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FOOD, FUN AND FIRST-EVER FALL FESTIVAL

Caroline Warner
STAFF WRITER

Do you enjoy raffles, mac and cheese, painting pumpkins, games and music? If you do, then stop by William and Reed's first-ever Fall Festival!

This exciting event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28, from one to four o'clock at Wills Park and will feature a raffle, where students and their families can win a variety of prizes, like fun baskets.

One basket will feature a \$499 Atlanta Workshop Players summer camp coupon!

Another will have aerial silk classes from Fit2Fly, where you can learn how to climb on aerial fabric, to create shapes, and how



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popcorn, assorted candy and more!

There will be another with four passes to The Fringe Miniature Golf for a round of 18-hole mini golf.

In addition, plenty of food will be provided for guests. Barbecue and mac and cheese from Mac Momma will be served.

In short, there will be competitions and games for people of ages.

So get yourself down to Wills Park from 1-4 this Sunday, the 28th!

5 REASONS WE FALL IN LOVE WITH FALL

Kailin Neveu
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There are four seasons in the year—but, time and time again, folks say fall is their favorite. According to Yougov.com, 29% of Americans favor fall over any other time of the year, and with good reason.

Not convinced?

Here are five reasons to fall in love with this fabulous season.



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1. Wonderful Weather!

After three to four long months of heat and humidity, the cool breeze and temperatures that fall brings feel like a breath of fresh air. The sun beats down a bit less harshly, and the air returns to its thin and breathable self—perfect weather for fun fall-themed activities.

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Guess Who?

Alexa Madrid
STAFF WRITER

Hello, Warriors! "Guess Who" is a fun guessing game, where you read the answers to the following questions and guess which teacher or staff member you think it is.

Here is this edition's installment:

RAAI: Where is your dream vacation?

GW: Belize

RAAI: What is your favorite sports team?

GW: Cleveland Browns

RAAI: What is your favorite color?

GW: Purple

RAAI: What is your favorite food?

GW: Bacon

RAAI: What is your favorite movie?

GW: *It's a Wonderful Life*

RAAI: What is your favorite book?

GW: *Of Mice and Men*

RAAI: What is a fact that most people don't know about you?

GW: Nothing because I tell people too many things about myself.



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*Which teacher—
or staff member—do you
think it is?*

"Fall" in Love (cont'd from p. 1)

2. Fall Fun!

Then, of course, there are all of the fun things to do in fall. Things like apple picking, hay rides, pumpkin picking and carving and corn mazes! Even just here in Georgia, there are all sorts of fun places you can go, like Uncle Shucks (the awesome corn maze William and Reed Academy visits almost every year)!

Tenth grader Mia Woods had a great time last year.

"Uncle Shucks has something for everyone," says Woods. "[...] It gets] people outside to enjoy the season."

Another fun fall-y place is Hillcrest Orchards, which is perfect for apple picking with friends and family.

Eleventh grader Peyton Siebert loves it.

"I had so much fun at Hillcrest Apple Orchards," says Siebert. "I got to spend time with my family and pick lots of delicious apples!"

All of the fun outdoor activities that just make it feel like fall again. Lots of memories can be made in this beautiful season. You



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know—the ones we take and see all over Instagram.

3. Fall Fashion!

'Tis the season for sweaters and jeans and boots you can wear for months at a time.

The weather is cool enough for long sleeves every day, and cozy hats are also very much in season this time of year.

And while cozy everyday wear is nice, it's nothing compared to the awesome costumes floating around on Halloween, like little flower pot babies, zombies and princesses!

4. Fallidays!

Two of the greatest holidays take place during fall—Halloween, where you dress up as whatever you want and do practically nothing for free candy, and Thanksgiving, where you meet up with friends or family and go up a pants size or two.

These two amazing holidays are one of the biggest factors that help fall to be everyone's favorite season.

5. The Sights!

The last reason fall is the best season of all time is the view! In the summer, the trees are all the same color—green. In winter, the leaves are all either brown or nonexistent. During fall, however, the leaves range from a huge number of beautiful colors and they blow through the air whenever the wind blows. One of the best things to do as a kid is to run around in an attempt to catch the falling leaves.

Whether it's because of holidays, wardrobe or just old holiday memories, everyone loves fall. Get out there this season and make some memories!

Unapologetically Unpopular Opinion Corner: Fresh Take on Fortnite

Jackson Pelot
STAFF WRITER

Yes, yes. Everyone loves Fortnite Battle Royale. But contrary to what your 11-year-old cousin might have claimed, Fortnite is not the culmination of human evolution you may have thought it was. Everywhere you look, you see some nine-year-old showing off his overdone completely original dance moves. I know kids who literally scream about how they love Fortnite. To put it short, the Fortnite craze is getting a bit old.

Carlee “Flamemaster” Schmelzer, a 10th grader at William and Reed, says that they are, “annoying, obnoxious, toxic and infuriating.”

What has gone wrong? Of course, every game has its flaws, and I am not trying to prove how Fortnite is a bad game—only to show how most people who play it have ruined what could have been a respectable game.

Daniel LaPlante, a local intellectual and W&R 10th grader, says, “Due to its large popularity with children, the game's structure seems to have become more pandering to the younger audiences. They put more development efforts towards cosmetics and other useless aspects in the game and steals precious development time away from the core aspects from the game, causing the game to be more buggy, and broken than it would have been if the player base was older.”

LaPlante raises some good points about the player base's negative effect on the game, and it's clear that the game has taken a turn for the worst.

Is it too late to go back?

Yes. The answer is yes.

If you have been on YouTube recently, you probably have seen an influx of Fortnite-related material on the site.

The problem, however, is not that it is Fortnite related. The problem is, again, the player base.

I did a quick search on YouTube for the keyword, “fortnite,” and the first video I found was a video titled, “Ninja Reacts To The Fastest Editor in Fortnite ‘Symfuhny’! Fortnite Op & Funny Moment” by the channel “FortniteOpMoments.”

