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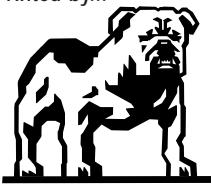
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The History of Halloween

by Koby Hansen

Halloween is an international holiday celebrated in Ireland, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States on October 31. It's a combination of the Celtic festival of Samhain and the Christian holiday, All Saints Day. Common Halloween activities include trick or treating, wearing costumes, and attending parties. The name "Halloween" comes from the Scottish celebration "All Hallows Eve" (*eve is short for evening*). Halloween is a great international holiday with lots of history behind it. Have fun and be safe!!!



Chiller Costume Ideas

by Madison Hatfield

Do you need a costume for Halloween? Here are some Chiller Costumes Ideas that will blow your mind.



- **A Mummy;** easy, just wrap yourself in toilet paper and splatter red nail polish on it.
- **A Farmer;** you will need a white tank top with tan stains (*coffee or tea stains*) and stuffed with hay and a cowboy hat.
- **A Geisha (*Chinese dancer*);** put your hair in a bun, paint your face white with red cheeks and carry a fancy fan.
- **A Janitor;** a jumpsuit with a dingy hat and a broom or a mop.
- **K.I.S.S;** black with grey gear, white face paint and dark red lipstick.
- **M&Ms;** wear all of one color and then cut out a white M to wear.

Now you have no reason to not get dressed up for HALLOWEEN!!



Halloween Safety Tips

by Hilary Arenas



1. **DO NOT EAT UNWRAPPED CANDY!**
2. **DO NOT** go to people you don't know.
3. Have parents check candy **BEFORE EATING!**
4. Dress for the weather!!
5. **NO EGGING, TOILET PAPERING, OR SOAPING CARS** (*it is against the law!!*)
6. Wear costumes that stand out in traffic! (*Glow in the dark sticks are a good idea!*)
7. Check for old, spoiled candy!
8. Be cautious of fruit that people hand out!!
9. Stay in groups!!!
10. It's a good idea to go with parents or at least have a cell phone.



HAVE FUN!

Night Fright Haunted House

by Stephanie Mazzagotte

October 15–16, 22–23, and 27–30 the Night Fright Haunted House is open 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The “Less scary” pre-show is on Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for children or the faint of heart. The haunting is located in La Grande on 1124 Washington Avenue. The cost for Mortis Mansion is \$10 per person. Creatures of the Lower World and Infection are only \$7 a person. If you want all three combo it is \$20 per person. Students under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. I hope to hear all the good things about the mansion. Have fun!



BULLYING

by Dakota Allen

If you have heard or seen any form of bullying, tell a teacher, don't let it go. If you see someone else getting bullied or know someone who has been bullied then help them out, don't ignore bullying. Most kids think it's not a real problem, but it is! Confront the bully; stand up for yourself or the person who is being bullied.

Cyber bullying is also another



form of bullying and is not to be done. Even though our school does not allow cell phones or any other electronics during school hours this has been a problem in the past. Please don't go home and get on the computer and insult others, nobody deserves it, nobody likes it and it's against the law! In conclusion, if you or someone you know is bullied, report it. Thank you!

WEAPONS

by Carly Thayer

PLEASE DON'T BRING WEAPONS TO SCHOOL!

All weapons are strictly forbidden on school grounds. This includes knives, guns, explosives, and irritants such as mace. Please know that bringing a weapon to school can lead to serious disciplinary actions. Toys or replicas of any

weapons are not allowed at school. If you do bring any kind of weapon the result will be in disciplinary action that may include expulsion and involvement with the police. Again, please don't bring ANY type of weapon to school.

Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, “Never take candy from strangers.” And then they dressed me up and said, “Go beg for it.” I didn't know what to do! I'd knock on people's doors and go, “Trick or treat.” “No thank you.”

by Rita Rudner

Lunchtime Safety

by Melissa Lefever

Lunch is going good, eating on the balcony was new last year and students are doing very well with it. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are offered for students that forgot their lunches or who didn't get enough to eat.

Outdoor Safety

Being outdoors is a fun but dangerous place. When student's sports equipment go out into the street they need to ask for permission from a teacher to go and get it. They also need to look both ways before going into the road so they don't get hit by a car. This seems basic but students are forgetting and we don't want anyone hurt.

Citizen of the Month

There is a citizenship award for citizen of the month. These students are chosen by teachers for making good choices. They will receive a Dairy Queen pass where they may leave campus with a friend of their choice. (Students must pay for their own lunch.)

