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School Halloween Activity

By Lexi Malone

The spooky time of year is finally here! That means another scary and fun school Halloween activity! The student council has been putting their brilliant minds to work to make this year's activity! It will be all week of Halloween, which is also Red Ribbon Week. And to go along with Red Ribbon Week, the theme will be, "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free." So all homerooms will represent being drug free. Homerooms will also be decorating their doors for Halloween. The door decorating will be a competition with the other homerooms in your grade. The winner of each grade will receive a donut party!



You will get to dress up all week. At lunch the student council will be in charge of, "Minute to Win it" games with prizes. Mrs. Mann, the amazing student council teacher explained that the prizes will be fun but a mystery. Also, one of the wonderful student council staff members, Beckham Stout said he is very excited to wear his awe-some costume. He is also excited for the activities and prizes. We hope to see everyone get into the spooky Halloween spirit!

Popular Halloween Costumes By Avery Hadley

Spiderman	Because the comics and movies
Clown	Because clowns are scary and fun-
Shrek	Because it's a funny costume and
Myself/Me	Because they don't like dressing
<u>Hogwarts Robes</u>	Because people like Harry Potter
Blowup Dinosaurs	Because people love dinosaurs and think that they are funny.

Middle schoolers too old to trick or treat?

By Shaylie Bell

We all know kids love to trick or treat for free candy. How old is too old? Some people think there is an age limit on trick or treating. Some think everyone can trick or treat if they want. A survey conducted by Treetopia in 2019, 1 in 4 Americans believe there is no age limit on trick or treating. Trick or treating can also be an opportunity for older siblings to bond with younger siblings. Although there is no definitive answer to this question it is up to the family and kid when to stop.

In some people's opinion middle schoolers are too old to trick or treat. Out of a survey 14% of people said middle schoolers are too old to trick or treat. A 9th grader from Hurricane middle school said that middle schoolers are too old. They said 8th graders could go trick or treating depending on how mature they are. Also stated that 9th graders should not go because half of them have a driver's permit or are close to driving. They stated "I think that if you can drive to the store and buy the candy yourself, you're definitely too old to go trick or treating."

Most people think everyone can go trick or treating if they are respectful. A survey by Hurricane middle school 86% of people thought 8th and 9th graders can go trick or treating. 37 of the 43 opinions are that everyone can go trick or treating. People who took the survey and said they aren't too old think we get free candy. We are also just preteens, most of us can't get jobs yet. One response

took We nse be crazy with your friends and

stated "If anything it's more fun as a teenager cause you get to be crazy with your friends and scare people."

Ever Had a Paranormal Experience? - The Science of Ghosts.

By Meilie Allen

Many people have heard or encountered stories about ghosts or unknown coincidences. "One of our glass windows randomly broke," Rice Hershe exclaimed. Others believe that everything has an explanation and ghosts do not even exist.

Although lots of people love the idea of the unknown and mysteries, there is no real answer of if ghosts are actually real. To understand this question, we need to know what a spirit and ghosts really is. "A ghost or spirit is a dead person who interacts with the living world... cause things to move or fall, mess with electronics — even appear as a shadowy, blurry or see-through figure," states Science New Explorers.

Another article talks about how advanced ghost catchers prove that ghosts exists, "A very famous ghost-hunting team known as TAPS (The Atlantic Paranormal Society) has caught all kinds of evidence of the existence of ghosts. To find the evidence, they use special equipment to catch the phenomena that we know as ghosts."

Now that we know the basics, we can move onto some people in our school who have had experiences of their own! "One night I was staying up on the couch watching TV when there was a knocking on the backdoor so I got up and checked to see if it was my dogs wanting in but I looked back and the dogs were asleep in my parents room. So I sat back on the couch and that cycle went on for about an hour until I locked the door and turned on my headphones and went to sleep." Avrie L. states. Carter Lee also says, "The TV had turned on by itself twice." What a spooky experience!

Favorite Halloween Movie

By Samaya Jones

Do you like Halloween? Do you like Halloween movies? Do you like scary movies or funny movies? If you do then this is for you! Some of the most popular movies are Hubby Halloween and Hocus Pocus! I have asked some people from our school what their favorite movie is. Camryn in 8th grade said, "I really like the



movie Hocus Pocus!" I also asked Kade Hanson in 8th and he said ""I like the movie The Nightmare Before Christmas " Wow those are some pretty cool answers! Some people might like other movies but clearly, those are good movies. Did you know that Hubie Halloween is the most popular Halloween movie made? WOW! Hocus Pocus is the most popular children's movie this year! That's crazy! What are your favorite Halloween movies? Why do you like them? Happy Halloween!

Favorite Halloween Candy

By Daniel Kleinman

We all know about the candy that people go nuts for but do you know people's favorite candy? Candy goes all the way from chocolate to gummies from wafers to nuts but these are everyone's favorite Halloween candy to get trick or treating. In first place we have...TWIX! Some people like it for their chocolate or their wafers or Carmel. A 8th grader McKenzie Dominguez said "Cause it has very creamy caramel". In Second Place we have... KIT KAT! Fun fact about kit Kats, kit Kat are tic tak spelled backwards. An anonymous person said" Because it's crunchy and chocolaty but not too much chocolate". And finally, in 3rd place we have...REESES! It was 1 vote away from third. Erickson Jeff's said" It's just so delicious and I love the peanut butter taste" In last place we had Nerds and Hersey's. Although not everyone enjoys the same candy one time a year we all bond through Halloween.

