

# Mariaville School News

Schalmont Central School District

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have many activities planned for the month of October here at Mariaville School. Please take a few minutes to review these pages to see what is coming up at our school.

The week of October 4 to 8 is Fire Prevention week. Classroom teachers will be incorporating lessons on fire safety in their presentations. The volunteer firefighters of the Mariaville Fire Department will be with us on Friday October 8 to help teach the impor-

tant lessons of fire safety to our students.

We also have another Family Movie Night on October 8 at 7PM in the Gym. Admission is free and we will have some concessions available for a small price.

Finally, at the end of the month, we have our Halloween Parade beginning at 2:00 on the 29th. See inside for details. It promises to be a busy month here at Mariaville School. Thanks again for your support.

Brian Hunt

## Mariaville Volunteer Firefighters Help Us Celebrate Fire Prevention Week, October 4th – 8th

Children at Mariaville School will be learning about Fire Prevention during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the Mariaville Volunteer Fire Department will join us to reinforce fire safety concepts with the children. We practice drills throughout the school year to help ensure our students' safety.

# Halloween at Mariaville School



## School Reminders

Cars are not allowed in the bus area during school hours. Please remember to use the parking lot only when dropping off or picking up students.

All visitors must sign in at the main office before visiting classrooms.

Parents, please remind students not to bring electronic devices such as instant messaging or CD players to school. They are a distraction for students.

We will have our Halloween celebration on October 29 beginning at 2:00 PM.

We will begin with the Halloween Parade at 2:00, which will be outside on the front walkway if weather permits, or in the gym.

Parents are welcome to come to school to see the parade. Please sign in as visitors at the main office.

Students who wish to wear costumes for the parade should bring them to school in a bag, not wear them on the bus. Please follow the guidelines below regarding no violence or gore for costumes.

We will also have a snack in each classroom for Halloween following the parade.

## Halloween Costume Guidelines

Parents are reminded that the staff at Mariaville strongly recommends “no violence – no gore” costumes for our Halloween celebration at school. We encourage students to wear costumes that depict literary characters or contemporary heroes, such as fire fighters, policemen, soldiers, nurses, etc., to honor those dedicated men and women. Costumes that depict or glorify brutality, blood, or violence

should not be worn. No weapons of any kind – even, for example, toy guns, rifles, swords, or knives – will be allowed. Children should not wear costumes or make-up to school, but rather should bring their costumes to school in bags. If your child’s costume requires a mask, for safety reasons, please provide your child with make-up or a mask that will allow for adequate vision

## Halloween Candy Hints

*Some tips to make Halloween more healthy*

For health-conscious parents, Halloween can be tricky. How do you decide how much candy kids should eat? Use your best judgment given what you know about your child’s personality and eating habits.

Before going trick or treating, have a healthy meal so kids aren’t so hungry.

Children who eat only a few pieces and save the rest for later might be trusted to decide how much to eat. If your child tends to overdo it, consider setting limits.

Encourage moderate enjoyment of candy. Talk to your child about setting limits, but also enjoying some treats.

There are also non-candy alternatives for trick or treating, such as bags of popcorn or pretzels, raisins or trail mix.

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## PTO News

Welcome back to school! We know that September can be overwhelming with forms, notices, and homework suddenly increasing your paperwork every night. For those of you that have returned your volunteer forms-Thank You! For those of you that haven't had time to fill them out yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to those parents that have volunteered to be our home room parents this year: K- Jeannette Ray and Randi Zier, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Johna Herbinger and Terri Reagan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lynn Keith and Lina Moyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Tina Cieszynski, April Alex, and Noelle Van Alstyne-Rosa, 5<sup>th</sup> Bobbie Jo Kiefner, Cindy McKeon, and Jenn Nelson.

Our bookfair was a huge success. Thank you to all who purchased books for themselves or for the Mariaville classrooms and library. The profits from this event were used to purchase over \$500 in additional books for your children's classrooms and the library. Thank you to Jenn Dixon for coordinating and all of the volunteers that helped on setup, preview, sales, and take down day.

Our fall fundraiser is underway! Any sales you make support your child's 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. If you didn't get to try the cookies at Open House - they were delicious. Please return your orders by **October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to Tina Cieszynski for coordinating this fundraiser for our kids.

**SAVE THE DATE! November 12<sup>th</sup>** is our Holiday Auction. This is a fun night for family and friends to come and support our school AND get some holiday shopping done at the same time! Volunteers are still needed for the Auction Committee so if you can help, please let me know. Thank you to Amy Rogers for coordinating this event for us.

### *Upcoming Events:*

October 7<sup>th</sup> is Picture Day.

October 8<sup>th</sup> is Movie Night @ Mariaville. More information will be out soon. Thank you to Cindy McKeon and her team of volunteers for running these events for the students.

October 9<sup>th</sup> is Homecoming. This is a great day out with your family. See SABRE Pride in action. Let your kids try the rock climbing wall, the bouncy bounce, or watch the game. Make sure they check in at the Mariaville PTO table. The class with the highest percentage of attendance wins a classroom party!

**SCHOOL LOGO Clothing:** School Logo Clothing will be on sale soon. This is not a fundraiser, but a chance for your child and you to show your school pride and maybe get some holiday shopping done early.

**SCHOOLMALL.COM:** Every year we ask that you fill out 11 postcards with the names and addresses of family and friends. They are NOT put on a mailing list. The postcards are sent out with an offering to buy magazines or discounts at internet sites such as jcpenny.com. We get paid both for each POSTCARD and for any orders that are placed. Please support this easy fundraiser.

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## Dates for October

October 4-8 Fire Prevention Week

October 7—1/2 Parent Conferences Students dismiss at 11:30AM

October 8—Fire Safety Presentation by Mariaville FD

October 8—PTO Family Movie Night 7:00 pm School Gym

October 11—No School for Students—Columbus Day

October 12—Board of Ed. Mtg. at Mariaville 7:00PM

October 13—PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Roundtable Discussion, 7 p.m., HS auditorium

October 14—Roundtable Discussion, 7 p.m., HS auditorium  
*(It is not necessary to attend both the Oct. 13 and 14  
discussions as they will feature the same content.)*

October 15—1/2 Parent Conferences Students dismiss at 11:30AM

October 20—1/2 Parent Conferences Students dismiss at 11:30AM

October 25—1/2 Parent Conferences Students dismiss at 11:30AM

October 29—Halloween Parade 2:00 pm

**Reminder: please make sure students have proper clothing for outdoor recess.**