It is definitely not what you call quality

content. In fact, it wasn't even the poster's content. It was a jigsaw puzzle of stolen footage and game clips stitched together into a Frankenstein's monster of brainless entertainment.



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After more exploration, it became clear that this particular video was not an outlier. All of the many videos I watched were exactly the same—braindead YouTube channels stealing content from other braindead YouTube channels and streamers, all blending into braindead entertainment and serving the mess, hot and fresh, to braindead viewers.

The worst part is? They're making money from it. People with these channels earn money from advertisers by posting ads in their videos or allowing those from third-party sponsors. As well, by stealing content, folks can earn money from those same videos.

According to an analytics website called Socialblade.com, “FortniteOpMoments” makes \$1.8K-\$29.2K a month, just for

stealing content. They put forth zero effort and take ad views from people who actually work hard to make entertaining content. Similar to how the fanbase ruined the game, these people are ruining a respectable social media platform—just to make a buck.

What I'm trying to say is that it is beyond getting old hearing about this game. It's infuriating that so much attention has gone to a game that definitely doesn't deserve it, especially when there are other great games around that have not gotten as much exposure as they should have.

With any luck, the madness will blow over soon, and we can all lower Fortnite into its grave.



NFL Predictions

Drew Yuhas
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Professional football is very popular not just to play, but also to watch. Everyone has a favorite team that they root for, no matter the odds. All the teams have their strengths and weaknesses, and depending on those, the outcomes of games are made. (There is also a little luck.)

In the NFL (National Football League), there are the dominant teams and the teams that just can't seem to win. The dominant teams usually win most of their games and make far in the playoffs or they win the Super Bowl.

In this article, I will predict who should probably make the playoffs, and it will all be based on last season and current standings.

The New England Patriots

Just off the bat, we already know they are heading for success because literally last year they made it to the Super Bowl—and, two years ago, they won it.

Even though those stats are good, you do have to see that right now their record is not the best, and there can be two outcomes from this: they can do better, or they can do horribly and not do well in the playoffs.

Although you might not like this pick but even Señor Reynolds says, "The LA Rams are the only undefeated team as of week 7 in the NFL—but, unfortunately, I think the Patriots will find a way to pull off the Super Bowl."

The Kansas City Chiefs

In the AFC West, the Kansas City Chiefs are looking very good. If you compare this to previous years, it has been the same. Right now, they have six wins and one loss; last year, they were 10 and 6; and, in 2016, they were 12 and 4. This might be the year they do very well and make it to the



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playoffs and get very far.

"The Chiefs are probably going to make it to the Super Bowl," says seventh grader Shaan Patel, and I believe him.

The Cincinnati Bengals

In the AFC North, the Cincinnati Bengals are doing the best, not only because of their standings but also their stats are also very high (like, right now, they are 4 and 3)—or their percentage of winning, which is .571 out of 1. This might be the year the Bengals make it far.

The Jacksonville Jaguars

On to the AFC South, the Jacksonville Jaguars because of last season's performance. They were 10 and 6 with 417 PF and only 268 PA.

The Philadelphia Eagles

Now to the NFC East (the National Football Conference), the Philadelphia Eagles should make the playoffs because so far they did so well last year. Their PF was much better than their PA not only last

year but also the year before that (last year 457 PF—point for—and 295 PA—points against.)

The Dallas Cowboys or the Washington Redskins could also be contenders, but it isn't the same situation because of the years before (like last year's standings of 9 and 7 for the Dallas Cowboys and 7 and 9 for the Washington Redskins).

The L.A. Rams

In the NFC West, the L.A. Rams might have a chance to make the playoffs because, just from their record, it is pretty obvious—they are currently 7 and 0. Also, their PF is much better than their PA (235 PF and 128 PA).

The Green Bay Packers

Now, to the NFC North. The Green Bay Packers could be playoff material because of their performance in the 2016 season (they were 10 and 6) and also their PF is just a little better than their PA.

The New Orleans Saints

Finally, in the NFC South, the Saints because their record (5 and 1) and their PF is better than their PA (204 PF and 163 PA). They also have such a skilled quarterback in Drew Brees, who beat the record for most passing yards in a career in his fifth game of the 2018 season.

There are many teams that could have made it in this article, but these teams right now are doing the best.

Squash: Not Just a Vegetable

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STAFF WRITER

Squash is an indoor sport which you play on a court using a small rubber ball and long racquets. You also must have special equipment such as squash goggles for eye protection and special shoes that don't mark the court.

It is basically like racquetball in the sense

that you and your opponent take turns hitting a ball to the front wall until one person misses the shot and doesn't hit the ball



to an area on the front wall that is in bounds—or until they hit it out of bounds.

Squash courts restrict you to only hitting the ball in a portion of the front wall. There are lines indicating if the ball is in or out.

This is a standard, everyday squash court.

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There are different types of courts as well: glass, concrete, wood or hybrid. The most common court you will play on is probably hybrid or wood. Glass courts are usually only used in professional tournaments.

You also have to warm up the ball to make it bounce. When it is cold it does not bounce. This makes squash a little different than tennis or racquetball where the ball is already bouncy. You really have to work hard to make it warm to start the game!

Since it's an indoor sport, there is no season. As well, it isn't a very common game in

the U.S., so it is a bit unique here.

I have been playing ever since 2009—when I was three years old!—and it's very entertaining as well as healthy and helps you stay very fit.

According to American lawyer Cass Sunstein in an interview, "They call Soccer the beautiful game, but if I had to identify just one sport to show members of some alien species what the human race is all about, I'd nominate squash."

In another interview, Jahangir Khan, a former squash world champion said,

"Everything is changing in squash. Lots of television coverage and the game has become very professional."

