

300 Albert Street Port Moody, B.C., V3H 2M5 School District 43 (Coquitlam) 604-939-6656

Fax: 604-939-5833 E-mail- pmss@sd43.bc.ca

A Tradition of Excellence

Port Moody Secondary Halloween Costumes October 15, 2012

On Wednesday, October 31st the students and staff at Port Moody Secondary will be dressing up in their Halloween costumes. As in the past years, our school ensures that the costumes are appropriate for this school event, for everyone in the school, as well as ensuring safety in our building.

In addition, our district supports **The Children of the Street Society's Awareness Campaign** regarding inappropriate Halloween costumes. Any costumes that glamorize sexual exploitation of children, youth or women or men, as well as costumes that enhance Gang Lifestyles are not appropriate.

We know that students will be selecting Halloween costumes in the next few weeks. So here are some guidelines in selecting appropriate Halloween Costumes:

- Masks covering the face and eyes are not to be worn
- Painting the face, wearing wigs and mustaches are fine
- Items representing weapons such as fake guns, swords, knives, and other weapons are not to be worn or carried with the costume or brought to school
- No costumes that glamorize sexual exploitation or the "sex trade" –costumes such as playboy bunnies, French maids, race track girl flaggers, "pimp" attire, etc.
- No Gang-like costumes
- Be creative and design a great Halloween costume for you or a group of students...be socially responsible and have fun!

Please visit one of the vice principals or principal if you want clarification on your outfit you want to wear at school. As always we ask students and their families to be thoughtful and mindful of your choice of Halloween costume at Port Moody Secondary. We are encouraging students to be creative and have fun designing their outfits. Please see the Children of the Street Society letter on the other side of this letter for further information.

Yours truly,

Ms. K Jensen

Principal

Port Moody Secondary