



WEST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Thomas A. Edison Middle School

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We hope the school year has been a productive and positive one for your child to date. We are happy to see our students back in school engaging in meaningful educational experiences.

One date arriving soon is “Character Day” – Friday, October 31, 2025.

We do not celebrate Halloween in the middle schools. On Character Day, students and staff wear costumes to bond together in a unique manner. It is a fun day for all, although in the classroom, it is “business as usual.” Character Day is entertaining at each building but comes with costume restrictions. **We encourage positive, creative costume ideas as well as group themes.**

RESTRICTIONS/GUIDELINES ON CHARACTER DAY COSTUMES

- **NO fake weapons, such as swords, knives, guns, etc., may enter the building or be part of any costume.**
- **NO terrorist types of costumes are permitted.**
- **NO risqué or physically inappropriate costumes are permitted.**
- **NO costumes making fun of any group or indicating bias are allowed.**
- **Each student’s face must be visible, and vision must not be obscured.**
- **Teachers are posted at the entrance of all doors to ensure that only Thomas A. Edison Middle School students enter our building.**

As a reminder, students should come dressed for the day. Please inform your child(ren) that if they choose to wear a costume, they must wear it for the entire day. With everyone's cooperation, Character Day should be a unique and fun-filled experience for all.

Sincerely,

Steven Melendez

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Principal