

October 27, 2023

Dear Lakes Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of October is upon us! Please see last minute reminders for the Trunk-or-Treat event that is being held this afternoon below. A map for parking is also attached.

On Tuesday, October 31, we will be having some Halloween fun...costumes, class parties and our parade! Classroom teachers have sent home specific information about class parties and costume wear. Please remember our school-wide costume guidelines:

-Keep the costumes as simple as possible so students will be able to manage them independently. Include an extra bag for students to pack costumes in at the end of the day.

-Costumes are to be non-violent and age appropriate. They should not be frightening in nature nor should they be degrading in any way to culture, religion or race.

-Props, such as swords, wands, brooms, weapons, etc. are not allowed. These items can often pose a safety hazard.

-If your child's costume includes face paint, it must be applied at home before school. Masks may be worn during the parade and may be worn during classroom parties at the discretion of the teacher.

If you are interested in viewing our costumed kiddos, our parade will begin around 1:30pm. To view the parade, please park in the Lakes or Farms lot and then line the bus loop. DO NOT park in the bus loop or on the grass. Students will parade out along the bus loop and then back into the building. Parade viewing for parents will be outside. We are asking for pictures/videos of the parade to be limited to just your child(en). Only parents that are signed up as classroom party volunteers will be joining our staff and students inside during the day. Thank you for your support; we are looking forward to a fun day!

### **Lakes Information and News:**

#### Parent Perception Survey

There are only a few days left to complete this survey. It will close at 8:00am on Monday, October 30. Your feedback helps us develop building and district goals. If

you have any questions, please contact me. (Note: If your student is in JK, please mark Kindergarten.)

### [Lakes Parent Perception Survey](#)

### Yearbook Cover Contest for 4th Graders

All entries are due by Friday, November 3rd. Information and rules were distributed by 4th grade teachers last week. Extra copies of the design template are available outside the front office.

### Coat Drive

The Hartland Education Association coat drive will be taking place in October. The Hartland Teachers will be collecting coats and other cold weather items for local families in need. Please consider donating new or gently-used winter gear: coats, jackets, snow pants, gloves, hats, boots, etc. We will be collecting all sizes for children and adults. The Coat Drive will be for the whole month of October. Please drop items off in the boxes placed at the front of each building. Thank you for your support!

### Upcoming Dates:

10/31: Halloween parade and classroom parties

11/1: 4th grade to Farms for high school band/choir performance

11/2: PTO meeting 6:30pm

11/3: Yearbook cover entries due (4th graders only)

11/9: LOC Day

### **PTO News:**

#### Trunk-or-Treat

The First Lakes/Farms Trunk-or-Treat is today! Here are details and reminders for the event.

Schedule of events for the Trunk-or-Treat:

- 4:30 - 6:30: Food, Crafts, Games
- 5:30 - 6:30: Trick-or-Treating

- As of right now, it looks like the weather will be beautiful. The event will be held outside as planned.
- Please do not arrive before 4:30 as we'll be getting trunk hosts in and set up prior to that time.
- Please do not ask trunk-hosts to begin trick-or-treating early. They need this time to set up and allow their kids to participate in some of the other activities.
- The Lakes and Farms parking lots will be available for parking (please see attached map). Please do not park in the bus loop.
- We will be selling food and glow items during the event. Cash is the preferred payment method.
- Please remember all costumes must be aligned with school costume rules.
- Restrooms will be available in the front hallway of Farms. Please accompany your students and do not allow them to enter the rest of the school.

**Other District News and Community Events:**

Livingston County Parent Nights: Mental Health Series

See attached flier for more information on these upcoming parent nights. Mr. Hughes will be sharing more information in his upcoming weekly updates.

Have a great weekend!

Melissa Frasier

Principal

Lakes Elementary

Attachments: parent nights, trunk-or-treat map