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~Breast Cancer Awareness Month~

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! The goal through the month is to create awareness to people who may not know much about it. Breast Cancer Awareness month is an annual campaign to help raise awareness of breast cancer, educate the public about its symptoms and preventions, and fund research into its causes, treatments and cures. This month is also significant for those who have been affected by or survived breast cancer. This month can also be a time to reflect and honor the ones who we have lost and celebrate the ones who survive.

Breast Cancer Awareness, runs the entire month of October. There are several events that take place such as, social media campaigns, races and walking events that take place all over the country. A huge goal of Breast Cancer Awareness month is fundraising for research and treatment. Through the events that are held, researchers can gain more funding to continue to develop the new therapies and targeted treatments that have improved outcomes, to help and give hope to a wide variety of patients. Breast Cancer Awareness Campaigns can help teach the signs and symptoms of Breast Cancer and ways of prevention. The month also gives light to new varieties of effective treatment or surgeries for those affected by breast cancer.



Whether donating, volunteering, or fundraising, there are several ways to get involved through Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Wear Pink: Many schools or workplaces may have a “Wear Pink” day to encourage people to wear as much pink as they can in their outfits to bring awareness and get people talking. Even wearing a small pink ribbon can start important and well-ment conversations. Many large companies will hold fundraisers to help fund breast cancer awareness research, or you may find local organizations holding fundraisers which is a perfect time to help fund Breast cancer awareness month. Volunteering is also a great way to help the community, patients and local hospitals. Donating your time and energy can go a long way in supporting a community of patients, survivors, loved ones and medical professions.

Raising awareness of breast cancer is a group effort. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a wonderful way to get people involved and excited about lending support and uplifting the voices of patients and survivors.

We Wear Pink on Halloween!!!

Hispanic-American and Italian-American Heritage Month

By: Rose N.

The month of October is a special time for both Hispanic-Americans and Italian-Americans, as October is designated as their heritage month. Both are very important in relation to the history of the United States, as they have done much to build our nation.

Hispanic-American Heritage Month is recognized from September 15th to October 15th. It began in 1968 as just a week-long celebration by President Lyndon Johnson. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan extended the holiday to a month long. Hispanic-American Heritage Month includes lots of vibrant art along with popular and traditional foods. Italian-American Heritage Month is also observed in October. United States Congress and President George H. W. Bush established this month in 1989. Italian-American Heritage Month celebrates Italian contributions to American culture. Italian-Americans are the 5th largest ethnic group in our nation.

Hispanic-American Heritage Month is important because it recognizes the diverse cultures and histories of the Hispanic community. Hispanic Americans have ancestors who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Italian-American Heritage Month is also significant because we are honoring the achievements, successes, and histories of Italian immigrants and Italian-Americans. America was named after an Italian explorer, named Amerigo Vespucci. Amerigo gives a Latin form to his name to create our country's name, America.

Some ways to celebrate Hispanic-American Heritage Month include going to festivals and watching award shows that are given to Hispanic Americans. You can also view Hispanic artwork, try Hispanic dancing styles, or listen to Hispanic music, which has a strong rhythm and often includes drums, guitars, and horns. Italian-American Heritage Month can be commemorated by going to festivals and parades or trying out Italian foods. You can listen to Italian music or try Italian dancing. Harrington is celebrating Hispanic-American and Italian-American Heritage Month with Student Council. Members wrote morning announcement messages about a Hispanic-American or Italian-American individual who has done something to change the world for the better. Be sure to listen to the morning announcements to hear these special messages.





How Old is Too Old to go Trick or Treating?

By: Aarav S.

A common ongoing debate right now is whether or not you can be too old to go trick or treating. Some people think there should be a certain age limit, while others think there should be none, and that you can go until you feel like stopping. I gathered research from both sides of the argument, to help you decide, "How old is too old to go trick or treating?"

