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Re: Halloween and Winskill Renewal Project Construction

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Please see the following important messages for next week.

## Halloween

As we approach Halloween, it is important that students remember that the school and community have expectations for youth behaviour on and around Halloween. Of primary importance is that students are safe, and that they do their part to help keep the community safe on Halloween. If students plan to celebrate Halloween, we expect students will enjoy themselves while also respecting our neighbours and families desire to enjoy Halloween, law enforcement's responsibility to help keep everyone safe, and public and private property that should not be damaged or taken. The school and community does not want a repeat of some of the poor behaviour exhibited a few years ago. Students who do not make good choices may be subject to school based consequences and loss of privileges for future school events, or may face legal consequences. Parents/Caregivers, please reinforce this message with your student if they are planning to go out on Halloween.

Please have fun, but also remember you represent yourselves, your family, your school and your community!

## **Firecrackers and Fireworks**

Please remember that firecrackers and fireworks are not permitted at school as they are a safety concern and are not to be in the possession of school-aged youth by law. We will take any incidents of firework or firecracker possession at school seriously.

## **Halloween Costumes**

We encourage students to celebrate the spirit of Halloween safely by adhering to the following guidelines:



- A student's face must be visible at all times. Masks (with the exception of nonmedical masks) and any other items that prevent students from being identified will not be permitted.
- Costumes must not include weapons, replica weapons or objects that can be mistaken as such.
- Costumes must not contain any words or images that could be offensive to others.

As is the case every school day, students must dress in a manner that is appropriate and respects the learning environment of the school.

## Winskill Renewal Project - Construction Beginning Next Week

Please be advised that as part of the Winskill Renewal Project, the City of Delta will soon be starting work in Winskill Park. The first phase is set to begin on October 28, 2024, and will facilitate the construction of new baseball diamonds that will accompany the new Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre. Work during this phase will include the removal of 166 trees from the west side of the park.



For the safety of the public, the western treed portion of Winskill Park will be fenced off during tree removals. As a result, foot traffic will not be permitted through this area starting October 28, 2024, until November 30, 2024. Many SDSS students typically use this pathway, but will need to use an alternate route such as the one recommended in the photo above, to travel between the school and Winskill Park.



For additional information about the Winskill Renewal Project, as well as updates and project details, please visit <a href="letstalk.delta.ca/winskill">letstalk.delta.ca/winskill</a> .
Please contact the school if you have any questions.
Thank you,
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