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Teachers find a way to bring Halloween to the classroom

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As students leave elementary school and move on to higher grade levels, they have to put many things behind them. One of those things is the class Halloween parties. Sure, they may have a few Halloween snacks in fifth or sixth grade, but by the time high school rolls around, students don't really celebrate the holiday as much.

However, several faculty members have found ways to present the holiday as a learning opportunity. Spanish teacher Megan Hart is continuing the tradition of teaching her students about *La día de los muertos*, or, the Day of the Dead.

"[Day of the Dead] is celebrated in the Mexican culture on November first and second. We incorporate it into the Halloween holiday," Hart said.

To celebrate the holiday, Spanish students learned about Mexican traditions and painted their own sugar skulls.

"My students always love doing hands on activities and these are different views on dying and death. They [students] usually find it pretty interesting as well," Hart said.

Sophomore Angel Pfannentiell adds her last touch up to the calvaria she designed in Spanish class to celebrate *La día de los muertos*. Photo by Leyla Karim

Mrs. Hart isn't the only one continuing a tradition. Ag teacher Marvin Fehlman and his FFA students will help with the Halloween festivities at the town square on the night of Halloween.

The idea was first proposed last year by now senior, Maggie Shaw. The idea was then brought to chamber of commerce member Angie Wells who allowed the FFA students to be involved. A few activities that the FFA members put on were a pumpkin seed spitting contest, face painting and a hayride.

"I want students to be involved because it's good for them and good for the community if they would help out," Fehlman said.

The FFA members plan to be involved in the festivities again this year by bringing back the pumpkin seed spitting contest and hayride. One change is that their location will be set up at the community center rather than town square.

It's not often that students get the chance to celebrate Halloween at school, but when a teacher finds an educational way to incorporate the holiday, students may have a bigger reason to be excited about class.



Putting the finishing touches on the bat's nose, junior Jordyn Wisinger adds detail to her pumpkin that she and junior Hannah Nagel partnered to design for a collaboration with White's Foodliner. Photo by Ashlyn Atchison.

Pumpkin painting yields profit for art department

ASHLYNN KENNEDY

Reporter

A bat, a raven, a headless horseman, a skeleton and a spider's web--when people think of these items they may associate them with Halloween. For art students, these spooky spectacles were their inspiration used to paint pumpkins.

Brennan, the manager of Whites IGA, came up with an idea to sell decorated pumpkins at Whites. He asked art teacher Mrs. Julie Peterson-Shea to have her art students paint pumpkins to sell at Whites. The art department then received the profit from the sales.

All high school art students were assigned to create a design to paint on a pumpkin with a partner. The students brought supplies from home to creatively design whatever they wished to be put on their pumpkin.

"This was a fun project that the students could get excited about. It was also an opportunity to take a break from the usual assignments," Peterson-Shea said.

Twenty-four pumpkins were painted and are currently being sold for \$10 at Whites. All of the profits will go towards

the class, and they will use the money to buy more supplies.

The students decided to design their pumpkins based on Halloween things or by showing their school pride with a Panther theme.

"Hannah [Nagel] and I made a bat pumpkin. We found some inspiration to make this pumpkin on Pinterest from other Halloween decorations. I enjoyed this project because it was fun to use our creativity to create something a little more festive for Halloween," junior Jordyn Wisinger said.

TRICK or Treat

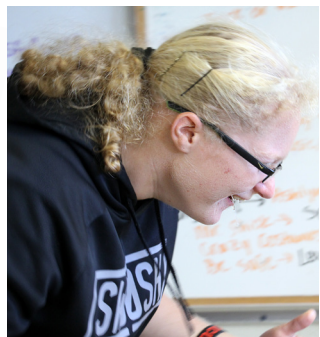
Students participated in a trick or treat Halloween snack challenge and either received a good (treat) or bad (trick) snack from the journalism class.



Students either received Apple Cider juice or Apple Cider Vinegar. Treat winners were junior Melissa Conn, sophomore Austin Miller and freshman Laike Imm. The trick winner was senior Sierra Roth.



"MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS 'OH NO! THIS AIN'T GOOD'," ROTH SAID.



Students either received a dirt cup or some brown yogurt with some coffee grounds. Treat winners were senior Kelsi Blew, junior Cháron Ellis and sophomore Kaycee Campbell. The trick winner was sophomore Trent Herrick.



"I HAD NO IDEA WHAT IT WAS AT FIRST AND THE TEXTURE WAS REALLY GROSS, BUT IT WAS ALL BETTER WHEN I GOT A REAL DIRT CUP," HERRICK SAID.