IT'S NEVER TOO OLD

- To stop trick or treating is more based on behavior than age
- Makes little kids happy and excited when they see older kids also trick or treating
- Many kids have developmental disabilities, and might not outgrow trick or treating
- Gives kids a chance to do something else, rather than spending the whole day on their phones
- Kids enjoy themselves and let kids just be kids

THERE SHOULD BE AN AGE LIMIT

- Older kids can cause chaos and be very rowdy
- Can steal little kids' candies and bully them
- When kids become really old they just do it for candy, don't even wear a costume, and don't say please and thank you
- Some might wear violent costumes which might be too scary for little kids
- Might say bad words and take more than one candy from each house, this could also become a bad influence for young children

History of Halloween

By: Aarav S.

Halloween is believed to have origins from two ancient holidays, which are, Samhain (pronounced Sow-in), and All Saint's Day. In this article we will learn about these holidays, and also the origins of many Halloween traditions which we still practice today.

Samhain

November 1st was the New Year for the Celts, an ancient group of people who lived in Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France.

In the Celtic culture, this day marked the beginning of winter and the end of summer. They associated winter closely with death, and because of this, they believed the boundary between the dead and the living blurred. Samhain was celebrated on the night of October 31st, as they believed on this day the dead came back to Earth in the form of ghosts.

Even though the Celts believed that the presence of the ghosts damaged crops and caused mischief and trouble, they were still happy. This was because they thought that the Celtic priests, also known as the Druids, would have an easier time predicting the future. These predictions were called prophecies. They believed the prophecies would provide comfort during the brutal and harsh winter.

To celebrate the event, the Druids built large bonfires. People burned crops and animals as sacrifices for the Celtic deities. They also dressed up in costumes made out of animal heads and skins. A common tradition during this event was people tried to predict each other's fortunes.

The Roman Empire eventually came to rule Celtic lands and soon two Roman holidays were combined with Samhain. One of these holidays was Feralia, a day in late October in honor of remembering the dead. The second of these holidays was a day to honor the Roman goddess of fruits and trees, Pomona. A symbol used to represent Pomona is an apple. This explains the origins of the Halloween tradition of bobbing for apples.

All Saints' Day

Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in honor of all Christian martyrs. He created a Christian holiday called All Martyrs Day which was to be celebrated on May 13th. Later on Pope Gregory III, the holiday was changed to include all saints and was moved to November 1st and renamed as All Saints' Day.

As Christianity started to spread in Celtic lands, the holiday All Soul's Day was created to honor the dead. All Souls' Day was to be celebrated on November 2nd. The church was trying to get rid of Samhain and use this holiday as a replacement instead.

Many of the traditions of All Souls' Day were similar to Samhain, with large bonfires and costumes such as angels, saints, or devils. All Saints' Day was also called All-Hallows and All-Hallowmas. And the night before, similar to Samhain, was called All-Hallows Eve and then renamed Halloween.

History of Halloween Traditions

Halloween has COUNTLESS traditions. Now that we've finished talking about the history of Halloween, we are going to talk about the history of 3 different Halloween traditions.

1. Carving Jack-o'-lanterns

The reason why we carve Jack-o'-lanterns is all based on an Irish legend. The legend states that there was a man named Stingy Jack, who trapped the Devil, numerous times. He told the Devil he would let him go, under the condition that when he died he wouldn't go to Hell. But when Jack died, he realized that Heaven did not want his soul either. Because of this, he was left to wander the Earth. People would put a burning lump of coal inside a turnip, to light his way. Eventually, people started to carve scary faces on pumpkins, instead of turnips, to scare evil spirits.

2. Wearing Scary Costumes

During Samhain, the Celts wore disguises as they didn't want to be terrorized by the evil spirits. These disguises were worn, so that the evil spirits would leave them alone.

3. Trick-or-Treating

Trick-or-treating is believed to have three origins. The first origin was that during Samhain, the Celts would leave food and drink out, to please the evil spirits. Afterwards, people started disguising themselves as these spirits, so they could also get food and drink.

The second origin is believed to be from the Scottish tradition of guising. Poor children and poor adults would collect money and food from others' homes, in exchange for prayers for the dead. These prayers were not necessarily religious, as they also included jokes, songs, and other "tricks".

The third origin is believed to have evolved from the German-American tradition of "belsnickeling," where children dressed up in costumes would call neighbors. The neighbors would need to try to guess the costume, but if they weren't able to identify it, they would get candies and other prizes.