Real improvement in our schools is not simply a matter of spending more; it is a matter of expecting more. by George Washington

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

by Alex Wachtel

This is a new leadership program where students will be recognized for being involved in activities. The leadership students believe that a student who is involved with their school and community will be less likely to become teen parents or be involved with drugs and alcohol. Here is a list of things that we will be recognizing.

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| ✓ Tennis | ✓ Dawg Squad |
| ✓ Cross Country | ✓ Study Club |
| ✓ Drama | ✓ Yearbook |
| ✓ Football (7 th & 8 th Grade) | ✓ Builders Club |
| ✓ Intramural Basketball | ✓ Leadership |
| ✓ Art Club | ✓ Girl Circle |
| ✓ Track | ✓ Traveling Basketball |
| ✓ Traveling Volleyball | ✓ Wrestling |
| ✓ Dawg Citizen | ✓ Soccer |
| ✓ Cheerleading | ✓ Softball |
| ✓ Rachel's Challenge | ✓ Band |
| ✓ Swim Team | ✓ Choir |
| ✓ Intramural Volleyball | |

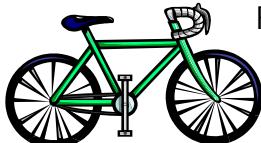
Leadership will start putting badges above lockers starting in November. Please do not tear them down. Show school pride and self control.

Come on Dawgs - Let's Get Involved



Mrs. Warner is doing Homeworkopoly. Homeworkopoly is for kids that want to stay after school and do their homework. You will get an invite to Homeworkopoly if you have any F's or D's. You must stay in the group until you get your grade to a "C" or higher. If you get an "F" or "D" in P.E. you will get an invite to Fit Club to get your grade to a "C" or higher.

Fit Club is a club that Mrs. Sullivan is running after school from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Pride clothes

by Naomi Forsyth

Show BMS pride - buy a sweatshirt, t-shirt, or basketball shorts. Maybe just one or two, you might want all three.

Sweatshirts \$25

T-shirts \$8

Shorts \$7



All you have to do is go to the main office and ask Mrs. Johansen for one of these items. Hurry in, items are limited.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

by Della Diamond

Fall is here and we would like students to start wearing clothes for colder weather, such as thicker sweaters, t-shirts, pants and layers. Also ladies, it makes the staff feel very uncomfortable when you wear revealing clothing. Ms. Vaughan appreciates it when ladies wear leggings under short-shorts and skirts. By the way boys, no one wants to see your underclothing, same goes for ladies. We are BMS students here to learn, not to have a fashion show. We don't mind what you wear as long as it's not a distraction. Thank you.

Keep it clean!!

by Hannah Lien and Madison Hatfield

Baker Middle School

- we have a litter problem in the halls and outside. Outside, along the fence, there are wrappers and plastic bottles from our lunches. In the halls, students have been careless and left papers and wrappers scattered. Leadership has planned a monthly clean up but that's not enough. Everybody needs to pitch



in and do their part. If it's litter, pick it up! Along with a clean school, an "Atta Dawg" may be rewarded to the students that pick up the trash!! Remember, do the right thing because it's the right thing to do! We want to be known as a fun, but clean school. If we all do our part we can keep it clean!!

Homeworkopoly

by Rab Bowers



Locker Room Clean up

by Journey Colton

Students at BMS are leaving behind dirty clothes and garbage in the locker rooms. Traveling volleyball, intramural, and the football team **please clean up after yourselves**, other people do not like picking up your mess. Also when you are done with P.E. make sure you throw away your baby wipes and paper towels and don't forget to put your clothes in your locker. Last of all, **lock your locker** and return rental clothes after you wash them. **Keep it clean Dawgs!**



Help Dracula find the way home to his castle.



October's Fun Corner

by Katelynne Raley

The Daily Double

1. Halloween is celebrated every ____.
A) October 23 B) November 20
C) October 31 D) October 30
2. Which Terrible creature is also known as lycanthrope? ____
A) The Wolf Man B) Count Dracula
C) Frankenstein's Monster D) Dr. Hyde

Joke:

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

Answers

Daily Double Answers: 1) C; 2) A

Joke Answer: NO BODY!!!

Locker Care

by Imma Couch



Our lockers at BMS have been painted purple, and it cost the school \$8,000. We would like the students to not vandalize the lockers, slam the lockers, or even kick the lockers. Some students have been putting stickers on their lockers. Please do not do that because it peels off the paint. We hope the lockers last a long time. The students that are witnessing other students slamming, punching, or kicking their lockers should report that student. Teachers will appreciate the help in keeping our lockers nice.



