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# GATOR TALES



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## DR. CHAUSSEE'S NEWS

### HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

Abbott's Halloween is next Friday which means it's time to review some guidelines that appear yearly in the *Gator Tales*. Students may choose to or not wear a costume for the parade and party. Recently there have been incidents of people dressing like clowns for fun and/or to scare people. I don't like to take a knee-jerk reaction on most issues and won't on this one. I've had some questions if we will allow students or adults to dress like clowns, and the answer is yes.



If they choose to wear a costume, they must adhere to these guidelines:

- Costumes and makeup should not be too frightening.
- No weapons, real or pretend, such as knives, guns, hatchets, swords, bazookas, flame throwers, grenade launchers, daggers, numb chucks, throwing stars, light sabers, pepper spray, and even the short quarterstaff with grip popular from the Eighteen Arms of Wushu (Chinese martial arts), etc.
- Avoid pretend blood.
- No glitter at all (it's messy).
- No makeup before the parade/party.

The parade begins at 1:45 on October 28. **Please note that this is a change in date** as discussed and decided at our last PTO mtg. Having all our festivities on a Monday is a tough way to start the week as we want students engaged. In the future, we will probably have our parade and party on the Friday before Halloween. We will be walking around the building to pick up all students. Students will be given time to dress prior to the parade. Send your child's costume in a sack labeled with their name. *Kindergarten students* who may need help may want to wear their costume to school that day, as long as it isn't distracting. Ideally, if possible, parents may be able to help with costumes prior to the parade with younger students.

Students will parade through the school as we pick up all the students in each classroom, about 30-40". Or, if the weather is good we will go outside.

We welcome parents and relatives that day, but all visitors must sign in if they enter the building, just like any other day. Also, everyone must have sent in an RSVP form prior to Halloween. Please remember to always sign and wear a name tag as always. If parents are at school during the party, they may take their child home when they leave, which hopefully is prior to dismissal other wise traffic becomes backed up. **Remember, please, do not park where the daycare vans pick up students.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TONIGHT

MOVIE NIGHT!! 6:30 P.M.

### 2/3 Fun Night

October 25 6:30 p.m.

### October 27

Chili Feed & Cook Off

\*note time change

6:30—8 p.m.

**\*\*HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTIES\*\***

**DATE CHANGE**

**October 28 at 1:45 p.m.**

**YOU MUST RSVP IF YOU ARE COMING!!**

**Forms were sent home and are also found in this newsletter!!**

## MILLARD SCHOOL BOARD

Mike Pate, Pat Ricketts, Mike Kennedy,

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Jim Sutfin



# SOCKTOBER

**CHILI FEED & COOK-OFF**

**OCTOBER 27, 2016**

**\*\*\*6:30—8:00 P.M. IN THE GYM**

**BRING NEW SOCKS FOR FREE CHILI AND CINNAMON ROLL. (1 PAIR PER PERSON) NO SOCKS? PAY \$5**

**PRIZE FOR THE COOK-OFF WINNER**

**SEE REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED!**



**Millard Public Schools**



**Developmental Screening for Children  
Birth - 3 Years Old**

## **Do you have concerns about your child's development??**

Millard Public Schools Early Childhood Special Education is offering a "Developmental Screening" for children from newborn to 36 months. These screenings are for families that are concerned about the development of their young children. Some areas the screenings will cover are: speech and language development, physical skills, play skills, behavior, vision, hearing, and other development needs areas. Screenings will be provided at no cost.

**When:**

October 25th 2016  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Millard Public Library  
13214 Westwood Ln  
Omaha, NE 68144  
(east meeting room)

Walk-ins are welcome!!

To schedule an appointment:  
Call Christine McKinney at  
402-597-4948  
Or e-mail:  
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# HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween parties and parade will be coming up soon! Due to the increased security in our schools, it is essential that we know who will be coming into your child's classroom. If you and/or a family member will be attending to help with the parties, please fill out and return this form. **PLEASE PRINT.**

1. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person attending \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

2. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person attending \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

3. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person attending \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

4. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person attending \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_