Clash of the candies

By Kirby

The month of October is always filled with important events: Indigenous People's Day, Breast Cancer Awareness, Red Ribbon Week, etc. Another important day that we can't overlook is HALLOWEEN! Candy, candy, candy!! If you go trick or treating, what candy do you like to get? Please go to the link below to share your views on your favorite candy!

[Clash of the Candies](#)

Fiction Fun

Never Take Candy from Strangers

By: Dhanshika S



It was Halloween night. All the kids were out trick-or-treating. The houses were all decorated with spooky decorations. The scent of candy was everywhere. As I walked down the street with my friends, we came across a house that looked abandoned and possibly haunted. The yard was overgrown and the windows were boarded up. We hesitated for a moment but then decided to knock on the door.

To our surprise, the door creaked open. We were greeted by an old woman with a wrinkled face and a toothless grin. She held out a bowl of candy and told us to take as much as we wanted. We eagerly grabbed handfuls of candy and thanked her. As we walked down the sidewalk away from the old woman's house, we realized that the candy looked strange. It was all different colors and shapes, and some of it even seemed to be moving. We nervously took a bite and suddenly, our mouths were filled with a strange flavor. It tasted like dirt and worms and something else we couldn't quite place.

We quickly spit out the candy and ran back to the old woman's house. When we got there, the door was closed and locked. We banged on the door and shouted for her to let us in, but there was no answer.

We never saw the old woman again, but we always wondered what happened to her and why she gave us such strange candy. From that day on, we made sure to only take candy from houses that we knew were safe.

Circus Of Doom

By Shreya S.

One morning on Friday the 13th, a weird ad popped up on TV showing a circus was coming to town. That was all anyone could talk about at school, but I knew it was nothing but an impending disaster. Why? Because I was there. My name's Lizzy and I'm in 5th grade and that day would turn my whole life around, and not in a good way.

My family headed out that evening to go to the circus which was called the Circus of Doom! I was scared, but my parents said it'd be fun. The first act we went to was an acrobat show.

"Welcome one and all to the Circus OF DOOM," the acrobat said. They did a few cool juggling tricks and went on a tightrope. Maybe my parents were right, this place did seem

amazing. But right as I thought that, Flick, Flick! The lights went out and no one was there except me!

"You are far from home, little one"! The acrobat said holding a knife!

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH"! I screamed

I quickly ran for the tent's opening, but there wasn't one there! I quickly ripped up the tent's door and left. And the scary acrobat was gone and so were my PARENTS! Where could they have gone, I started searching for them, asking everyone who was still there. I told them what happened but no one listened and said I was so foolish to even think that! I then went outside the circus, but I live to regret it, as the moment I did, the whole circus vanished! Everyone who went there is still missing to this day and that's why I never went to a circus again!

Who Will Win the World Series ?

By : Aashray S.

In October, there is one major sporting event going on, the World Series. This year, the favorite team going into October is the Atlanta Braves. Stats show that the Atlanta Braves have led the MLB in hits, home runs, OPS+, and slugging percentage. However, many people also believe the Orioles have a significant chance of winning the world series. These two teams were neck and neck in the regular season (based off of stats) as were the Astros and Dodgers. With all these teams that have a good chance of winning the world series, who will come out on top. Read to find out.

The wild card round of the playoffs will be tough. Anything can happen. Stat wise, the Twins and the Rays will be moving on in the AL. I think the Twins will have no problem moving on but with the Rays playing the Rangers, either team can advance. In the NL both the Brewers and the Phillies will move on with ease.

During the second round of the playoffs, things will get intense. In the AL, the Astros and Orioles will be moving on. This is because stats show that the Astros and Orioles are the higher ranked team with more hits, OPS etc. In the AL, I think the Brewers will defeat the Dodgers. Even though the Dodgers are a higher ranked team, I know that the Dodgers have a history of screwing up against teams that they are supposed to beat. For instance, last year, the Dodgers lost to the Padres which was a huge upset as was the Dodgers losing to the Braves in 2021. However, the Braves will have no problem moving on which means the Phillies playoff journey will end in the second round of the playoffs.

During the NLCS, I am 100 percent confident that the Braves will move on to the world series because they have been going on a tear the whole regular and postseason (as per my predictions). However, in the ALCS I think there will be a tight race between the Astros and the Orioles. The series will go to a game seven and the Orioles will come out on top.

