

October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Lutz K-8 School's annual Book Character Parade will take place Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 7:50 A.M. Students are invited to dress up like a favorite character from a book they have read. They will march in the parade as that character and **carry the book** from which their character came.

Please remember that the costume MUST depict a character from a book, and not be a spooky Halloween costume.

- NO SCARY/GORY Costumes. (We do not want to scare our younger students)
- Costumes can be HOMEMADE, or store bought.
- GROUP COSTUMES ALLOWED.
- Students will need to change into school uniform after the parade.

We will be awarding prizes for costumes in the following categories:

- MOST CREATIVE
- FUNNIEST
- MOST REALISTIC CHARACTER
- BEST GROUP (no more than 2-4 student in a group)

Costumes will be judged by the office staff. There will be a primary (pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup>), intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and middle school (6-8<sup>th</sup>) winner in each category. The winners will receive a prize!

Encourage your child to be creative and participate in this school-wide activity. Have fun and remember: Stay with a book character theme AND bring your book to carry during the parade.

**\*\*\*Due to security restrictions, families will be viewing the parade at the FRONT OF THE SCHOOL** (in the grassy area near the flagpole). Please be aware that although the parade starts at 7:50, we will walk part of the school before going to the front. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs to make yourselves comfortable. Please do not stop children to take photos. We try to keep the parade path moving for safety issues & to conclude in a timely manner. We walk slowly, so you should be able to get good pictures without interrupting the parade. Thank you for understanding.

 Happy Reading!

The Book Character Parade Committee