## HORNET HEADLINES



Dear Parents,

ACE staff hopes your students are benefitting from the program. We want the students who participate in ACE to have fun and learn a variety of things. We understand that getting their homework completed is your number one priority. While we strive to get most of it completed, there may still be some homework to do at home. So please check your child's assignments at home to make sure it is complete.

We will not have ACE afterschool Monday, October 31, 2022. We will continue to have morning ACE on Monday, October 31, 2022.

We hope to see all ACE family members at the Community Trunk or Treat Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM. This event will go toward attendance for parent/guardian participation.

Part of our Nita M. Lowery 21st Century Community learning center grant is that ACE parents/guardians attend 2 family events per semester for our program. It is also contingent upon your child being in ACE that you fill this obligation. We have at least one planned monthly event. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer your time to help out please let me know!

Sincerely,

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## WELCOME TO ACE



### **Halloween Safety Tips**

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe on Halloween.

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

#### Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

#### Trick or Treat With an Adult

 Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-ortreat in groups.

#### Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.



#### Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.



On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.



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## EMPOWER BEYOND THE SCHOOL HOUR

!No Pets will be Allowed this Year!





# SAVE THE DATE

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HOOKS COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

!No Pets Allowed!