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Have you made something creative?

Did you wish that it could be remembered by your classmates?

WELL NOW IT CAN!!!!

Put your creative pictures or writing in your grade's submission boxes by the end of the second trimester to have a chance to have them featured in the ARPS yearbook!

Only creativity submitted by January 31 that includes your first and last name as well as your teacher's name will be considered. Any work including artwork, short stories, poems, etc. will be accepted for consideration. Remember to use color in any artwork, since everything will be printed in color. We can't wait to see what you create!

Staff Spotlight: Ms. Amer

By Talan B. (6th grade) and Mia L. (6th Grade)

Do you prefer teaching 4th graders instead of teaching 5th graders? What are some differences between those 2 levels?

They both have positives and negatives and I do like teaching the 4th graders. I think the one thing I noticed the most is that the 4th graders are a little less mature. It's only a year, but you can really tell. For example, they aren't as experienced with using computers and none of them have phones. They are not really into social media, so it really seems like 4th to 5th they become a lot more like middle schoolers. The 4th graders are younger and more interested in playing with each other and less interested in playing with their phones.

What is favorite subject to teach?

My favorite subject to teach is math because we do centers in class usually during math and I think that keeps everyone engaged and having fun. I also like to teach math because I feel like it's easy to make sure you're giving them the work that they need to be right on their specific level.

What do you like about the weather changing?

I am excited about the weather changing because I really like to go skiing when it's starts to snow and I back country ski. This little bit of snow is kind of like a reminder that the season is going to be starting soon!

What is your favorite holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is Christmas because I get to see all of my family, also my grandparents and my cousins and aunts and uncles that I don't usually get to see from all different parts of the country and we get to come together and I get to see them all.

What is your costume for the trunk or treat?

I think I am going to be one of the X-men characters, but I am not positive.

Why did you want to become a teacher?

I wanted to become a teacher because I like working with kids. I felt like I liked their energy and their inspirational things. I also wanted to make a difference, and I felt that teaching was a good way to do that.

What is your favorite Halloween candy?

Anything chocolate, I really like Almond Joys especially when it is Halloween.

Thanks, Miss Amer, for being our staff spotlight!

HALLOWEEN ORIGINS

By **Grace S. (7th grade)**

As some might know it is the season for Halloween, and that means all of the fun, enjoyable things that we do to keep traditions running. For example, setting up Halloween decorations, dressing up in Halloween costumes, and giving out candy on the fateful night of October 31. On that fun evening, everyone dresses up, walks around, and some people hand out candy. But have you ever wondered where Halloween originated from? Do you ever wonder how Halloween started? If you want to know, keep reading. After all, this might help you to defeat an evil Halloween spirit!

Halloween was believed to have originated due to an Ancient Celtic festival in Samhain. In this festival, the Ancient Celts lit large bonfires and dressed up in costumes. This celebration was believed to ward off evil spirits as the winter season approached. This celebration was almost forgotten as the Ancient Celts slowly faded away from the world. These ancient methods were actually almost forgotten, until almost 700 years later, when Pope Gregory III named November 1st a day to ward off evil spirits and to celebrate the lives of people that gave their lives for religious beliefs and old saints too. This day was officially named as All Saints day. Now, this may not seem at all like Halloween, but the night before All Saints day was named Hallow's Eve. On Hallow's Eve, people would light fires and ward off evil spirits, almost exactly like what the Ancient Celts would do.

Over the years that have passed, Hallow's Eve had been modified into a much more competitive celebration and has even been incorporated into other religions, like Dia De Los Muertos, in Mexico. Where people celebrate the lives of close relatives and friends who have passed away.

Finally, during the colonization of America, Halloween beliefs and celebrations were brought to North America from Europe. Soon, the fun trend of this custom spread throughout America, eventually turning into the holiday Halloween.

In conclusion, over the years, an Ancient Celtic festival eventually morphed into the night before a celebration of religious spirits, and then, to the final celebration of Halloween. Don't forget to celebrate Halloween this year!!! Happy Halloween!

Sources used:

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FALL FEST

By **Zoe R. (7th grade)**

The fall fest for this year is TOMORROW, and there are going to be lots of fun things for you to experience. Some of those things include pumpkins on parade, a bounce house, a costume parade, a photo booth, a water balloon slingshot, and you will also get to eat delicious things like cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones. On top of all this, there are horses coming to visit the school! You will also get to see Aspen Ridge students who are experts in equestrian vaulting (as seen in the photo on the right) teaching you how to do this too! Make sure you come to do all of these things and meet our special visitors. Remember that tickets are 50 cents each. Can't wait to see you there!