So, there you have it. That is what squash is. It is a very fun and healthy sport. There are many different kinds of players. You could be very competitive and compete in tournaments or you could just play for fun and be not so serious about winning and winning points.

The Five Stripe Frequent: Atlanta United FC Recap

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It's been a while since the last edition of *Reed All About It* and our last Atlanta United update. Likewise, much has happened since May—in the best and worst ways—for the Five Stripes.

The summer transfer season was good for them as they signed some Argentinian talent Eric Remedi, who has a market value of almost \$1.75 million. Atlanta United bought the 23-year-old for an undisclosed price, but we can guess that it was around his market value.

Remedi plays Central Defensive Midfielder and wears the number 11, which is Yamil Asad's (the former left wing) old number.

According to *Pro Soccer USA*, Remedi said, "I'm going to try and help in the middle of the field [...] My job is to recover the ball and give it to our attacking players."

He has been playing in place of Darlington Nagbe after his right adductor injury.

As well, everyone's favorite number 7 has put his name down in the history books once again. Josef Martinez, ST, broke the record for goals in a single season. He scored his 28th goal against AU's district rival Orlando City and beat the old record held by Chris Wondolowski.

He's been awarded a FIFA 18 Ultimate Team Record Breaker card and an MLS Player of The Month Award.

That said, the last seven games have been an experience, including a few losses.

Here are the stats on Atlanta's past six games:

9/2

DC United 3 - 1 Atlanta United
Luciano Acosta (29', 77') Jeff Larentowicz (39')
Wayne Rooney (52' PEN)

9/22

Atlanta United 2 - 0 Real Salt Lake
Julian Gressel (37')
Hector Villalba (61')

9/30

New York Red Bulls 2 - 0 Atlanta United
Daniel Royer (39')
Tim Parker (74')

10/6

Atlanta United 2 - 1 New England Revolution
George Bello (17') Juan Agudelo (90'+2')
Julian Gressel (52')

10/21

Atlanta United - Chicago
Franco Escobar (9')
Michael de Leeuw (24')

Johan Kappelhof (26' OG)



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9/15

Colorado Rapids 0 - 3 Atlanta United
Miguel Almiron (10', 18')
Hector Villalba (37')

9/19

San Jose Earthquakes 3 - 4 Atlanta United
Nick Lima (13') Hector Villalba (45'+3')
Danny Hoesen (43') Josef Martinez (70' PEN, 90'+5')
Valeri Qazaishvili (58') Miguel Almiron (73')

The last game against Toronto FC on Oct. 28 could decide whether the team stays in first place to win the Supporters shield. If they don't, however, they still have a chance to win the MLS cup.

The MLS playoffs start Nov. 4, since the Five Stripes already made it to the semi-finals.



Technically Speaking: iOS 12 & the New iPhones

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Apple is one of the top-selling device and software companies in the world. Apple even has a date when they release a new software and new devices every year. This year's update brings amazing new features to all of Apple's devices.

The Apple update of September 2018, was iOS 12. However, the company recently admitted that when they release a new software, they disable the software on older devices. For example, when Apple released iOS 10, iPhone 4s—which used to be able to get all latest updates—could not download iOS 10. This, they claim, was because the phones were so old, Apple could no longer release the update to those devices. The same goes with iPads, televisions, Macs and iWatches.

While many are upset about this revelation, this could also be a good business strategies. In 2016, Apple released iOS 10 for all phones above 5. This is good because it forced all iPhone 4 and 4s users to buy the iPhone (the current new phone at the time), because their devices no longer receive current updates and new features.

That said, the phones that will most likely not receive iOS 12 are 5s and 5c.

The features of iOS 12, which may just cause some iPhone 5 series users to switch, include: FaceTime with up to 32 people, personalized animoji for iPhone X users, stickers on photos, do not disturb timers, faster touch reactions, faster touch ID, faster face ID, four new animoji characters, augmented reality software, easy view notifications, a new photos app, new shortcuts and voice memos on iPad. You can now schedule Do Not Disturb for the next hour, day or until the end of the next event. It is also now easier to swipe to the camera from the lock screen.

Freshman Shivani Patel says, "I think these features are very advanced and creative with new and fun improvements."

Apple has given iOS 12.00.0.0 the mantra "More power to you." This is true with all the new features that let you better control your devices.

There is so much more, so visit www.apple.com/ios/ios-12-preview.



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So, will these changes in software cause Apple users to buy the new phone? You decide.

iPhone Xs, Xs MAX & XR

It's also the sweet time of year, when the leaves turn red and Hobby Lobby has had Christmas trees for 2 months—that Apple releases a completely new series of software new phones new watches new computers and TVs.

However, people only seem to care about the phones. Because of this, we are looking at the features of the new iPhone Xs, Xs MAX and XR. These new phones have so much to offer, but some wonder: is the pricing really worth it?

iPhone Xs is about the same size as the original iPhone X, but it differs in touch reactions, has faster facial recognition and so much more. iPhone XR, is just bigger than the Xs, with the original X front display, but a redesigned look toward the back of the phone.

In depth, the iPhone Xs is the smarter version of the iPhone X. With a super retina display, this phone is better for your eyes. There is also even faster face ID, the smart-



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est and most powerful chip in a smartphone, and as always, dual camera system for great portraits, and portrait selfies.

The iPhone Xs is described by Apple as "Everything you love about iPhone. Taken to the extreme."

The iPhone Xs MAX is the exact same thing as the iPhone Xs, just a bigger display. So big in fact, it is the biggest display ever

on iPhone.

If you're still interested, XR truly delivers on the rumor of what iPhone 9 was supposed to look like. It has a liquid retina display and is just bigger than the iPhone Xs. Also, it is the first single camera lens to have portrait mode, but the phone has just been released as a prototype, so we don't know if there is portrait edits and/or special lighting yet.

All these devices are available now.

