

# Nicholas Oresko Community

## Principal's Monthly Message

October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Halloween is a fun time for adults and children to dress up in costumes for a bit of make-believe. Some people take Halloween into the scary realm, watching horror movies or creeping through haunted houses. Other use the day to celebrate the end of fall, with apple dunking and pumpkin carving. You might decide to host a party, or just take your children out for an afternoon or evening of trick-or-treating.

During trick-or-treating time, a lot of people will be on the roads. Parents will take young children from house to house, and older children will be crossing streets, unattended in the dark. Trick-or-treating usually happens at night, visibility is reduced so its's important to practice safe driving habits. Some tips to stay safe include:

- When walking, be sure to cross the street only at designated crosswalks. Do not cross between parked cars as drivers may not be able to see you or your children.
- Be sure your children are wearing comfortable costumes so they won't trip or fall while going from house to house.
- Attach Halloween safety products like blinking lights or reflector strips to your children's costumes so they will be more visible to drivers.
- Be sure to take extra precautions and drive slowly.
- Like any time, avoid **distracted driving**. Do not use your cell phone while driving or munching on candy while behind the wheel.
- Turn on your outdoor house lights to light the way for trick-or-treaters.
- Keep footpaths and steps clear for trick-or-treaters by placing decorations where visitors won't walk. Make sure electrical cords don't cross footpaths.

Remember to check our school's Digital Backpack and the Parent Portal on a regular basis. If you haven't submitted your email address to our school secretary, Ms. DeLeon, please do so as soon as possible.

Please be aware that school will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day.

The **Make A Difference Food Drive** begins on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 and will end on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

Please be aware that **Friday, October 26, 2018 is a 12:40 Dismissal Day**. Please, make arrangements to have your child/children picked up at 12:40 PM.

We encourage our students to make a choice every day to **R**espect **O**thers & **A**ct **R**esponsibly when it comes to their studies, attending school daily, being on time, and completing all assignments in a timely fashion. If students make the right choice and have a positive attitude, they will surely be successful in school!

Nicholas Oresko Community School continues to work towards "Moving From Good to Great!"

Sincerely,

Charles Costello  
Principal