possible, go outside to hand them out.
- If the treats are part of an in-class celebration, have students wash their hands before eating them. Remind students not to share food. Additionally, consider how the garbage will be collected to avoid congregating at a bin or having one person touch the items belonging to multiple people.

Celebrations

- Limit celebrations to only your learning group.
- Remind students to keep their hands to themselves, maximize physical distance and minimize physical contact.
- Celebrate outside if possible.
- Avoid activities that involve singing and dance partners.
- If a school costume parade is on the agenda, do it outdoors or in open areas with learning groups separate from each other and at a safe physical distance.