Events

By **Jade A. (7th grade)**

Clubs Start - October 11th through 12th and 20th - Sing in acapella, paint in art, dribble in basketball, and more

Science Fair Workshop - 3:30 to 4:15pm - Every Thursday starting October 12th - Work on designs for your science fair project

Fall Fest - October 21st - 11am - 2pm - Play games and show off your Halloween costumes

Family Movie Night - October 21st - 5:30pm to 8pm - Buy some snacks and watch a movie with your family

Picture Retake Day - October 24th - Retake your picture or take it if you missed the day

Dress Down Day - October 27th - Wear your casual day clothes at school

Live Blue - October 27th - 6:30 to 8pm - Memes at the Erie Community Library for 6th through 12th graders

Boo on Briggs Street - October 28th - 4 to 8pm - Trunk or treat, have a costume contest, and have a glow in the dark party (Erie community event)

Classroom Parties - October 31st - 2 to 3pm - Party with your class in costume

Halloween - October 31st - Dress up and have a scary time

Miner's Tavern - November 1st - Help fundraise for the school

Early Release - November 1st - Take a break from school and if you were up late celebrating Halloween, get an afternoon nap in!

3rd Grade Store - November 3rd - 3rd graders 'buy' items to keep

Book Review of *Bad Unicorn*

By Carl H. (6th grade)

Rating: ★★★★★☆

Summary:

In this book by Platte F. Clarke, a kid named Max reads a book. This wouldn't be unusual except for the fact that the book is called the Codex of Infinite Knowability, and it can only be read by a blood descendant of the arch-sorcerer Maximilian Sporazo. It gives anybody else that tries to open it a sort of static shock, and even if the other people could open it they would just see gibberish. Anyway, Max is having a normal day in the Techrus (the human realm) until he accidentally reads a magic spell in a game shop and sends himself, his friend Dirk, and the owner of the game shop into the future. Then he has to fight Princess the unicorn, who was sent to the Techrus 'a while back' (remember, they are in the future) to capture Max and also eat everyone in Texas. Princess had gotten carried away and eaten all the humans, so Max fights her and then goes back home. This is a really great book and I hope you enjoy it!

Recommended audience: If you like new twists on fantasy or just fantasy in general, you probably will love this book!

Video Game Review of *Slime Rancher*

By Carl H. (6th grade)

Rating: ★★★★★☆

Summary:

In this video game published by Monomi Park, you take on the role of Beatrix LeBeau, a person who leaves Earth to ranch slimes in the Far, Far Range. You start the game on a ranch that was formerly owned by a person named Hobson Twilligers. On the ranch, there are plots for building corrals to hold slimes, farms to grow fruit and veggies to feed the slimes, coops for chickens to feed to meat-eating slimes, etc. There are multiple expansions to the ranch that give you more plots. There is also the 7Zee Rewards Club, which acts as a money sink if you end up with more newbucks (the money in the game) than you know what to do with. You feed slimes to get plorts, which are sold using a control panel on the ranch to give you newbucks, which are in turn used to get better stuff. To get slimes, you explore the Far, Far Range and vacuum them up with your vacpack, then shoot them into the corrals. There is a lot to do in this game, and new content is being added all the time.

Recommended audience: If you like adventure games, farming games, or just games in general, this game might be pretty cool!

Perseverance Quotes

By **Elena P. (6th Grade)**

Never let the haters hate you. Just keep trying and working your hardest!

-Elena

Perseverance is the hard work you do it after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

The key to success is action and the essential ion in action is perseverance.

-Newt Gingrich

Champions keep playing until they get it right.

-Billie Jean King

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Time I Learned Perseverance

By **Matthew W. (6th grade)**

When I showed perseverance, I was playing an 007 and I was stuck on a level. I had to beat an assassin, and I kept trying to defeat him, but he kept getting me first. I kept trying to beat him in the same way, and it wasn't working, so I had to come up with a plan. I realized that I could upgrade my weapons! I paused and did that, then got back into the game more prepared to conquer him. When I got to the point where we started fighting, I had what I needed to get rid of him, and I finally beat that level! When you are stuck, keep working at it don't give up.

INTERVIEW OF 4TH GRADER BOO BOO, THE OWL ARTIST

By **Zoe R. and Kaelin L. (6th and 7th grade)**

What motivated you to want to do the owl contest?

I was thinking that I could create something nice for the newsletter that everyone could see.

How did you feel when you saw that you won the contest?

I was surprised because one of my friends had a really good picture too.

Have your friends reacted differently to you since you won the contest?

They have congratulated me, but they haven't really acted too different.

What gave you the idea to draw the owl the way you did (with glasses, in a tree, holding the newsletter, coffee on the tree)?

I was going off of a teacher theme because teachers like coffee and some of them wear glasses.

If you were to draw the owl again would you change anything about the picture?

No, except I would probably outline everything with sharpie.