Students either received an Oreo ball or a cauliflower ball. Treat winners were seniors Christopher VanKooten and Braden Juenemann and junior Nyla Salinas. The trick winners were freshman Jacie Roth and sophomore Aaron Lenker.



"AT FIRST IT WAS GOOD WHEN I WAS TASTING THE CHOCOLATE, BUT THEN IT WAS GROSS WHEN I TASTED THE CAULIFLOWER. I DO NOT CARE FOR CAULIFLOWER," LENKER SAID.



"AT FIRST I THOUGHT I HAD A CRISP APPLE THEN THE SECOND BITE TASTED BITTER AND I KNEW IT WAS AN ONION," MOON SAID.



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Did you Know?: Facts about Halloween

• A full moon on Halloween is extremely rare. It hasn't happened since 2001 and before that it was 1955.

• It is believed that spirits rose from the dead on Halloween and mingled with the living.

• There are two stories as to where witches come from: The first story is that a priest was walking home one night on a country road and saw bonfires burning back in the distance behind some trees. When he got closer, he saw people dancing around the fire in costumes carrying torches. There were people also flying around on broomsticks. Then next is that Owls were thought to be witches in Medieval European times. Anytime you heard an owl call, it meant that someone was about to die.

• Trick-or-treating came from the Celtic tradition of putting out food for the sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic Calendar year.

• Halloween is the world's oldest holiday. It goes as far back as 5 B.C.

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Two Sentence Scary Stories

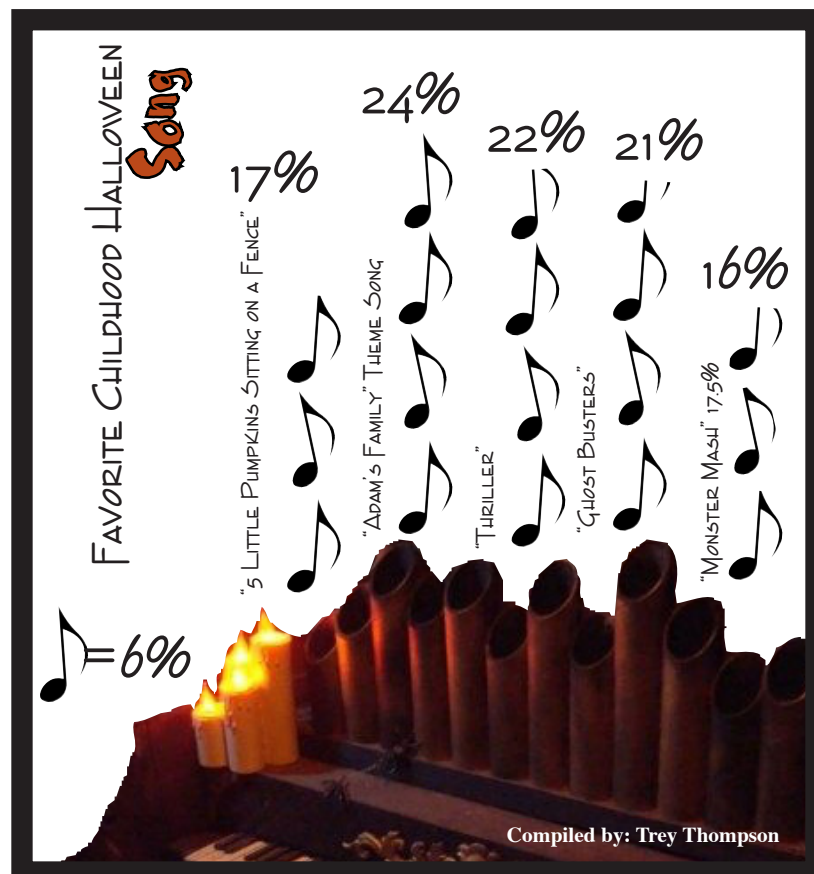
“ I always thought my cat had a starring problem; she always seemed fixated on my face. Until one day, when I realized that she was always looking just behind me.”

“ You get home after a long day’s work and are ready for a relaxing night alone. You reach for the light switch, but another hand is already there.

“ There was a picture of me sleeping in my phone. I live alone.

“ I begin tucking him into bed and he tells me, “Daddy, check for monsters under my bed.” I look underneath for his amusement and see him, another him, under the bed, starring back at me quivering and whispering, “Daddy, there’s somebody on my bed.”