Now it is time for the world series. The two best teams face off in a seven game series. My prediction is that the Braves will take home the trophy this year because of their star player, Ronald Acuna Jr. I think Ronald will go on a tear in the world series and lead his team to a title. I wrote this article on October 3rd so my predictions may not be right. Who do you think will win the 2023 World Series?

The War in Ukraine

By Will W.

As we all know, Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Since then, they have been locked in a bloody standstill, with Ukraine not backing down and Russia keeping the assault on. Bakhmut (BAK-moot), an eastern Ukrainian city of 73,212, has been completely obliterated by missile strikes and prolonged fighting. The Ukrainian capital of Kyiv (KEE-iv) is still under Ukrainian control after Russia held important positions in the north and east areas of the city in 2022. The prolonged fighting led to Russian withdrawal from Kyiv.

Russia

Russia is the largest country on Earth land-wise. It used to be the U.S.S.R. until 1991. The U.S.S.R. controlled many countries that now border Russia, one of which is Ukraine. In 2014 Russia invaded Crimea, a region just south of Ukraine. Now Vladimir Putin, the dictator of Russia, has his eyes set on Ukraine.

Ukraine

Ukraine is a very small country just outside of Russia. Historically, Russia has been in control of Ukraine with Ukraine revolting and overthrowing Russian rule multiple times. Now the small country is using all of their military might against the massive

Russian military. After the U.S.S.R. fell, Ukraine and many other countries gained their freedom. Now Russia is seeking to regain some of these countries.

The Current Standings

Ukraine will barely be able to have heating this winter, and all of Ukraine's electricity is out. About 120,000 Ukrainians are dead and about 180,000 are injured, while there

are about 70,000 Russians dead and 120,000 injured. Russia had help from the Wagner Group, a group of mercenaries who recruited soldiers from prisons across Russia. In June 2023, the Wagner Group revolted against Russia, but the rebellion stopped after Putin payed Yevgeny Prigozhin, the leader of the Wagner group, to stop the rebellion.

About two weeks ago, Prigozhin died mysteriously in a plane accident. The Wagner Group will now be lead by his son, and the war in Ukraine still is happening, even as you are reading this. You can help by donating money to Save the Children and the International Rescue Committees.

Best Movies For October

By: Alayna L.

<p><u>Hocus Pocus</u> - Directed by Kenny Ortega (1993) -After releasing a coven of evil witches, Max and his sister have to stop them from becoming immortal.</p>	<p><u>Friday The 13th</u> - Directed by Sean S. Cunningham (1980) -Young camp counselors set up a camp in the infamous Crystal Lake woods, despite what the local townsfolk suggest. While there, they are challenged with staying alive against a brutal killer.</p>	<p><u>Halloween</u> - Directed by John Carpenter (1978) -While murderer Michael Myers is being taken to his court date he ends up escaping, and going back to his old hometown to look for his next victim.</p>	<p><u>Scream</u> - Directed by Wes Craven (1996) -A masked killer terrorizes a small suburban town, while a group of friends try to peacefully live their teenage lives.</p>
<p><u>Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark</u> - Directed by André Øvredal (2019) -Scary stories as old as time start to become reality for an unsuspecting group of teens.</p>	<p><u>Edward Scissorhands</u> - Directed by Tim Burton (1990) -Edward is a scientist's unfinished project leaving him with scissors for hands. As he tries to adjust into a new town, and people he still finds himself the odd one out.</p>	<p><u>It</u> - Directed by Andrés Muschietti (2017) -Seven outcasts fight a deadly killer clown after searching for one of the friend's brothers.</p>	<p><u>Coraline</u> - Directed by Henry Selick (2009) -After moving into a new home Coraline finds a little door in the wall. What lies behind the door is a better, twisted, verison of her dull home life. But nothing is quite as it seems.</p>
<p><u>The Sixth Sense</u> - Directed by M. Night Shyamalan (1999) -A little boy (Cole) experiences strange encounters with ghosts. He tries to keep this a secret from everyone except for psychologist Malcom Crowe. As he tries to help the little boy</p>	<p><u>Nightmare Before Christmas</u> - Directed by Henry Selick (1993) -The town "mascot" Jack Skellington suddenly starts to want more than just Halloween for his life. The movie follows him going on an adventure to try and join Christmas and</p>	<p><u>The Shining</u> - Directed by Stanley Kubrick (1980) -A small family moves into the Overlook Hotel to take care of it for the winter. While there the father, Jack Torrance starts to lose his mind, falling deeper and deeper into insanity, endangering his</p>	<p><u>Corpse Bride</u> - Directed by Tim Burton (2005) -Victor is very nervous about his arranged marriage. While practicing his vows he brings a deceased bride back from the dead, allowing her to take him down into the land of the dead. Victor must make his way back up in time</p>

