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Subject: Happy Friday, Greyhounds!

Hi Greyhound families!

Thank you all for another great week at Garrison Road. We were just talking about the great respect and care that students have been showing to each other by distancing, covering their faces (older students mainly), waiting patiently (for access to areas of the school, for entry, and for buses), by playing differently during breaks, and for washing and sanitizing their hands so diligently. It also seems like many students are using courteous words and greetings more than ever, perhaps because we can't see their smiling faces! As always, we wish to express appreciation for the preparation, guidance, and reinforcement of expectations you have provided at home. Your diligence and efforts are obvious!

As we approach Halloween, we anticipate it will look quite different this year. We, as a staff, will work through and communicate details in the coming weeks but we want you to know that we will invite students to dress up in a way that can be managed independently by the student. That is, they should need no help to prepare and they should be able to remove the costume themselves to place it in a backpack should they not want to wear it for the day. Of course, students in grades 4 through 8 will need to wear the masks that have become the norm, so this may impact what might be worn on their faces. We won't have a parade that can be attended by parents but we are exploring creative ways to share costumes within our community. We anticipate that many students will opt to dress festively, instead of wearing costumes, perhaps in orange and black. We will also have a compliment of students who will not be dressing for Halloween at all! This diversity in choices and preferences makes us happy and is something we endeavor to respect and celebrate.

As the weather has become more unpredictable, we recommend that students bring a change of shoes. Our field can be wet! Let us know if you can use some help finding boots.

We hope that you have all found the [Ministry Screening Tool](#) helpful when determining whether to send your child to school each day. As a reminder, it can be found on the Garrison Road and DSBN web site. We thank you for not sending your child to school when they develop symptoms!

Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Kind regards,

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