

Purple Hearts Newsletter

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As you know, Halloween is this month, and we have dedicated almost the whole newsletter to the candy-filled holiday! ☺

The Origin of Halloween

By Collin Shale

The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter. By A.D. 43, Romans had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the four hundred years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain.



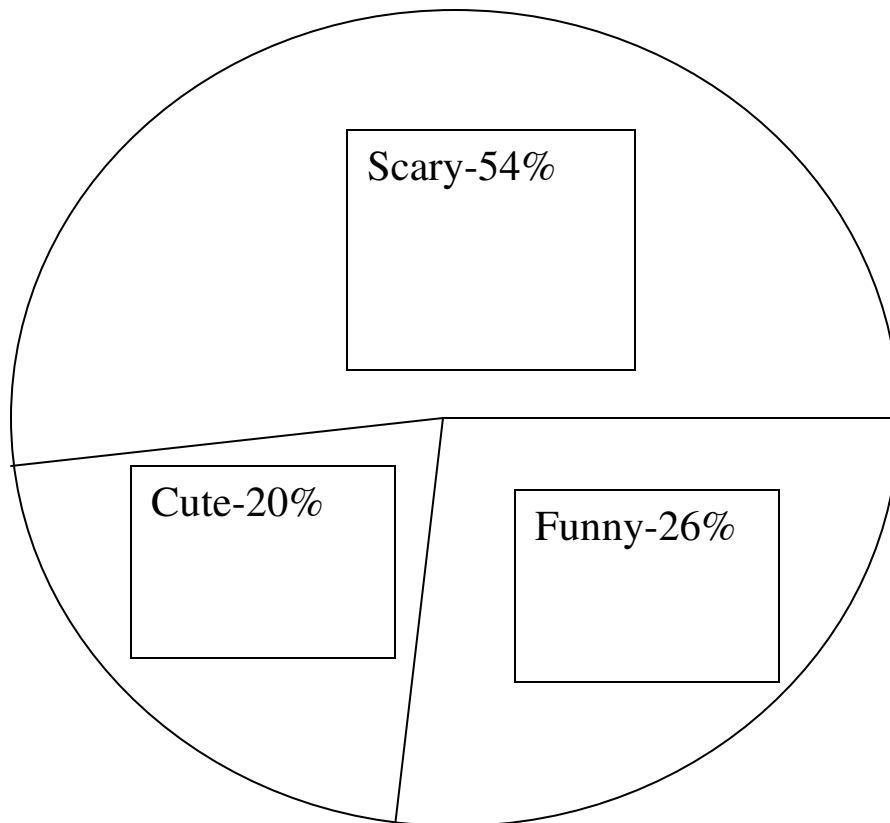
Halloween Polls

By Patricia Rodriguez

Do you still Trick-or-Treat?
I surveyed 50 people.

Yes- 43 people- 86%
No-7 people- 14%

What kind of costume do you wear?
I surveyed 50 more people.



SPORTS SECTION

By Justin Mcgady

The last football game was sad. Our Belvidere Bucs lost to central 8 to 6. However, we can rely on our basketball team hopefully. The final cuts have been made and our brand new team consists of Skylar Lawhorn, Jacob Fondrk, Garrett Hyser, Joe Byers, and Carlos Villareal for starters. Our substitutes are Devon Dean and Maurice Jackson. Basketball starts this month, and hopefully we will have a good season this year.



Halloween Wordsearch

By Jake Haug

w r g j i v n i f x f v j o c z v s p d j b f v
c d m k r u v x o v j p d m p v u u a j b b i r
b o b b i n g f o r a p p l e s m g r p u v u r
j o s h g m c t r i c k o r t r e a t k i j h j
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l k n d o g o b l i n c n c w a f c a j v x w c
x n h b h h u w e a t i h g h h w k n s o w u c
m m v q g z z j e d e c k i l u q u u y y q y m
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goblin
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jackolantern
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pumpkin
safety
trickortreat
vampire
witch

Mrs. Schubert Interview

By Aysha Uddin

Aysha: What inspired you to be a teacher?

Mrs. Schubert: Uhhh... I had not so good teachers and I wanted to give kids a better teacher than I had.

Aysha: What's a pro and con about being in the portable?

Mrs. S: Pro: There isn't kids popping in and out.

Con: We are far away from other classes.

Aysha: Who was a positive influence on you?

Mrs. S: My mom and dad.

Aysha: Did you always want to be a teacher?

Mrs. S: No, I wanted to be a ballet dancer.

Aysha: Do you have pets?

Mrs. S: Yes, I have a dog, three fish, and a praying mantis.

Aysha: Do you feel safer in the portables?

Mrs. S: Not any more or less than I would in the building.

Aysha: How's the setup?

Mrs. S: It changes a lot, but right now the desks are in semi-circles.

Aysha: Are there any windows

Mrs. S: Yes, one.

Aysha: How's the size compared to a regular classroom?

Mrs. S: Big, I like it.

Aysha: Where did you teach before?

Mrs. S: Eisenhower in Rockford.

Aysha: how's your first year at B.S.M.S?

Mrs. S: Awesome!! 😊

October Birthdays

By Amanda Stickels

3rd - Jason Slezak
4th - Bryan Ellis
5th - Cheyanne Stowers
6th - Andrea Colvin
13th - Brittany Turbeville
13th - Skylar Lawhorn
17th - William Moore
20th - Jordin Scherer
22nd - Bryan Zepeda
31st - Luis Hernandez

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What do goblins drink when they get hot and thirsty?
Ghoul Aid!

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What is a mummies favorite type of music?
Wrap!

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Why did the game warden arrest the ghost?
He didn't have a haunting license!