the ghosts become increasingly more than just Cole's problem.	Halloween.	innocent wife and son.	for his wedding.
<u>Frankenweenie</u> - Directed by Tim Burton (2012) boy and his dog have a special bond. Even better than any of his 'friends'. Suddenly his dog passes away, and the boy tries to bring him back to life. But something like this cannot be done easily or without repercussions.	<u>A Quiet Place</u> - Directed by John Krasinski (2017) -A family struggles to stay alive while deadly creatures with special hearing abilities hunt down humans.	<u>The Conjuring</u> - Directed by James Wan (2013) -Based on true events, this story follows the paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren and their experience with an unsuspecting family who moves into an old farmhouse, unaware of the evil presence out to get them.	<u>Insidious</u> - Directed by James Wan (2013) -After an evil spirit takes over a little boy, the parents fight restlessly to protect him.
<u>ET. the Extra-Terrestrial</u> - Directed by Stephen Spielberg (1982) -A alien stranded on Earth befriends a boy named Elliot who tries to keep the alien a secret.	<u>You've Got Mail</u> - Directed by Nora Ephron (1998) -Two bookstore owners meet anonymously online and begin to like each other, while in real life they despise each other.	<u>School Ties</u> - Directed by Robert Mandel (1992) -A teenage boy gets a football scholarship to a prestigious prep school, but feels pressured to hide that he's Jewish. Soon enough his friends find out everything he worked so hard for starts to fall apart.	<u>Remember the Titans</u> - Directed by Boaz Yakin (2000) -In the town of Alexandria everyone praises football. But when the all black schools are forced to integrate into an all white school things start to change for everybody.
<u>The Notebook</u> - Directed by Nick Cassavetes (2004) -Two lovesick teenagers are forced to part, but years later a relationship everyone thought was over is anything but that.	<u>When Harry Met Sally</u> - Directed by Rob Reiner (1989) -Two strangers meet, and argue about whether a girl and a guy can just be friends. They slowly start to find out over the course of many years with their own relationship.	<u>Twilight</u> - Directed by Cathrine Hardwicke (2008) -A teenage girl moves to a new town where she meets a mysterious boy.	<u>Little Women</u> - Directed by Greta Gerwig (2019) -Four sisters with a great bond start to separate as they get older and live their own lives. But when one of the sisters falls ill everyone is drawn back together for her.
<u>Dead Poets Society</u> - Directed by Peter Weir (1989) -A shy teenage boy is sent to a prestigious private school where he is forced to come out of his shell with the help of poetry, his friends, and his unique English teacher.	<u>How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days</u> - Directed by Donald Petrie -A man has a bet that he can get a woman to fall in love with him in 10 days, while a woman has a bet she can make a guy leave her within 10 days, but when the two are used for each others bets without knowing things start to become a little complicated.	<u>10 Things I Hate About You</u> - Directed by Gil Junger -A guy wants to go out with a girl who can only date if her sister (Kat) does too. This leaves the guy to pay one of the school's "bad boys" to take Kat out. As they start to hang out he realizes his true feelings for her.	<u>Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring</u> - Directed by Peter Jackson (2001) -A young teenager is tasked with destroying a very powerful ring, but the journey to where it must be destroyed is harsh, and the ring's powers make it hard for the boy to handle.

Halloween Recipes

By Sophia K

Have you started wondering what recipes you may want to cook with your family on Halloween, or have you not even thought about it? Well, either way, here are five Halloween-themed food recipes that will leave you and your family happy!