Compiled by: Leyla Karim



Halloween Favorites!



Halloween Must-Have!

What you will need

- ~14 ounces of Oreos
- ~8 ounces of cream cheese
- ~1/2 cup of butter
- ~1/2 cup of sugar
- ~3-1/2 cups of milk
- ~3-1/2 ounces of chocolate pudding mix
- ~12 ounces of whipped topping
- ~5 ounces of gummy worms
- ~40 candy pumpkins
- ~1/2 cup of vanilla frosting
- ~1 drop of green food coloring

How do you make it?

Crush cookies in 2 or 3 batches in a food processor. Pulse until you get fine crumbs, about 30 seconds per batch. Transfer to a bowl.

Place cream cheese, butter, and confectioner's sugar in food processor; mix until smooth, about 30 seconds.

Whisk milk and pudding mixes together in a bowl until pudding is thickened; fold in whipped topping. Stir in cream cheese-butter mixture.

Press 1/3 of the cookie crumbs onto the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan. Sprinkle half of the gummy worms on the crumb layer. Spread half of the pudding mixture

Every Holiday is better with food...right? Here is a fun Halloween treat to try out this October!



over the crumbs and candy. Carefully layer another 1/3 of the crumbs over the pudding mixture and sprinkle on more gummy worms. Add the last layer of cookie crumbs and smooth them out for your "pumpkin patch."

Place pumpkin candy in rows with enough room to for frosting "vines" and "leaves."

Tint frosting with green food coloring and transfer to piping bag. Connect pumpkins with "vines" and add swirling tendrils. Switch to a leaf tip and create some leaves.

Compiled by: Trey Thompson

Selling pumpkins is all about the kids for Schick

SAMANTHA PREWITT

Guest Reporter

Autumn is the time to watch leaves tumble from trees, go trick-or-treating and fall in love with the perfect pumpkin.

Max Schick has been selling pumpkins in Phillipsburg since 1954 and continues to today. Starting from the third week in September until Halloween, Mr. Schick puts his best pumpkins and gourds on display outside of his house on G Street.

"This year was exceptional for the pumpkins due to the rain," Schick said.

While most pumpkin patches will sell by the weight of your pumpkins, Mr. Schick likes to sell them by the size, with the more expensive pumpkins costing \$8 this year.

"I lived on a farm, so we always had a garden where we grew watermelons and potatoes, so I've been gardening about all my life," Schick said.

Starting with squashes, Schick later moved onto gourds and pumpkins. Eventually he moved

his interest completely away from squashes and started focusing his attention on just pumpkins and gourds and has been doing that for 30 years. Although he lives in town, Mr. Schick still enjoys going out and taking care of his pumpkins.

"They're just fun to grow. It gets me into God's country. I love the country life because I'm a country boy," Schick said.

Pumpkins aren't just used to carve jack-o'-lanterns either. People have been purchasing pumpkins to use for bread, cookies, pies and pudding.

However, it is not the profit that continues to drive Schick.

"The kids are my favorite part about selling pumpkins. If it weren't for the kids, I wouldn't sell them. They're the ones who make it worth while," Schick said.




Standing with the acquaintances who help him harvest, Max Schick proudly shows off this year's crop of pumpkins and gourds. Courtesy photo.

Halloween safety tips

With every old wives tale, there comes some superstitions. Use your common sense to determine whether these tips are fact or fiction.

1. If Pennywise the clown, offers you candy, take it!




"I have candy down here."


2. If a jack-o'-lantern talks to you, listen up, it might a smashin' good story!



3. If a deranged serial killer is chasing you and your friend, don't worry about having to out run the killer, you just have to out run your friend!



4. When a black cat crosses your path, follow it or you'll suffer the wrath.



Halloween on a Budget

If you are searching for a costume to wear or perhaps make for your younger sibling but don't want to spend too much, the following photos below are costumes you can make from things around the house.



All you need for a jelly belly bag is a clear, plastic trash bag, some balloons and a printer to make this costume. Just simply cut out holes for your arms, fill the bag with balloons, and put the Jelly Belly logo on the bag.



To be a present, find a cardboard box, cut out head, arm, and body holes, wrap it in some rapping paper, and put a big bow on the box.



A vending machine costume will need a cardboard box, paper and candy wrappers. Cut neck, arm and body holes in a cardboard box, glue on candy wrappers, print out numbers and the candy dispenser and then glue the things you printed out to be a perfect vending machine.

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