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PGCPS Delights Local Elementary Students and Families During Storybook Character Drive-Thru Parade Event

Over 1,800 treat bags handed out to students thanks to community donations

PRINCE GEORGE, Va. - Prince George County Public Schools, in partnership with the James River Junior Woman's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, were able to bring the fun of trick-or-treating safely to hundreds of the county's elementary-aged students during a special Storybook Character Drive-Thru Parade event at Prince George High School Thursday evening.

The parade served as the culminating activity of PGCPS' Storybook Character Day on October 29, where elementary students in Grades Pre-K-5 were encouraged to wear costumes of their favorite storybook characters to school. With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advising against traditional trick-or-treating due to COVID-19, the event provided a fun and unique fall activity for young children and their families while also keeping them safe.

The effects of Post-Tropical Storm Zeta departed the region in time to allow Prince George County Public Schools teachers, staff, administrators, and members of the Prince George School Board to dress up as their favorite storybook characters themselves to help pass out candy to the hundreds of vehicles lined up throughout Prince George High School's bus loop and parking lot. From the Fairy Godmother, Dr. Seuss, and Winnie the Pooh and friends, students and families were all smiles as they received treat bags of candy and other goodies.

Leading up to Thursday's parade, the Prince George community donated hundreds of bags of candy. That candy was packaged by the GFWC James River Junior Woman's Club into treat bags for distribution. Over 1,800 bags were created and shared with elementary students during the drive-thru parade.

"Prince George County Public Schools is proud to have provided a safe and family-friendly event that lets our children and their families still participate in a fun fall activity while remaining safe," **Division Superintendent Dr. Lisa Pennycuff said.** "We are thankful to the GFWC James River Junior Woman's Club

for partnering with us for this wonderful event and our community for their continued support of our children. We also would like to thank our community for being so giving in their donations of candy and treats and the Prince George Police Department for helping in the planning process of this event and providing traffic control to keep everyone safe and moving.”

Pictures from Thursday’s Storybook Character Day Drive-Thru Parade are available on Prince George County Public Schools’ Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/princegeorgeschools/>.