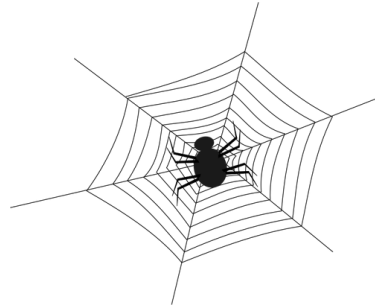
Spooky Spider Halloween Hot Dogs

Ingredients

1 (8 ounce) can refrigerated crescent rolls

8 hot dogs

2 tablespoons ketchup, or to taste



Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

Unroll crescent dough. Pinch or press the perforation between the triangles to get four rectangular pieces. Cut rectangles in half lengthwise, making eight narrow strips.

Make a 2-inch slice through the center of one end of a hot dog. Cut two more 2-inch slices on either side of that slice, so the "legs" are about the same thickness. Repeat on the other end. Cut "legs" into remaining hot dogs.

Roll a crescent strip around the center of each dog. Place spider dogs on an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown, about 11 minutes. Dip a chopstick into some ketchup and dot "eyes" onto each spider. Serve with remaining ketchup.

Chocolate-Candy Corn Pretzel Bites

Ingredients

1 (15 ounce) package pretzel snaps (square waffle-shaped pretzels)



1 (10 ounce) bag chocolate candies (such as Hershey's Hugs®)

1 (14 ounce) package candy corn

Directions

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Arrange the pretzels in a single layer on the tray. Place a single Hersey's Hug on the center of each pretzel.

Bake until hugs start to melt slightly, 4 to 5 minutes. You want the chocolate candies to be soft but not entirely melted.

Remove from the oven and quickly place a candy corn on top of each hug, pressing down to secure in the chocolate. Move to the fridge to cool for about 30 minutes.

Who Will Win the Super Bowl?

By Liv D

Football season has come around again, and I know that the only thing on the football fan's minds is the season's biggest question: who will win the Super Bowl? I've surveyed a number of students here at our school, and here's what they think:

Mr Corrado: The EAGLES baby!!!!

Jacob C: Eagles

Mrs Wireback: E-A-G-L-E-S

Siddharth V.: Dolphins

Anonymous: The Dolphins

Dylan P.: Dolphins or 49ers

Along with predictions on who will win the upcoming Super Bowl, here are the teams who have won the last five years, who won the first five years, and who have won the most.

Last Five Years

2022-2023: KC Chiefs (38) / Philadelphia Eagles (35)

2021-2022: LA Rams (23) / Cincinnati Bengals (20)

2020-2021: Tampa Bay Buccaneers (31) / KC Chiefs (9)

2019-2020: San Francisco 49ers (20) / KC Chiefs (31)

2018-2019: NE Patriots (13) / LA Rams (3)

First Five Years

1966-1967: Green Bay Packers (35) / KC Chiefs (10)

1967-1968: Green Bay Packers (33) / Oakland Raiders (14)

1968-1969: New York Jets (16) / Baltimore Colts (7)

1969-1970: KC Chiefs (23) / Minnesota Vikings (7)

1970-1971: Baltimore Colts (16) / Dallas Cowboys (13)

Who Won the Most?

6 WINS: Pittsburgh Steelers, NE Patriots

3 WINS: KC Chiefs, Denver Broncos, Washington Commanders, LA Raiders

2 WINS: Indianapolis Colts, LA Rams, Baltimore Ravens, Miami Dolphins, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

1 WIN: NY Jets, NO Saints, Chicago Bears, Seattle Seahawks, Philadelphia Eagles

5 WINS: San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys

4 WINS: NY Giants, Green Bay Packers

Scary Book Recommendations

By: Sophia K.

Do you like reading scary books during the month of October, or even in general? Well, here are some books that will spook you out, even when reading with the lights on!



