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Mr. Gregory Walters
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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

On Tuesday, October 31, Steves' students will be participating in a fun school-wide Halloween pumpkin carving event. This activity will take place in the morning between 9:00 and 10:15 in the gym, after a short costume parade throughout the school.

Students are asked to bring the following:

- 1) One small pumpkin CLEANED OUT FROM THE BOTTOM. Please buy a pumpkin ahead of time and clean it out at home. Try roasting the seeds too, it's fun and they are yummy with a bit of salt.
- 2) Students must be able to carry their pumpkin to and from school. Please put your child's name and Division number on the TOP of the pumpkin in black Sharpie.
- 3) A proper pumpkin carving tool(kit). These can be purchased at most dollar stores. These are plastic tools usually sold in a kit like the one pictured on the right. →

There will be a few extra carving tools if you are not able to bring one. ONLY TOOLS LIKE THIS CAN BE USED AND NO KNIVES OR OTHER CARVING TOOLS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!



Students are encouraged to dress in a costume on this day, but something that is comfortable to sit in on the gym floor, do carving in, AND a costume that allows for good visibility. We will do a short costume parade throughout the school before we start carving. Older students will be assisting younger ones in their Buddy classes when they are pumpkin carving. After the pumpkins are carved, they will be placed in sections by division order and lit up for display. All students will get a chance to visit the display at some point in the day with their class. Parents are welcome to view the display between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

All pumpkins will be returned to the students before the end of the day so that students can take their pumpkins home for decoration. This is why pumpkins need to be clearly labelled from the top, so we can easily find it at the end of the day.

Remember, when you are cleaning it out to **cut the hole in the bottom**, which allows us to put the lights inside and don't forget to clearly label your child's name and division. Finally, if the purchase of the tools or pumpkin(s) places a burden on your family, please speak to your child's teacher or Ms. Matheson

Happy Halloween,

Ms. Donna Matheson
Acting Principal