Freshman Shivani Patel is an iPhone 8 plus user. When asked if the new features would prompt her to buy the new iPhone, she stated, "I like my phone the way it is. Plus, it's probably going to be outrageously expensive."

This proves that current iPhones are still up to date with users and the price of Apple's phones will turn iPhone users the other way

Sub-perb Game: Subnautica

Riley Strumpf
STAFF WRITER

Video games are the staple of creativity and hard work, and the people that make them deserve feedback.

That's where I come in.

Hi, I'm Riley, and I love to play video games—and write about them.

Hey, you.

Yeah, I'm talking to you.

You know that hard earned money that you plan to spend on video games? Well, you need to know what games are good and what games are bad, and the answer is right in front of you: Subnautica.

Who knew getting stuck on an oceanic planet could be so beautiful?

Subnautica, an underwater survival game, proves that not all alien planets are filled with aggressive sentient beings based on world annihilation. Instead, the waters of planet 4546B contain glamorous (and unglamorous) beings that are just trying to live their lives.

However, it goes WAY deeper than just that.

4546B has a massive story behind it. As you progress through the game, you uncover the dark story of what caused your ship to crash.

You play as an unnamed character (known to your companion AI as "Captain"), who is the only survivor of the

Aurora, a cargo space ship that spontaneously crashes on a watery planet.

Although you find out that other people



The submarine design is breathtaking.

survive the crash, SPOILER ALERT—everyone ends up eventually dying.

Subnautica is an open world, so be prepared to travel long distances constantly. Oh, and while you are traveling, watch out for predators as they will attack your ship on sight.

Of course, when you traverse this planet, you will need something to travel in, right?

That where the Cyclops, Seamoth and Prawn Suit come in handy. The Cyclops is a massive submarine, the Seamoth is a smaller vehicle used for faster travel and the Prawn Suit is used for traveling on the seafloor.

But where are you going to put the vehicles?

In your habitat, that's where.

To survive in Subnautica (let alone flourish), you need a habitat. It is an essential part of the game and allows you to do things like dock your vehicles, craft important resources, study aquatic fauna, study aquatic fish and more.

You can get this for the low, low price of—well, whatever resources you are willing give up for the sake of your base. It will be well worth it—trust me.

All in all, Subnautica is full of fun. It has everything you need to get started fast, and it has plenty of replayability. There are no building wait times, and crafting times are so fast that you won't even know what happened. It can be fast paced and slow paced; it just depends on what play style you prefer.

Subnautica is a solid indie game that has sold over five million copies and has a "Very Positive" review rating on steam.

Sophomore Daniel LaPlante said, "Its simple graphic style looks good and allows for most computer to run it."

One reviewer on Steam states, "If you like basebuilding, the ocean life, exploring, oh god I can't stress exploring enough."

This indie game deserves the five stars it gets.

In-game screenshot by Riley Strumpf

In the World of Minecraft

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STAFF WRITER

Minecraft is a sandbox game about being creative and building whatever you want. You could make mechanisms with Redstone in an infinitely generated world with only blocks since 2010. The game was first created in May of 2009, but it wasn't infinite until December of 2009.

You could build mansions, item farms, mini-games, fountains, bridges, etc. There are many different platforms that you can play it on. You can play it on Consoles, Mobile devices, PCs and Fire TV.

There are three modes you can play in: survival, creative and hardcore.

In survival mode, you must punch trees to make a shelter; kill animals and farm to get food; mine to get better tools and armor



This is a big Minecraft house with a path-way, yard, shed and a fountain.

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<https://www.planetminecraft.com/project/huge-mansion-by-gibbli/>

and fight monsters at night for your life in a pixelated world.

In creative mode, you already have everything in the game available for you to use. It is a mode to make building

designs or hard Redstone so you could re-make it in your survival world.

Lastly, hardcore mode is basically survival mode, but once you die the first time, your world is deleted and all you can do is move the camera around yourself to look at what you've built in that world.

According to Markus Persson, a.k.a.

Notch, a Swedish video game programmer, the creator of Minecraft in an interview with BBC News, "Minecraft' certainly became a huge hit, and I've learned it's changed games. I never meant for it to do either. It's certainly flattering, and to gradually get thrust into some kind of public spotlight is interesting."

Also according to Persson, the creator of Minecraft on IGN.com, "If I had intended for 'Minecraft' to end up on consoles, I wouldn't have developed the game in Java. The decision to port the game to consoles came from a combination of player requests, a desire to play around with the brand on different platforms." By the way, Redstone is an ore in Minecraft which you could mine with a pickaxe to get Redstone dust which is basically the game's way of transferring electricity.

Truck Parkour: Clustertruck Review

Riley Strumpf
STAFF WRITER

Ever imagined jumping from a semi truck onto another semi truck until you reach a floating finish line? Yeah, me neither. However, the folks at Landfall did. Say hello to Clustertruck, and even though it's very different from any other game released on the market, that doesn't stop the game from being fun and successful. You're about to see why this game has over 500,000 copies sold.

Clustertruck, simply put, is a parkour game where one is forced to jump from semi truck to semi truck—and don't even THINK about touching the ground because you will immediately die on the spot.

