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Halloween Edition

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Halloween House Interview

By: Cora K. and Reese G.

For Halloween, many people like to decorate their houses with spooky decorations. One of the most popular houses in our area is the “Historic Herndon Haunted House.” The house even has its own Facebook page!

We interviewed one of the owners of the house, Ms. Colleen Delawder, about the history of the house.

Why did you pick Halloween as your “theme?”

“After moving to our house, we were excited to finally live somewhere where we would get Trick or Treaters. Sadly, the first year we had only two children show up at the door. Each year we put a few more decorations out, and each year we kept getting more and more children. Now, an average year for us results in 350 to 400 kids.”

How long does it take to set up your decorations?

“We usually start setting up Labor Day weekend. It takes till about mid-October for us to finish. However, there are some things that don’t get put out until the actual day of Halloween.”

How long have you been decorating your house for Halloween?

“We moved into our home in 2005, so about 13 years.”

What is your favorite Halloween decoration?

“Each year our favorite decoration changes a bit, mainly because we always pick a different theme each year, so there is always something new.”

You can visit their house this and see the amazing decorations at 610 Spring Street, Herndon VA. Happy Halloween!

My Advice for Seventh Graders

By: Patricia H.

Middle school isn't easy, but hopefully this advice will make it much easier. A lot of things happen over a period of time. It could be good or bad, but it doesn't affect your life forever. Losing friends as you get older is something that just happens. In middle school that can happen a lot. When you transfer from elementary school to middle school that can determine whether or not that will affect your friendships. When you're in elementary school and you have your friend that you've been with since kindergarten, it feels like that friendship will last forever. Then you enter the pressure of middle school and that could change a lot. One way to cope with this is by just finding some new friends, but this might not always work for some people. To make it a little easier you can start by making a first impression by just being nice. This will attract more people and let them know that you're a cool person to talk to. Soon enough you'll have brand new friends.

The History of Haunted Houses

By: Cora K. and Reese G.



Going to a haunted house is a fantastic way to spend your Halloween. Here is some of their history. Haunted houses date back to 1802 in London, England, where a woman named Marie Tussaud made wax sculptures of French royalty, such as King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. The sculptures faces were very accurate so that people could distinguish the executed victims from the aftermath of the French Revolution. She displayed these wax sculptures which she called "death masks" in her Chamber of

Horrors. At the time, people were appalled by her gruesome figures, but later in the 20th century many people began to enjoy this frightening attraction due to Walt Disney's Haunted Mansion that opened in 1969. The centerpiece of the ride, which includes ghosts dancing in the ballroom, gave a fun twist to most haunted houses that frightened small children. Now, more than 200 years later, families all around the world decorate their homes like haunted houses for Halloween. It is a tradition for many and a great spook for others, and we hope it will be for many years to come.

HALLOWEEN WOULD YOU RATHER:

Would you rather...

Go Trick-or-Treating OR Attend a Halloween Party?

Dress up as something Scary OR Something Funny?

Get a Ton of Reese's OR a ton of Twix?

Let us know what you would rather do by messaging us through our Instagram account @HawkingtonPost



Book Review

By: Tea G.

The Forgotten Book by Mechthild Gläser is a fantasy book about a girl named Emma. She goes to a boarding school where her father is headmaster. She comes back from summer break bummed about how her summer went. But when she finds out her crush might like her she's thrilled. She starts a bookclub with her friends in an abandoned room where she finds a forgotten book that can be very dangerous.



Everything she writes in the book happens! This book is all about her adventures. I would highly suggest reading this if you want a fun and mysterious book!



Washington Capitals Win the Stanley Cup!

By: Jonah H.

In 2018 the Washington Capitals qualified for their second chance at winning the Stanley Cup. The first time was in 1998 and they lost to the Detroit Red Wings and the score was 4-0. In the 2017-2018 season they won against the Las Vegas Golden Knights in four out of the five games in the series. The final win came on June 7th with the final score 6-2. The MVP award winner was Alex Ovechkin, Ovie to his fans. Right now the Capitals are 3rd in the Metropolitan Division. Their current record is 3-2. Here's to hoping that we can have a repeat of last year and Win the Cup again! C-A-P-S CAPS CAPS CAPS!!!



Our HMS students had tons of fun at the HMS fest! Some of our students also participated in the 7th vs. 8th grade basketball and soccer games.

CONSPIRACY THEORY

Editorial
Conspiracy Theory
By Maya D. and Eva B.

