

Dear families,

Every day, I have the privilege of looking out my window at a spectacular view of the Flatirons. This week that view is particularly exceptional with snow-capped peaks and trees decked out in amazing fall colors. It's one reason I'm grateful for the privilege to be at Douglass and to work with this community of caring educators and families.

I'll bet if you asked the kids what they look forward to most of all each fall, Halloween would be at the top of their lists. We will have a Halloween Costume Parade on Friday, October 29 beginning at 1:15 outside the first grade classrooms (weather-permitting – we'll relocate inside in the event of rain or snow). We parade through the school, picking up one classroom at a time, culminating with the procession through the gym where parents can witness the hundreds of creative costumes on display.

One costume note – please remember that any pretend or real weapon should be left at home and not brought to school for Halloween. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, knives, swords, martial-arts, or other items that aren't appropriate for school. Also, Kindergartners will participate in this Halloween parade, so I'd appreciate it if blood and gore were kept to a minimum in costumes.

Election Day is right around the corner, the Tuesday following Halloween. There are several issues on this year's ballot that will play a significant impact in public education and the education of our youngsters here at Douglass Elementary. It's not appropriate for me to address these issues in a school newsletter, but your informed opinion on these ballot issues is critical, as is your taking part in the election this year.

Our PTO distributed information earlier this week inviting you to a forum where you can learn more about these ballot questions. I'm hoping that you can learn as much as possible about these issues and vote on Tuesday, November 2!

A final autumn note – this wonderful warm fall season has seen our lost & found area grow with lots of unclaimed jackets and sweaters. As we move into mid-fall and closer to winter, come swing by the lost & found hangers between the main office and the lunchroom to see if there's a jacket you recognize.

And if you've outgrown some winter coats, we have a collection box for Boulder Rotary Club's Share-A-Coat Drive. The box is located just outside the main entrance of the building.

Thank you all! Enjoy these waning days of October.

Your principal,

Jon Wolfer