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Hi Everybody,

We wanted to drop you a quick note regarding Halloween. As you may have read in your handbook, at Park West we intentionally avoid big holiday celebrations. Along with the respect we have for the diverse religions our families may embrace, we also feel that, during what may be for some kids periods of heightened excitement, the routines at school provide a necessary stability and reassurance. With these considerations at the forefront of our thinking, we want to remind you there will be no costumes or treats at school, and no tricks either!

That said the topic of Halloween has come up on several occasions, as some kids carve pumpkins at home, assemble their costumes, or observe houses festooned with decorations on their walks to school. So, although we may avoid the trappings, we encourage these lively discussions. It's a subject that has some recognizable aspects for everyone and one that encourages enthusiastic questions and language from kids.

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