Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Thursday, October 31st, our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten children should come to school in costume, if you wish, for our Halloween parade. We will begin at 9 AM, weather permitting, and will parade around the playground of the school. You are welcome to attend classroom activities following the parade and are needed to assist changing the children out of costume before you leave for the day.

Throughout this day, our children will be involved in age-appropriate classroom Halloween activities which are sure to please our young students. Children will experience:

Halloween Classroom Learning Activities
Age- Appropriate Stories and Songs
Craft Projects
Classroom Celebrations

I am requesting for safety reasons that students not bring props (swords, guns, brooms, shields or live animals) to school.

Our Central School Halloween Pumpkin Walk/Playground Opening will take place on October 21st from 5:00-6:00 PM in the playground area. I encourage all families to attend. This is a great opportunity for our school community to get together to socialize with each other. The rain date will be October 23rd.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if your child gets anxious during Halloween, please contact me at (973) 429-8301 or email me at JCaravela@glenridge.org.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Caravela

Dr. Joseph A. Caravela
SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN

1. Keep your children in the line of sight! Know where they are at all times! Carry a flash light for safety.

2. Make sure your child’s costume is flame retardant and fits snugly so it won’t catch on fences or bushes or cause tripping. Costumes should also be light colored and have reflective tape so the child is visible to motorists.

3. Do not allow children to carry lighted candles or any sharp instruments. Costume props can be made of cardboard.

4. Check to see that masks have plenty of air holes and do not obscure vision. A too large mask can suffocate young children.

5. Jack-O-Lanterns should be lit with a flashlight or electric candles: not a candle with a flame.

6. A parent or an older sibling with a flashlight should accompany preteens who are out at night.

7. Advise children to bring home their treats before eating. Parents should check all unwrapped items to make sure they are safe.

8. Recognize the risk of children choking on gumballs and other types of small candies. Each year there are incidents involving children who choke on small candies, especially when they are excitedly running around on Halloween. It is also better to avoid giving out this type of item.

9. Be careful when making up a child’s face, as some children are allergic to cosmetics. Apply a small patch to a child’s arm before applying in large quantities to their face to see if there is an allergic reaction.

10. Advise children not to visit homes that are not well lit and alert them to the dangers of lawn furniture, steps, and excavations. Also, brighten the way for children by keeping your porch light on. Tell children to stay on the sidewalks, rather than cut across lawns.

11. Do not allow children to walk or play on piles of leaves. This could cause injury.