



# BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

372 PITMAN DOWNER ROAD  
SEWELL, NJ 08080

856.881.7007  
Fax 856.881.5414

*"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"*

*Michael J. D'Ostilio*  
Principal

*Gregory Muscelli, Ed.D.*  
Assistant Principal

October 30, 2018

Dear Bunker Hill Families

I wanted to reach out to you to quell a misunderstanding that is going on at the middle level. Specifically, I wanted to address why each school is not allowing Halloween costumes for tomorrow. This is not a question of one school over the other, but rather my error in not communicating my intention with my colleagues at the other two schools. The desire to have students wear costumes was an effort on the part of BHMS to raise school spirit and create an opportunity to help the PTO raise funds.

Historically, costumes were not allowed at the middle school level during this day because of the inability to maintain security and safety and preserve instructional integrity. Dr. Muscelli and I have spent a good part of this week and last week sending the message to students that the students' costumes need to be appropriate, respectful, and in line with the code of conduct. The students are aware of the safety precautions we have imposed such as no masks, no fake or real weapons, no costumes that obstruct anyone's view or inhibits a student to sit, etc. We are confident that students know these expectations and will adhere to and respect BHMS culture and the WTPS code of conduct. I hope this proves to be a nice day for the students.

Please know that our efforts here at BHMS were not intended to create a schism, a problem or disparage the other schools. They were not informed of my intentions that I was having a costume day at BHMS. I missed an opportunity there, and I feel that my lack of foresight created a problem for them.

Thank you for your understanding and please ensure the students adhere to the expectations we set forth with the costumes to ensure everyone has a wonderful day.

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio