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| **Information about Halloween at Lisbon**  |
| **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**Dear Lisbon Community,As part of our school system’s commitment to equity and inclusion, we continue to focus on building community and creating welcoming environments for all students.  While we recognize that Halloween/Fall Festival activities held during the school day have been a long standing tradition in many Howard County schools and communities, including Lisbon, these celebrations exclude children in our communities.  Each year, we have a growing number of students who do not attend school on Halloween, or have to participate in an alternative activity.The decision has been made county-wide to not hold Halloween activities during the virtual instructional day this school year. The virtual environment does not easily allow students to refrain from Halloween-related activities and still be engaged in school, and Halloween is not part of the Howard County Public School System’s curriculum.Next year, we will continue to partner with our PTA to offer our amazing and fun-filled Fall Fest with Halloween-related activities beyond the school day for students who would like to join us. This continues to be a great opportunity to add to and enhance our Lisbon Fall Festival traditions for our community in 2021!We look forward to partnering with families and students on these activities and appreciate your understanding of the decision to refrain from holding Halloween activities during the school day. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.Sincerely, Mrs. Anoff, Principal |
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