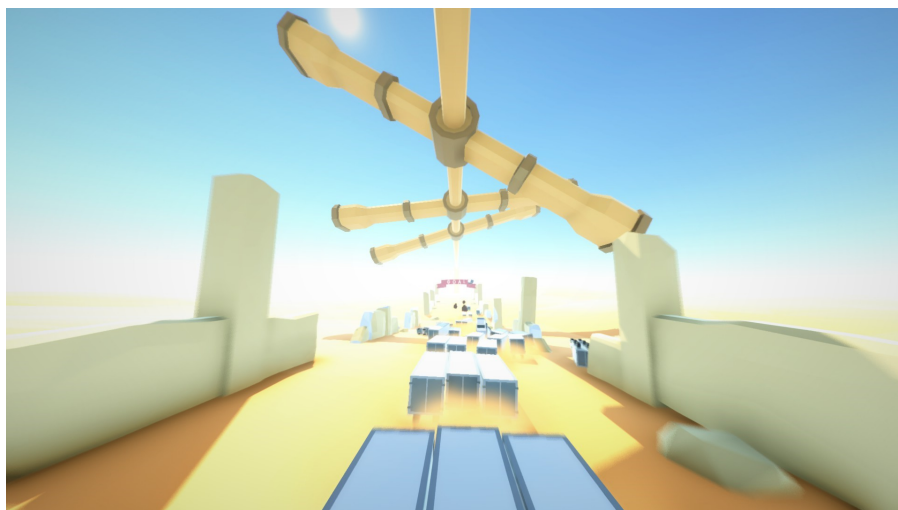
One reviewer from Steam goes so far as to say, "It's the hardcore version of the floor is lava."

These trucks have ruthless drivers, too. They will crash into each other and sometimes even explode, trying to get who knows where. There are also obstacles strategically placed around each level trying to stop you and your reckless trucking crew from getting to the end of the level.

This game is full of action, but not adventure. But who needs adventure when you've got action?

In Clustertruck, you are also given two abilities. These can range from slowing down time to a grappling hook (a sticky black string). These abilities have limitations, though, so don't get any ideas that you are going to be able to use them over and over again. Make sure to save these for the moments that matter most, like if you are about to touch the ground.

As well, the game has a very linear con-



Seeing the finish line is the most beautiful sight!

cept. Most of the levels are extremely linear and all of them have only one goal: to get from point A to point B. This can get repetitive and leave a sour taste in one's mouth, but the ever-changing design to the levels can improve the action and up the diversity in each level.

"Later levels of the campaign are frustrating," said one user. "They feel more cheap than actually challenging."

This is true. Clustertruck doesn't even come close to preparing you for the final bossfight that ensues, which can make it very frustrating for even the most experienced players.

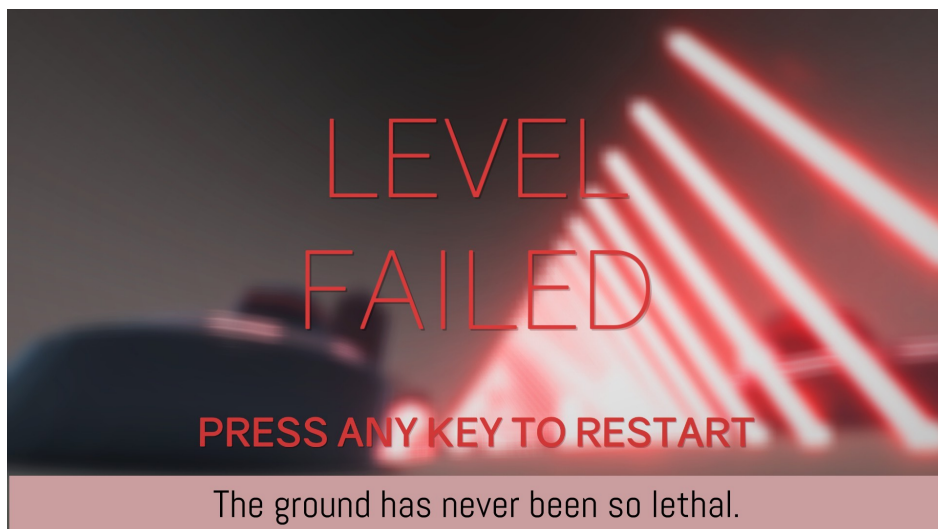
There are nine sets (worlds or themes) of

levels, each containing ten levels. There are also two seasonal sets, which makes the total of non-workshop levels one hundred ten. The game also supports the Steam workshop, which is a place where people can submit their own levels that they created to Steam for other people to play.

The Steam workshop for Clustertruck is over one thousand two hundred. That's quite a lot of levels, and the count continues to rise every day.

All in all, Clustertruck is a fun game. It has a few flaws, such as how the levels are sorted, other than that it's one of the best parkour games we have to date. It's developed by Landfall and published by Tiny Build, and has a "Very Positive" rating on Steam. This is a great buy for anyone who wants silly fast paced parkour.

This indie game is not perfect, but it still is a great game and deserves a 4-star rating.



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Alexa's Recs: Recommended Reads

Alexa Madrid
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Reading transports you to a completely new world with many genres to choose from. I am going to share with you four book recommendations to keep you reading over the holiday season.

My Lady Jane is a comedy, romance and historical fiction book by Brodi Ashton, Cynthia Hand and Jodi Meadows. The book follows the story of the English Queen, Lady Jane Grey Dudley, but with a bit of a mythical and magical twist.

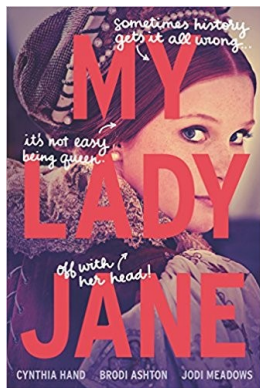


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Lady Jane Grey is about to be married off to Gifford Dudley, a complete stranger, whose father is secretly using them both to take the throne for himself.

Ninth grader Sam Frandina says, "This book sounds really good and sounds like it will have a great amount of humor."

On the star rating scale, I would give it 4 out of 5 stars.

Recommended Age: 12+

The next book on the list, *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco, follows the story of thanatologist, Audrey Rose Wadsworth, as she studies the ways of death through her uncle.

Along the way, she tries and solves the famous murders of English serial killer, Jack the Ripper. This book gets deep into the story of her procedures on the dead and the murders by this famous serial killer, so this is definitely a book for older teens.

Ninth grader Riley Strumpf said, "I love murder mystery and this book is filled with it. So if you love murder mystery I would recommend it."

