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Orange Public School Families,

As the temperature begins to drop and the leaves continue to change color, we here at the Orange Police Department are sure your students are thinking about one thing: Halloween. This year, the Orange Police Department wants to remind you of various tips to stay safe during this time of year.

- 1) When out trick-or-treating, carry a flashlight or remain visible in some sort of way.
- 2) Always stay in a group with an adult present.
- 3) Never enter a stranger's house or car for a treat.
- 4) Look both ways before crossing the street and if you are wearing a mask take it off before crossing.
- 5) Be mindful that there are no sidewalks and minimal street lights throughout our town. Stay as far on the shoulder as possible when walking house to house.

This year, you may have caught several news stations talking about a possible dangerous narcotic (fentanyl) that could be hiding in trick-or-treat candy. Now, this is not something that our department is actively investigating in this area. However, if you remain worried the following candy safety tips could alleviate some of those stressors.

- 1) Dump out the entire bag of candy once home, and sift through the treats to make sure anything that is not edible (such as toys, money, etc.) does not get mistaken for candy.
- 2) Always check a child's candy before allowing them to eat it.
- 3) Any candy that is open or has a compromised wrapper should be discarded in the trash.
- 4) Only trick-or-treat from neighbors or friends you know.

Remember, these are general safety tips that we recommend all our residents follow every year. From all of us here at the Orange Police Department we hope you have a safe and Happy Halloween.

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