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Greetings Jahn Famililes,

October 20, 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Pumpkin Patch this past weekend! Thank you to the Friends of Jahn and all of our volunteers for supporting this neighborhood event and making it such a success. Please see below for information on this year's Halloween celebration at Jahn:

Costumes and Parade

- Students can come to school dressed in costumes on Friday, October 31st 2025!
- No weapons or face masks are allowed to be worn with costumes.
- We will be holding a costume parade outside (weather permitting) starting at 9:00 AM. Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade by standing along the fence of our school playlot.
- Our alternate location will be in the school hallways and our auditorium.

Food

- Friday, October 31, 2025 is our first school-wide celebration with outside food.
- Each year we will vote as a school on two days to allow outside food for celebrations.
- Please remember the importance of food safety and allergen awareness. There are a number of items that people can be allergic to, such as all types of nuts, shellfish, milk, sesame, among others. Exposure to these allergens, even a tiny amount of it, could cause a life-threatening reaction.
- All classrooms are allergen aware. **Please communicate with your child's homeroom teacher(s) regarding specific allergen ingredients to avoid bringing into the classroom.**

Please discuss the following with your child:

- Do not offer, share, or exchange any foods with other students at school.
- Handwashing with soap and water, after eating, is necessary to decrease the chance of cross-contamination on surfaces at school.
- Do not make light of, or have fun with, items containing these allergens in or around children with these allergies. The condition is life-threatening and is not to be taken lightly.

Healthy CPS is an Office of Student Health and Wellness initiative that seeks to eliminate health-related barriers by providing schools with guidance and support to adhere to state and district health and wellness policies. The school focuses on celebrating with fun rather than food during the school day. Our school has no more than 2 school-wide celebrations per year with outside food. Friday, October 31, 2025 is our first school-wide celebration with outside food!

It is our goal to ensure that every student in our school is safe. Students with a food allergy cannot be in contact with foods containing these allergen(s), and we are requesting your support to ensure our community's safety by being mindful of the foods or related foods that are sent to school for lunches, snacks, or treats. Trace amounts of these allergens can result in a reaction. Sometimes these elements may be hidden in processed foods, it is important to carefully read food labels. Communicate with your child's homeroom teacher(s) to ensure there are no classroom specific allergens.



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Safe Foods Recommendations			
Salty Snacks	Sweet Snacks	Candy	Drinks
• Pirate's Booty • Cheetos – Puffs, Crunchy, Flamin' Hot Crunchy, Baked • Lay's Potato Chips – Original and Baked • Pringles – Original • Ruffles Potato Chips – Original, Sour Cream and Onion, Cheddar and Sour Cream • Skinny Pop Popcorn – Original • Boom Chicka Pop Sweet and Salty Kettle Corn • Doritos – Nacho Cheese, Cool Ranch • Utz Thins Pretzels • Utz Rippled Original Chips	• School Safe – Brownie Bars, Cookie Bars, Mini Cupcakes, Snack Cakes • Enjoy Life Cookies – All varieties • Nutphrees cupcakes – All varieties • Oreos – Original • That's It Fruit Bar (Target) • Made Good nut free granola bars (Target)	• Charms Blow Pops • Charms Pops • Tootsie Pops • Tootsie Rolls • Tootsie Candy Cane Pops • Dum Dums • Dum Dums Candy Canes • Spangler Candy Canes • Skittles • Smarties • Sour Patch Kids • Starburst • Yum Earth Candy • Haribo Gummies	• Capri Sun Juice Boxes • Honest Kids Juice Pouches • Water • Minute Maid Lemonade

Thank you for your consideration and help in this matter. Please call if you have any questions or if you wish to have a further discussion about this issue.

For more information or resources, visit: <https://www.foodallergy.org/>.

Sincerely,

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