

From the Office of the Principal

October 30, 2018

DSA Parents and Guardians,

As we approach another Halloween, it is a long standing tradition at Denver School of the Arts for students and staff to wear costumes. It is our intention to maintain the positive, creative, and fun spirit of this event. While we would never require students to wear costumes on Halloween, those students who do wish to participate are reminded of the following guidelines:

1. In light of the recent events nationwide costumes should not mock another student, staff member, race, religion, or lifestyle preference.
2. Costume accessories that are similar to weaponry are not permitted.
3. Masks and full face paint are not allowed as a part of a costume. Students faces must be visible when in the building and in class. Staff must be able to recognize a student.
4. All costumes must maintain the integrity of appropriate dress for a school setting with 6th -12th grade students.

Understand that we have put these guidelines in place to ensure the safety of all students. This would also be an appropriate time to have a conversation with your child on what it means to be culturally appropriate to another individual. With all of the recent events that have taken place in our society, it is an appropriate time to have conversations around tolerance, dignity, equality, and respect for others.

Each year, our students display some of the most creative and well designed costumes that require great thought and planning. This year should prove to be no different. I personally look forward to seeing the creativity of our students when they arrive at school tomorrow.

Sincerely,



William M. Kohut,
Principal