

BLUNDELL'S HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

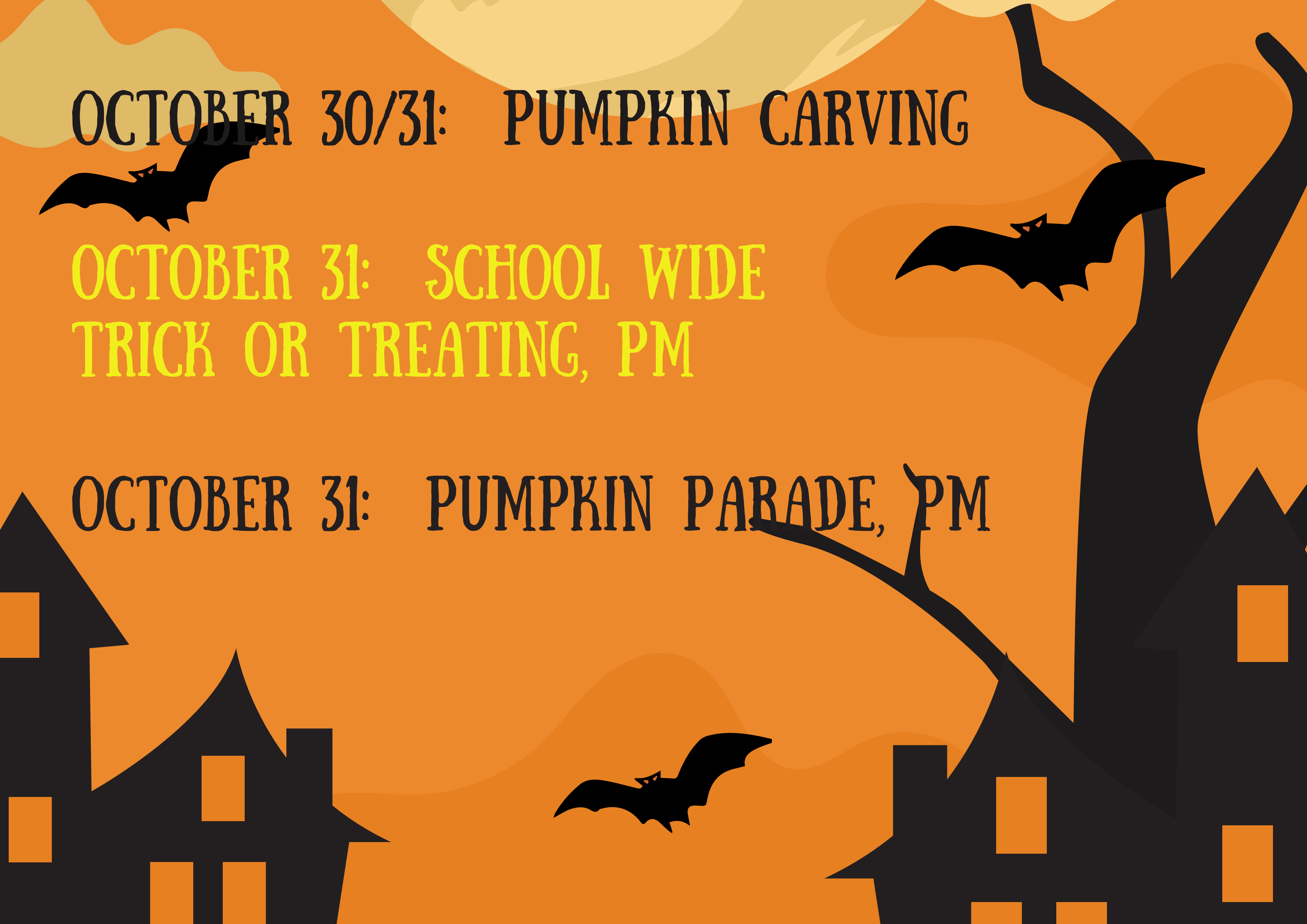


OCTOBER 29: BLUNDELL POP UP PUMPKIN
PATCH

OCTOBER 30/31: PUMPKIN CARVING

OCTOBER 31: SCHOOL WIDE
TRICK OR TREATING, PM

OCTOBER 31: PUMPKIN PARADE, PM



A large, stylized orange pumpkin face with two black oval eyes and a wide, dark brown mouth. The mouth is open, revealing a dark brown interior. The pumpkin has orange ridges and some small yellow seeds are scattered around it.