Ninth grader Sam Lew says, "It sounds interesting. I definitely would read it."

On the star rating scale, I would rate it a 5 out of 5 stars.

Recommended Age: 14+
Warning: Some Graphic Content

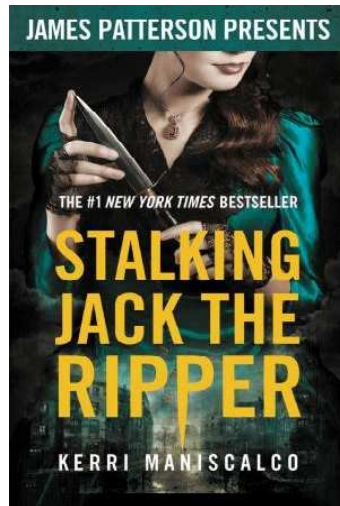


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The Book Thief by Markus Zusak is a book about Liesel Meminger who lives in Nazi Germany in 1939, the time of the Holocaust.

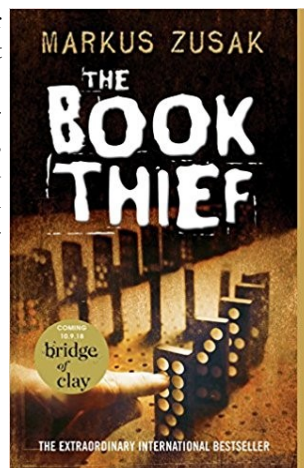
The book follows Liesel's life with her family and friends during this time period and is narrated by non-other than Death himself.

I read this book for Summer Reading, and I could not put it down. I highly recommend it.

Ninth grader Sydney Rowen said, "It's very sad, but teaches an important message."

Another ninth grader who read it last year, Ashlyn Applebaum, said, "It keeps you interested with a lot of cliff-hangers."

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Lastly, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs is a spooky classic book that is perfect for the Halloween season.

When Jacob Portman's grandfather is murdered by a strange creature, he goes through his things and finds information about Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. The mystery and danger deepen as he gets to know the residents and learns about their special powers.

Eighth grader Carly Survance says, "*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* was intriguing from the start. I could hardly put it down! I would definitely recommend this book."

Eighth Grader Caroline Warner says, "*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* sounds very interesting, and I am definitely adding it to my reading list."

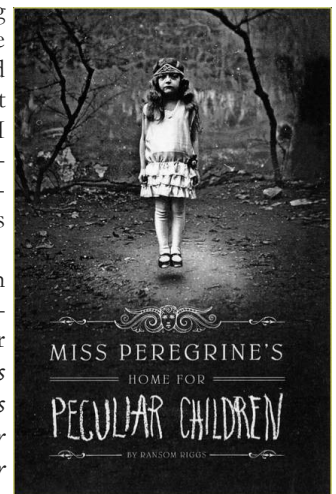


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If any of these books sound interesting, you can find them at any of your local book stores.

I hope you will enjoy them as much I did!



Payton's Picks: The Top Movies of 2018 (So Far)

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This article is about the top movies so far in 2018. My picks are *Ready Player One*, *Avengers: Infinity War*, *The Predator*, *Black Panther*, *Incredibles 2* and *The MEG*.

Ready Player One

This movie is set in 2045, and it is about people going to a virtual place, the OASIS. The OASIS is where people go and be or do anything they want. People go to the OASIS to escape the real world and have salvation.

The Founder of the OASIS, Halliday, died and left behind a huge fortune. Whoever finds the Easter Egg first gets that fortune.

Seventh grader Ryan Hilderbrand says, "It's a great movie, and I like when he sleeps in the washing machine."

Avengers: Infinity War

Another top movie of 2018 would be *Avengers: Infinity War*. It is about Thanos and his journey of getting the infinity stones.

The reason Thanos wanted the stones was because it allows him to conquer all planets. All of the heroes had to stop him from conquering earth. Lots of heroes joined together to stop Thanos, to a surprising end.

Seventh grader Gavin Riccardi said, "My favorite part was when Iron Man beat up Thanos and he was like . . ." (and then he made weird noises).

The Predator

The next movie is *The Predator*. This is about an alien bounty hunter that comes from the outer space. The alien has genetically modified itself with DNA from other

species when a boy accidentally triggers its return. Only a crew of ex soldiers and evolutionary scientists can prevent the end of the human race.

Black Panther

The next movie is *Black Panther*. This is about a new king, T'challa, who has to defend the nation Wakanda. An enemy, Erik Killmonger, wants to take over T'challa's throne and send out all of the vibranium. Erik Killmonger temporarily has the throne, but T'challa Comes back and claims the throne once more.

My neighbor said, "*Black Panther* is my favorite movie because of the backstories when Erik Killmonger wanted to avenge his father's death." T'challa's father killed Erik's father.

Incredibles 2

The fourth movie is *The Incredibles*. The family, Dash, Violet, Bob and Elastigirl is unaware of Jack's growing powers and a new villain emerges with a dangerous plot. Elastigirl continues her superhero work and Bob, Mr. Incredible, is basically a stay at-home-dad.

The MEG

The last movie is *The MEG*. This movie is about a thought-to-be extinct sea creature still roaming the depths of the ocean. The MEG attacked a crew and trapped them at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.



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This creature is a 75-ft long shark that is called the Megalodon. It was at the top of the food chain during its time but went extinct because of a lack of food.

Personally, my favorite movie was *Infinity War*. It had all the heroes in one group to work together. Also, it was entertaining seeing the heroes lose for once.

All of these movies were entertaining in their own way.

My least favorite movie in this list would be *Ready Player One* because it felt rushed.

What's next? A recent release I'm looking forward to seeing is *Venom*.



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'Tis the Season to Be Spooky: The History of Halloween

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Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. 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 Nov. 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 Oct. 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.

According to History.com, to commemorate the event, the 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.