1. I Know Your Secret - By: Daphne Benedis-Grab
2. Escape Room - By: Maren Stoffels
3. They All Had a Reason - By: Michele Leathers
4. Misery - By: Stephen King
5. The Girl in Cabin 13 - By: A J Rivers
6. Something is Killing the Children - By: James Tynion IV
7. The Girl in the Locked Room - By: Mary Downing Hahn
8. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder (series) - By: Holly Jackson
9. I Know What You Did Last Summer - By: Lois Duncan
10. Hate List - By: Jennifer Brown
11. The Girl in Black - By: CJ Loughy
12. Hide and Don't Seek - By: Anica Mrose Rissi
13. Small Spaces- By: Katherine Arden
14. What We Saw - By: Mary Downing Hahn
15. The Girl Who Was Taken - By: Charlie Donela
16. I Am Watching You - By: Teresa Driscoll
17. Too Late - By: Colleen Hoover
18. The Mist - By: Stephen King
19. Summer Rental - By: Rektok Ross
20. Four Found Dead - By: Natalie D. Richards
21. Ten - By: Gretchen McNeil
22. When the Harvest Moon Rises - By: Scott Welker
23. Horror Hotel - By: Victoria Fulton and Faith McClaren
24. The Dread Lions of Rufiji - By: Charles Challis
25. That Weekend - By: Kara Thomas

Happy reading! :)

Pranks to Play on Your Friends

By Liv D

When you go trick or treating, you usually pick the treat and leave. But what ever happened to choosing trick? Here are some pranks to play on your friends to give them a good spook around Halloween!

Eye-ce Cubes

1. Buy gummy eyeballs
 2. Freeze them
 3. Put them in a friend's drink
- Or** Put them in a friend's freezer

Blood Bath

1. Unscrew a shower head
2. Dry it thoroughly
3. Pour in a packet of powdered red drink mix
4. Rescrew the shower cap
5. Whoever turns on the shower will be bathed in blood! (if they're blonde, free hair dye)

A Classic

1. Get a fake animal like a bat, snake, spider, rat, etc (preferably one they will be the most scared by)
2. Place it in a) the toilet, b) a cabinet, or c) their pillow
3. Watch them scream!

An Otherworldly Message

1. Take a bar of soap, or dip your finger/ a cotton swab in liquid soap
2. Write a spooky message on the bathroom mirror (ex: "I'm watching you," or, "You're next")
3. Lightly trace over the message so it's not seen before the surprise
4. Wait until someone takes a shower and the mirror fogs up for them to see the message!

Death Bed

1. Buy the scariest mask you can find
2. Place it next to someone while they're sleeping
3. Wait for them to wake up
(I recommend taking a video)

Is it a Bird? Is it a Plane?

1. You need a drone for this prank
2. Get something creepy to attach to it (ex: a witch, a ghost, etc.)
3. Fly the drone through the sky and watch your neighbor's reactions



October Puzzles

M	G	X	W	O	Y	C	O	S	T	U	M	E	S
H	D	P	D	Z	H	P	Q	A	W	E	B	J	H
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Each Letter in the Phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number. Try to decode the message!

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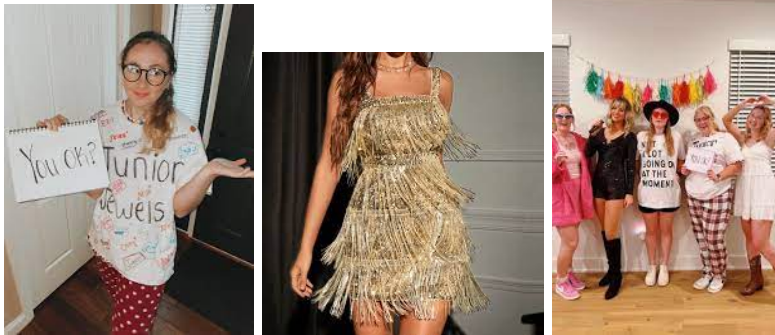
Creative Halloween Costumes of

By Siena S.

Are you struggling to find a good Halloween costume? Well, that is what this article all about! I found 5 creative costume ideas that are topnotch and funny. Hopefully this article makes you laugh, and maybe give you an idea on what to do for halloween. No offense, but if you were thinking about being an m&m this year, this article is here to change your mind.

1. Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift has a lot of different styles that go with her albums. Here are multiple different costumes:



There are a lot more options to choose from Amazon, which is where I recommended getting this costume from.