We Scare Hunger!

FOOD DRIVE

OCT. 27-NOV. 2

**Donations will be
collected by
student leaders
each morning**

**Our Goal is
200 items!**

Non-perishables only

Things you can bring

- rice
- canned foods
- canned meats
- granola
- baby items diapers, formula.ect

Things you can bring

- oats
- toiletries
- canned fruits
- canned soups
- cereal

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CAN MY CHILD WEAR THEIR COSTUME TO SCHOOL ON HALLOWEEN?

“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect

Halloween can be fun. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. In doing so, it is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind: It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

RACE (black face/brown face)

CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)

RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab)

GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock)

TRAUMA (hangman’s noose/weapons)



BLUNDELL'S SCHOOLWIDE PUMPKIN CARVING, OCTOBER 30 AND 31



BLUNDELL'S POP-UP PUMPKIN PATCH RETURNS!

Next week, we will have pumpkins delivered for every student at Blundell from Westham Island Farms, in preparation for the arrival once again of our Pop-Up Pumpkin Patch at Blundell! Students will come out with their classes on the day before Halloween to pick out the perfect pumpkin, and we will work as an entire school to hollow out and carve pumpkins between big buddies and little buddies classes or in individual classes! In order to be prepared for this festive and fun activity, we are requesting the following from each student:

- **to please contribute \$3.00 per pumpkin (thank you if you have already paid online!)**
- **bring a tool(s)** to help carve their pumpkin if possible. We may require students to share if possible, in the event that others in their classes do not have any tools. Please do not go out and purchase expensive kits that are out there! Simple tools from the dollar store are just fine. Students may bring large spoons from home, but they are **NOT permitted to bring knives** of any sort for carving pumpkins. Sometimes, these tools may become mixed up with others during these events, so we request that any tools from home be sent in a ziploc bag labeled with your child's name--we will do our best to try to have students bring their tools home. Thank you for your support!
- Students will bring their carved out/decorated pumpkin home on Halloween afternoon!



BLUNDELL'S HALLOWEEN INFORMATION



TREATS ON HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31

In addition to dressing up on Halloween, another popular tradition is children engaging in "trick-or-treating" where they go (with supervision) out and knock on doors to collect "treats" from others. On the next page, please see safety tips for children if they are going to participate in "trick or treating" on the evening of October 31. It's also important to remember that not every child and family celebrate or participate in Halloween activities. Keep in mind that your child does not have to wear a costume to school—it is completely up to you and your child. We also recognize that some families wish to have their child bring treats for their classmates to school. (Not all families do--so please do not feel obliged to do so). However, for those who wish to have their child bring treats to distribute to their classmates, we ask that you keep the following in mind:

- treats should be free of any sort of NUT products due to severe nut allergies
- there should be enough treats for each student in your child's classroom if they will be handing out treats on October 31
- if you have further questions about Halloween activities specific to your child's class, please reach out to their classroom teacher.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING



IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE TRICK OR TREATING ON OCTOBER 31,
HERE ARE SOME SAFETY TIPS/REMINDERS FROM THE RCMP:

- Costumes should be light-coloured and flame resistant with reflective strips so that children are more easily seen at night. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping.
- Remind children to keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover the eyes.
- Remind children to walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks - not in the street.
- Explain to children that calls should be made along one side of the street first and then the other, and that it's best to cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks.
- Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Provide yourself or the children with a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.
- Have children plan their route and share it with you and the family.
- Trick or Treaters should travel in groups of four or five. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Make sure children know they should accept treats at the door and must not get into cars or enter the homes or apartments of strangers.
- Remind children not to eat their treats and goodies until they are examined by an adult at home. And candy should not be eaten if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