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History.com also states that, 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 43 A.D., the Roman Empire 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.

The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The

second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of "bobbing" for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

Halloween is now a time of trick-or-treating and little kids running around in costumes. However, if you fit that description and you live in eighth grader Jake Biller's neighborhood, beware.

"Halloween is when you can scare little kids," says Biller.

Eighth grader Shivani Patel puts a more positive spin on the holiday.

"Halloween is a chance to dress up like someone else," says Patel.

Wishing you lots of candy and tons of fun next week!

Did you know:

One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween?

Top 10 Halloween Songs

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STAFF WRITER

Halloween is not recognized for its songs, but there are some top hits. Here is Billboard's take—and mine.

Billboard's Top 10 Halloween Songs:

1. "Thriller" by Michael Jackson
2. "Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickins & the Crypt-Kickers
3. "Ghostbusters" by Ray Parker, Jr.
4. "Deal with the Devil" by Pop Evil
5. "Werewolves of London" by Warren Zevon
6. "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder

7. "Creep" by Radiohead

8. "Don't Fear the Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult

9. "Highway to Hell" by AC/DC

10. "This is Halloween" by Danny Elfman

Dom's Top 10:

1. "Thriller" by Michael Jackson
2. "Halloween" by Jon Bellion
3. "Everybody Dies" by Logic



4. "Street Dreams II" by Logic

5. "Don't Fear the Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult

6. "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder

7. "Venom" by Eminem

8. "Haunted House" by Jon Bellion

9. "Music Box" by Eminem

10. "Ghostbusters" by Ray Parker, Jr.

What do you think about these choices? Take a listen and decide for yourself!

Other October Holidays

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STAFF WRITER

Although everyone's focus tends to be on Halloween, October is filled with many interesting holidays celebrating food, people and causes that are important to us.

Oct. 1—International Coffee Day

October 1st, a day dedicated to one of the world's most popular drinks: coffee. International Coffee Day is a good day to go to your local Starbucks and buy a latte.



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Oct. 2—International Day of Nonviolence

Oct. 2 reminds us that there are plenty of causes that we can show awareness of peacefully. On this day, commit to a random act of kindness and spread awareness.

Oct. 3—National Boyfriend Day

The third day of October is celebrating boyfriends all around America. However, National Girlfriend Day is not until Aug. 1!

Oct. 4—World Animal Day

Where would humans be without our furry little friends? Oct. 4 is the perfect day to celebrate your pet! Take your dog on a walk or buy your cat a new toy on this day.

Oct. 5—World Teachers Day

World Teacher Day is a good day to show gratitude toward your teachers. This day was launched by the United Nations in 1994.

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Oct. 6—National Noodle Day

Oct. 7—World Smile Day



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Oct. 8—Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day

Columbus Day is one of America's holidays that's become more on the controversial side in recent years. Some have taken to calling this holiday Indigenous Peoples Day because of the nature of how Christopher Columbus discovered America, when Native Americans already lived here. States such as Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, South Dakota and Vermont do not celebrate Columbus Day at all.

Oct. 9—World Post Day

Oct. 10—World Mental Health Day

This day spreads awareness about mental health and tries to help show support of people who struggle with theirs. Studies show fifty percent of mental health illness starts at age 14 and many cases go undetected.

Oct. 11—National Sausage Pizza Day

Oct. 12—National Farmers Day

Farming is one of the world's oldest professions, and they give us our food! This day is all about the hard workers who grow our food.

Oct. 13—Navy Birthday

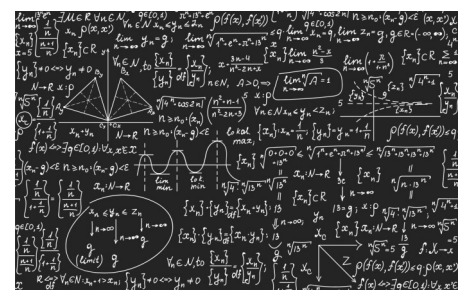
The Navy was born on Oct. 13, 1775. It was established during the Revolutionary War. In fact, George Washington, our nation's first president, is the father of the Navy. Also, all of the submariners in the Navy are volunteers!

Oct. 14—National Dessert Day



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Oct. 15—World Maths Day



In America, one of students many hard subjects is called "Math." But in Europe they say the subject with an "S" (Maths), as in "Mathematics." After America was founded and schools started to go into session, the nation got into the habit of dropping the "S."

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Oct. 16—World Food Day

This day serves as a reminder that some kids go to bed hungry. This day helps spread awareness of hunger and reminds us that it can be ended.

Oct. 17—National Pasta Day

Pasta was first invented in the 5th century. The first pasta factory was opened in Venice, Italy, in 1740. Pasta that is not fresh, known as “artificial pasta” was first invented in 1914. Today is the perfect day to go to Olive Garden!

Oct. 18—National Chocolate Cupcake Day

Oct. 19—National New Friends Day

Oct. 20—World Osteoporosis Day

This day is to help spread awareness of keeping your bones healthy! Oct. 20 is the perfect day to promote good nutrition, stay active—and drink an extra glass of milk!

Oct. 21—International Day of the Nacho

Nachos were invented in 1943 and were created by accident. This soon led to the adaptation of the food style “Tex-Mex.”

Oct. 22—National Nut Day

Oct. 23—National Boston Cream Pie Day

Oct. 24—United Nations Day

The UN has done some amazing things. They eliminated Polio and, among many other things, they gave women a voice by allowing them to represent their countries.

Nationaltoday.com states that “In 1995, the UN held the World Women Conference, where 189 countries came together to set an agenda for promoting and advancing women's rights and equality.”

The UN is currently on a mission to end world hunger.

Oct. 25—World Pasta Day

Pasta is very delicious. In fact, it's so delicious there is a national and world holiday for the dish itself! It is easy to make and easy to get, after all!