2. Pasta Noodle Costume



This one you can actually make. The supplies you will need are foam padding, yellow spray paint, scissors, a hot glue gun, elastic, and velcro. <https://studiodiy.com/diy-pasta-costume/> - here is a link to learn how to make it!

4. A Mug

This one is really funny, but is hard to make. You could buy one, but that might be really expensive. To make it, you would have to know how to do balloon art, and know how to connect them.



5. American Gothic Costume

This costume is definitely for 2 people. American Gothic is a famous painting that you can now wear as a costume.

And here is the costume:



Transfer Your Inner Demons to Make A Jack-O-Lantern

By Cosmo

Listen, I never intended to be back here, but look where I ended up anyway. Let's carve a pumpkin!

First off, you're gonna need to get some stuff. You'll need some old newspapers, a big perfectly shaped pumpkin, a sharp cutting instrument, a bowl, and finally a candle and lighter. Have fun on your treasure hunt or something.

To begin, we're going to just... slam that newspaper on the ground. Make this big workspace for yourself, just in case the pumpkin pukes all over the floor. Now you won't have to worry about cleaning up pumpkin vomit at 1 AM.

Next, take that knife you have that's probably dull, and stab the pumpkin right at the stem. Carve carefully around it, so you don't slice off your finger for a brand new Halloween decoration. Do it at about a 45 degree angle, and make that circle so you can just... pull the brains out. Also, if you aren't cutting it right, that stem's going to just fall right back into the inside of the skull. Another thing, save that stem. It'll be useful.

After that, we're going to just scoop the organs right out of it! Fun, huh? I've never really done something like that before, so we're just going to assume that it's fun. Just scrape those sides like it's your worst enemy's skull, just scooping out the brains and

storing it into a tiny jar to see it rot away and turn into a mush. The brain is an interesting thing. No wonder why we don't understand it. Make sure to get that stringy stuff out of that pumpkin too, we definitely don't want that stuff ruining your day.

Now let's take a look at your pumpkin. Its organs have been taken out, the top of its head is literally gone, and it's empty. Empty, you say? Glad I mentioned that. Now, we shall grab a marker from nowhere and draw a face. Like, I literally don't care what you draw. Just make sure you can cut it out the design that you create.

After you ruin the clear skin of that poor pumpkin that you kidnapped from its patch, you will pick up that knife. After you pick up your knife, you just kind of carve the design that you drew. You'll need the big knife to do the general shape, and a smaller knife to do the more fine details. After you totally just ruined the pumpkin, make sure to make it not look... choppy. You probably made it look like a small kindergartener made it, which I can guarantee that you definitely did. After you do that, stare at it in disappointment as you realize that you've made an absolute abomination.

After that short break that you take while watching some random show that pops up in your Netflix recommendations, you grab that candle and lighter. If you're doing this like, a week before Halloween, just don't even try doing this part. That candle's going to burn out within a day. Use your head, would you? Carefully place it into the dry pumpkin and light the candle, and then wince as you burn your fingers with the small flame of that lighter. Now after you light that candle and make it seem like it's soul is dying, stick that stem back on in a kindly manner as if saying that we had a fun time, and slap that bad boy next to your front door. See? You've got a sort of silly looking pumpkin on your front door to tell everybody you spent an hour making this stupid thing. In fact, I predict that some stupid kid is going to pick that thing up and smash it against your driveway. Maybe. Don't take my word. Anyways, after Halloween you're probably going to discard it anyways.

Now that I've guided you through putting your anger into beating down on an innocent pumpkin to make this abomination of a jack-o-lantern, let us move on. To the Cosmo Corner we go. Let me ramble today, I've got nothing better to do. I haven't been out for Halloween since I was 7 years old, and honestly I have no idea what it is anymore. Is it just demanding people for candy or threatening them for it? I remember being terrified of this one prop of a skeleton for no reason, mostly because it was... well, once human. All I've done since that Halloween was handing it out, since my parents were probably already sleeping. There was this one kid who knocked at 1 AM. Guess who woke up just so they could hand out a Reese's to the kid.

Anyhow, I'm going to end this article here. I've got homework to do and a session of sleeping once I get home. Have a fun Halloween or something, don't totally traumatize some random neighbor, and do whatever else you do on Halloween.