Most people have different opinions on conspiracy theories right? First, what is a conspiracy theory? A conspiracy theory is made up of deep thoughts about a specific person, thing or event based on the investigator's opinion supported by facts. Some are more believable than others. Our favorites are on Youtube by Shane Dawson. Here's our perspective. Conspiracy theories are thrilling and exciting. It's as if you are riding a roller coaster when reading them. Sometimes certain theories may be biased, but everyone is entitled to their own views on certain topics. It really depends on the issue and if you have solid knowledge on the topic before you share your opinion. In this day and age, conspiracy theories have become a huge source of entertainment. They give you a rush of excitement and draw you in to keep learning about more. They can be a great thing to learn about during your free time. Just make sure you check your facts before you believe everything you read.

How to Make a Halloween Spider By: Cat M.

What You Need:

- Black String
- Hot glue gun w/ glue
- Paper clips
- Googly Eyes
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Start wrapping the string around your hand in a circular motion to form a loop.
2. When you are done take the string and tie the loop.
3. Start trimming the yarn to make a little puffball. Try not to pull the string!
4. Repeat steps 1-3 to make a smaller puffball then glue them together.
5. Then, get the paper clips and break them in half. Start wrapping the string around the clip and make 8 little legs.
6. When you reach the end seal it up with hot glue and stick the legs onto the spider. .
7. Finally, stick 2 googly eyes in the smaller puffball and you got your spider!



Pumpkin Snickerdoodle Recipe

By: Jenna A. and Jessie D.

Ingredients:

1 stick of unsalted butter
½ cup white sugar
½ cup light brown sugar, tightly packed
¼ cup 100% pumpkin puree (not pie filling)
1 egg yolk
¾ tsp vanilla extract
1 ½ cups flour
¾ tsp pumpkin pie spice
½ tsp baking soda
¼ tsp cream of tartar
¼ tsp salt

Sugar/Cinnamon mixture:

2 tsp cinnamon
¼ cup white sugar

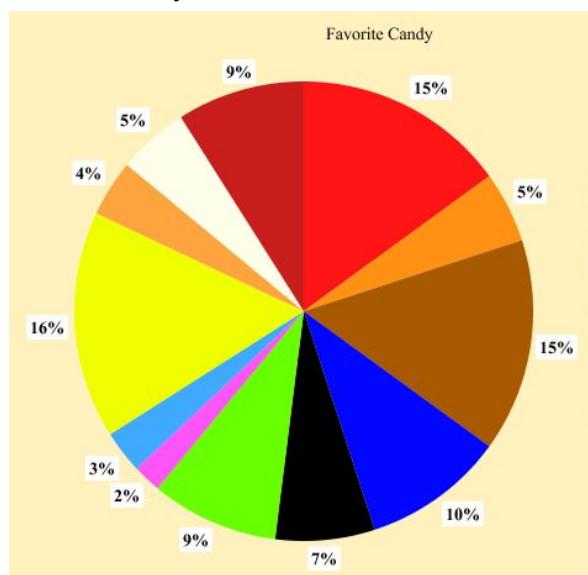
Directions: You're really going to fall for these Pumpkin Snickerdoodles! First, beat the butter and sugars together until the product has a creamy texture. Then, add the Pumpkin Puree and mix until well combined. Next, add the egg yolk and vanilla extract. In a separate medium sized bowl, whisk together the flour, pumpkin spice, baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing until just combined. Next, cover the cookie dough and chill for forty-five minutes in the fridge.

Preheat your oven to 375°F when your dough is almost done chilling. Whisk together ¼ cup of white sugar and 2 tsp of cinnamon in a small bowl. Create 16 cookie dough balls by rolling them in your palm. Roll them in the mixture, covering all sides with a layer of cinnamon sugar. Finally, on your prepared cookie sheet, put them in the oven for ten to twelve minutes, until a nice golden brown color. Let them cool for a couple of minutes after baking before you enjoy these amazing cookies!

HMS Students' Favorite Halloween Candy

By: Lauren M., Lian W-G., Sara S. and Shreya G.

We surveyed both 7th and 8th graders to find out which candy was their personal favorite. As shown below, the majority of the people preferred Sour Patch Kids. This Halloween, when students go trick or treating, they hope their bags are filled with all of their favorite candy.



Halloween Cartoon

By: Nina A.



Be sure to check out our next edition coming out on December 7th.