Oct. 26—National Pumpkin Day

From eating, carving and using as a scent, pumpkins are everywhere in the fall. They also have health benefits.

According to Nationaltoday.com, “Not only are they one of the best-known sources of beta-carotene (an antioxidant that is con-

as their go to brand.”

While you are out Oct. 28, pick up your favorite chocolate bar!

Oct. 29—National Internet Day



Oct. 30—National Checklist Day



Oct. 31—Halloween

Oct. 31 is the day that kids trick-or-treat—and some even go to haunted houses! Whether your costume is scary, fun or silly, everyone can find a way to have fun on Halloween.

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verted to vitamin A in the body), but pumpkins are loaded with fiber, potassium, and vitamin C.” Do your health a favor and eat some pumpkin on Oct. 26.

Oct. 27—National Black Cat Day

Black cats have always gotten a bad reputation. Way back in 1232, Pope Gregory IX was the first to suggest that black cats were associated with Satan. We typically hear if one crosses your path, it is bad luck!

Oct. 28—National Chocolate Day

Oct. 28 is the day America celebrates one of its most loved treats. Nationaltoday.com states that, based on a survey they took, 79% percent of people answered that they have chocolate once a week. The website also states that 59% of people prefer milk chocolate over white or dark chocolate. It also states that “in a crowded field, over four-in-ten people surveyed pick Hershey's

Neveu #NailedIt: Halloween Pinterest Snacks

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Everyone knows that the best part of Halloween isn't the costumes, ghosts and ghouls, but the candy and the food! Snacks are a fun way to get yourself, your friends and your family into the spirit of Halloween.

Whether it's for school, a party or just for fun, here are some fun treats to make and eat for the month of Halloween!

Halloween Pretzels

This is a snack you can make despite any lack of artistic ability. It's fast and simple



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and can look any way you want them to!

All you need for this fun treat is a family-sized bag of pretzels; orange, white and purple melting chocolate; candy eyes and green sprinkles.



First, separate your chocolate into colors, and melt them in separate bowls for 10-20 seconds at a time, stirring it frequently. Continue until the chocolate is completely melted and smooth.

Then, dunk or drizzle the pretzels in the desired color of chocolate so it's covered and recolored. Place the eyes on top of the purple and white pretzels, or green sprinkles on top of the orange pretzels as stems. Do this before the chocolate coating dries. Lay the pretzels out on a plate, and place them in the fridge until they are cool and dry.

Enjoy!

Witch Hat Cookies

This fun Halloween snack is simple and requires no heat or cooling at all. Just make and eat! All you need are Oreo cookies with any color of filling, a few pieces of mini yellow Starburst, a bag of Hershey Kisses and a tube of orange frosting.

Before you start making your witch hats, cut 5 to 10 mini yellow Starbursts into about four pieces or to the desired size of the "belt buckles" on your hats.



To start your snack, take a single Oreo and squirt a small circle of orange frosting in the center of the top cookie. Before the frosting dries or hardens, place a Hershey Kiss on top of the circle of frosting and push it down so the frosting becomes visible under the chocolate.

Then, stick one of the small pieces of Starburst to the bottom of the Hershey kiss to create the belt buckle.

After that, you're done!
Serve and enjoy!



Candy-Corny Jokes

Kishan Patel

STAFF BAD JOKE FINDER

Q: Why was the Jack-O-Lantern afraid to cross the street?

A: Because it had no guts!

Q: Why did the witches cancel their baseball game?

A: They couldn't find their bats!

Q: Why is it okay to tell a mummy a secret?

A: Because it will keep it under wraps!

Q: What is a scarecrows favorite fruit?

A: STRAW-berries!

Q: Where do baby ghosts go during the day?

A: Day-SCARE center!

Q: What is the most important subject for witches?

A: Spelling!

Q: What kinds of roads do ghosts haunt?

A: Dead Ends!

Q: Why don't ghosts haunt in the rain?

A: Because it dampens their spittits!

Jokes from confidencemeetsparenting.com



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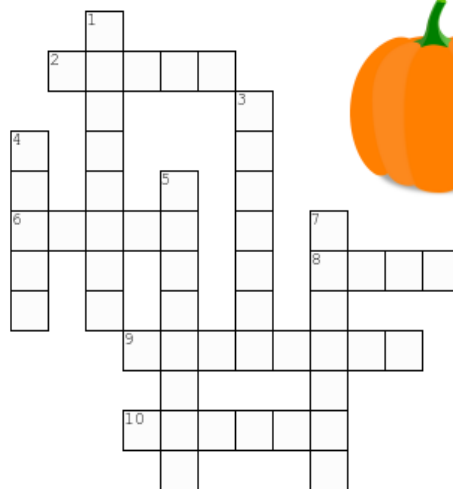
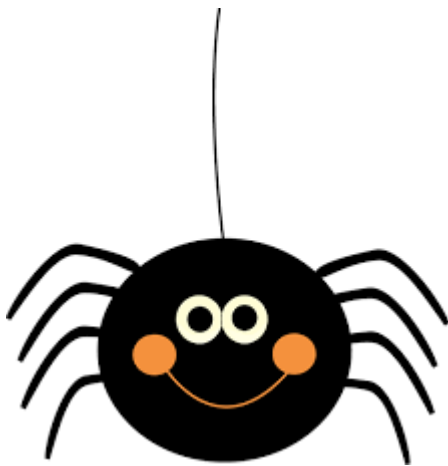
Riley Strumpf

STAFF DOO-DAD MAKER

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Halloween Crossword Puzzle

Complete this spooky Halloween themed crossword puzzle!



Across

2. He's all wrapped up.
6. _____ or Treat!
8. Caw Caw Caw!
9. Awoooooo!
10. BRAAAAINS!

Down

1. I love to carve _____ on Halloween!
3. He wants to drink your blood.
4. She'll put a spell on you.
5. A bony monster.
7. Month of Halloween.

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