Are Ghosts Actually Real?

By Freddy Figueroa

Are ghosts actually real? Well, today, we are here to find out. First of all, what are ghosts? People believe that ghosts are lost spirits that are trying to find their way into heaven or well, I can't say it but you get the picture. Some people have claimed that they have had an encounter with the spirits of the underworld. One in five people have claimed that they have seen these unearthly creatures. People that have claimed to have seen ghosts describe them to have a glow or a blurry aura. Some even claim that they make eerie moans and groans. Supposedly, they even cause things to fall and they can move things such as a human or an animal. There are many series that claim that they ghost hunt, using "real" equipment to hunt and trap these beings. They also use sound effects or have invisible wires to pull things out of place. Of course, these are all theories, there is no confirmation that ghosts or ghost hunting equipment are real. Whether it is true or not, we probably won't find out if ghosts are real or not, and I think we should keep it that way. What do you think?



Now moving on to the facts. Studies show that you could develop something called sleep paralysis. Sleep paralysis is basically when your brain tricks you into thinking that there is. Like when you see a mysterious figure when it's probably just your chair with a jacket on top of it. People describe it as sleeping with your eyes open. You could also be hallucinating. Many people ask what is the difference between sleep paralysis and hallucinations. So basically, sleep paralysis is when you see something that isn't there when you are falling asleep or waking up. Hallucinations are when you see things that are at any time of day. So for all of you that were confused, there it is cleared up for you. What I'm trying to say is that it is most likely anything from the paranormal world or anthing like that. Even though some people choose and choose not to believe, it all comes down to whatever you believe in and what you WANT to believe.

Favorite Halloween songs By Brekka Wright

When you think of Halloween, what pops into your head? Some people might think of costumes or carving pumpkins with their family but you might hear a certain song singing its familiar tune. The students of Hurricane told me their favorite Halloween song. What song is most popular? Do you disagree? It was very clear what the winners were..... First the most popular pick was Spooky scary skeletons! And in second place was Monster Mash. The Runners up were Thriller, This is Halloween, and Ghost busters!!

Several students defended their claim on what song was the best. Daniel Kleinman states, "This is Halloween is the best because all the other songs are not as closely related to Halloween as This Is Halloween is. It literally says This is Halloween." He has a strong opinion for sure. An unknown student stated "If monster mash, you can all dance together and have a great time, laughing your heads off". And the last one is, "they are classics and you can never go wrong with them".

We all love our classic Halloween songs! And we will be hearing them a lot this amazing Halloween season.

Students Favorite Halloween Activities

By: Genevieve Blair

There is alot going on, on Halloween this year, but here is a sneak peak into what some of the the students from HMS are doing on Halloween and what their favorite

Halloween activities are. Gwen Larsen Said her favorite Halloween activities were watching scary movies, carving/painting pumpkins, and she enjoys picking out Halloween costumes and getting to wear them. Speaking of Halloween costumes she is



going to be Gwen Stacey from Spiderman into the Spider-Verse! Kasey Smart said he was going trick or treating this year for Halloween and that his top three favorite Halloween activities are eating roasted pumpkin seeds specifically with family, he likes to go trick or treating, and he likes carving pumpkins into the Legend of Zelda characters.

Elody Heaton is going to be dressing up with friends as Phineas and Ferb Characters, she enjoys dressing up with friends, listening/jamming out to Halloween songs and eating candy. RJ Allred is Dressing up for Halloween as Dumber and his friend is being Dumb. Yamilette H. Ramirez During Halloween likes to hang out with friends, go to Haunted houses, and go trick or treating. That is a sneak peak into what the students at HMS are doing for Halloween and what their favorite Halloween activities are.

Halloween History

By Ari West

Halloween season is finally here its time to do all the traditions we've done since kids. Carving pumpkins, trick-or-treating, and wearing scary costumes are some of the timed-traditions of Halloween Lilly Stewart said, "I love watching Halloween movies during Halloween."; But where did Halloween originate from, and how did we get these traditions?

The Halloween Holiday has its roots in the ancient Cletic festival of Samhain. The festival was a religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of the summer. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward of all the ghosts. In the eighth century a guy named, Pope Gregory made November first as a day to honor the saints, which is called All Saints Day. "Although All Saints Day is actually on November, 1 the Celts began their festivals at sunset, so the holiday began on the evening before (Oct.31), "says Halloween expert Lisa Morton.

Most of the Halloween traditions come from the festival of Samhain. Costumes are traditional to wear for Halloween, and have there roots from the festival of Samhain. It was believed that the spirits would walk the earth during this festival, so people would dress in spooky costumes to chase away the evil spirits. Claire Cowley said, "I love trick-or-treating, it's so much fun!" Though there's many theories on how trick-or-treating started one that's most common is, Celtic people would leave food out to appease the sprits at night time. People would leave food on there

porch. Over time, people began to dress up as spooky costumes in exchange of similar offerings such as food and drinks. I hope you know some more about Halloween history.