Spooky Poem!

By Chaya. M (8th grade)



Scary Scarecrow

Petrifying Pirate

Orange Ogre

Otherworldly Owl

Kooky Knight

Yellow Yeti



MOST POPULAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

BY: ANNE-FAYE T. (7TH GRADE)

This year's Halloween is right around the corner! In fact it is 11 days away! What are you dressing up as? I have always been curious as to what the most popular costumes are, so this article will be showing you what costumes are worn the most across America. First, lets see which costumes kids want to wear this Halloween. According to www.usatoday.com, kids love to dress up as superheroes! 3.7 million kids plan to dress up as a superhero this year! I'm glad kids love dressing up as superheros. They are inspirational, and kids as little as 3 realize that helping other people and being respectful is good. If little kids want to be just like superheros, it's a great thing.

Now, let's see what teenagers want to wear this year. According to www.popsugar.com, this year's teen Halloween costumes are predicted to be a mix of popular TV and movie characters, trends, and celebrities. People are speculating that teens want to dress up as the Riverdale Crew (A popular teenage show), characters from scary movies, Wonder Woman, fidget spinners, Beyonce, and zombie Taylor Swift (from her music video). Teens are going to have an awesome time dressing up this year. Their choices of costumes are pretty cool! Lastly, lets see what adults like to wear on Halloween. That's right, your mom and dad, my mom and dad, your neighbors, and any other adult, they can dress up too! According to www.usatoday.com, this year, most adults are planning to dress up as a witch. A witch is usually a popular costume. Good choice adults!

Did this give you any ideas on what you want to be for Halloween? Are you going to be something unique that wasn't said on here? Whether you want to take one of these ideas or come up with your own, have a happy Halloween!

Marin's puns

By **Marin C. (6th grade)**

What does it take to become a zombie?

-Dedication

Why was the jack-o-lantern afraid to cross the road?

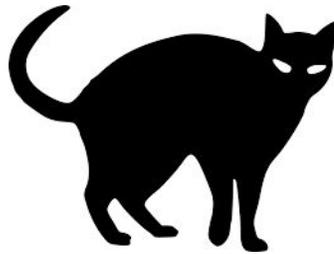
-It had no guts

Which ghost has the best dance moves?

-The boogie man

What is a ghost's favorite food?

-Boo-berries



Where at Aspen Ridge?

Photographers: **Chaya M. (8th grade)** and **Marin C. (6th grade)**

Here, we will have pictures from around the school. See if you recognize any of these things! One picture will be from the upper school, one from the lower school, and one in a shared area like a principal's office, library, or cafeteria. Try to figure out where each picture was taken! Answer can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

1.



2.



3.



HALLOWEEN NEWSLETTER SURVEY RESULTS

By **Anne-Faye (7th grade)**

This newsletters questions were-

What are you dressing up as this year? Choices were: An animal, a movie, TV or book character, something scary, an object that is not alive, funny or weird, and other.

Here are the results of that survey question: Other: 36% A movie, TV, or book character: 21% Something scary: 18% An animal: 13% Funny or weird: 8% Something that is not alive: 4%

There are A LOT of things to dress up as for Halloween, and I only put a small percentage of them, so I am not surprised almost all of you choose other. I am so excited to see everyone's Halloween costumes this year.

What is your favorite Halloween candy? Kit Kat, Snickers, Reeses, M&Ms, Hershey's, Skittles, Gummies, Sour Patch Kids, Star Burst, and other.

Here are those results in order of most popular to least popular choices: First, Kit Kat got 26% of the votes, Reese's Peanut Butter cup: 13%, Skittle 13%, Sour Patch Kids: 11%, Other types of candy: 11%, Hershey's: 8%, Gummies: 7%, M&Ms: 6%, and Starburst: 3%. I hope you enjoy lots of these delicious types of Halloween candy on October 31st!

Ask Owls

By **Talan B. (6th grade) and Mia L. (6th grade)**

Dear Talan and Mia,

I am having trouble with making friends. Do you have any advice for me or some tips for me? And I am feeling really uncomfortable speaking in front of people. Can you give me some tips on how I can resolve that?

Sincerely, Baba Ganoush

Dear Baba Ganoush,

I get what you are going through. When I first came to this school in 1st grade, I was the new kid. I was shy and scared to speak out loud. Here are some tips: you can practice speaking in front of the mirror or in front of your pets or parents. You can also ask if you can play with some kids at recess or sit next to someone at lunch. Just try to be yourself and if they don't like you for you, then they are not the friends for you!

Sincerely, Talan and Mia

Where at Aspen Ridge answers: 1. Bench outside the upper school 2. Baby chicks in Miss P's room (1st grade classroom) 3. Mrs. Wild's tadpoles (3rd grade classroom)