



# Shutesbury Elementary School

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Dear SES Community,

I am writing with some fun news of an upcoming event! As a staff, we have decided to host a Vocabulary Costume Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>!

Teachers will be working with students to brainstorm and think about vibrant, robust vocabulary words. They will then plan a costume in class that will demonstrate the meaning of that word. They will create a label to wear with their costume so that they can teach others their word's meaning.

We will be having the conversation with students that these costumes can be as fancy or as simple as they want. For example, they can dress in green and be "emerald," put a question mark on a shirt and be "inquisitive," or dress as a princess and be "elegant."

Halloween costumes can be worn, but the following guidelines must be followed:

- Violent and gory costumes are not allowed
- No masks
- Props such as wands, swords, canes etc. are not allowed
- Students must be able to sit down in costume
- No costumes can be worn without a vocabulary word
- No make up or face paint for this event

Students will be allowed to get into costume after recess on the 31<sup>st</sup>. At our school-wide assembly students will teach each other the meanings of their words. Younger students may parade around to demonstrate their words. As a school, we will create a picture/word dictionary for classrooms to use.

This event will help students bring big words "to life" and to learn new words in a fun and exciting way. We look forward to this new experience.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Mendonsa  
Principal

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