Also, perfumes and colognes have been sprayed in the hallways and are disturbing students walking to their next classes. Some of the students have allergies and this may be a health hazard.

Show pride and take care of your school.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

by Tiffani Fisher



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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 = Tristan Sand | 23 = Trace Thamert |
| 6 = Farrell Linscott | 24 = Koby Hansen |
| 7 = Lindsay Livingston | 25 = Alex Parisien |
| 9 = Kassidy Hertel | 26 = Mrs. Lair |
| = Stephanie Soliz | 28 = Adina Fast |
| 10 = Emma Deputy | = Janelle Shankle |
| = Bryson Knowles | 29 = Mrs. Files |
| = Mrs. Hurliman | 30 = Hannah Dix |
| 11 = Darin Havens | 31 = Robert Lusk |
| 12 = Hollis Robb | = Jessica Overbay |
| 14 = Keaton Bachman | |
| = Ethan Wood | |
| 15 = Amber Hughes | |
| 16 = Kat Oglesbee | |
| 18 = Shane Conley | |



Celebrate Red Ribbon Week - All Year!

"Dope aka drugs never helped anybody play better or do anything better. All drugs can do for you is kill you - and kill you the long, slow, hard way."

Drug Free Is The Key!

Mr. VanWinkle

by Hope Collard

Mr. VanWinkle has not always wanted to be a math teacher. He wanted to be a philosopher or a history teacher, but now that he is a math teacher he would not do anything else. Some techniques that he uses to help his students learn better are problem solving and group work. I think that he was born to teach.



We should bear in mind that, in general, it is the object of our newspapers rather to create a sensation - to make a point - than to further the cause of truth.

by Edgar Allan Poe "The Mystery of Marie Roget"

Mrs. Shankle

by Hope Collard

Mrs. Shankle is a reading teacher at BMS. She went to college at Georgia and EOU. She has been teaching ever since 1999 (11 years). Some techniques that Mrs. Shankle uses are group work, trying to think ahead and not losing any teaching time. Something that Mrs. Shankle believes is "*learning is important, we will all be learning for the rest of our lives. It is important to keep our brains going.*" What do you think?



They who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only at night.

by Edgar Allan Poe "Eleonora"

Mrs. Lee

by Hope Collard

Mrs. Lee has been teaching for 16 years. She said that she knew that she kind of wanted to be a Language Arts teacher in 3rd grade. She was always behind in school until middle school where Language Arts really clicked and she could see the little TV in her head when she was reading. Mrs. Lee wanted to be a lawyer at one time in her life, but then she thought 8 years of college would be a little much. She loves to use her T.A.'s a lot. She thinks it helps her students be more independent. A thing she loves to see is "*People being kind to others and not being mean.*" That's why she teaches our Rachel's Challenge Advisory class. You better be nice, you never know when she is watching.



Mr. Ramos

by Hope Collard

Mr. Ramos is a math teacher at Baker Middle School; he has been teaching for 15 years now. He has not always wanted to be a math teacher; he wanted to be an architect. He tries to explain math in different ways to his students and tries to answer all their questions. His idea of a great day is when he gets to spend time with his family. Mr. Ramos has two sets of aunts and uncles that are teachers and three cousins that are teachers. His dad is also a teacher so I guess you could say it's in his blood. To all those students he says, "*It is important to have a good education and enjoy the time you have with it.*"



Mr. Shermer

by Hope Collard

Mr. Shermer is the Dean of Students, Athletic Director and a Social Studies teacher. He went to school at Watten University, EOU, and Lewis and Clark College. He has taught since 1980. He loves the variety that he gets in his job. Some things that he does to help his students are to try explaining the assignment clearly, visualizing learning, and he almost always tries to give them a second chance. He loves it when he comes in to class and the students are having fun, working hard and everyone is treating each other with respect. To all the students out there Mr. Shermer says, "*Take advantage of what BMS has to offer.*" Always remember love the sinner, hate the sin.



A man's errors are his portals of discovery. by Edgar Allan Poe "James Joyce"

Calendar of Events

by Jacob Rilee

OCTOBER

- 29 = Teacher Prep/Grading Day, NO SCHOOL!
- 30 = Happy Halloween - Be Safe!

NOVEMBER

- 4-5 = Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- 11 = Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- 12 = Break Day - NO SCHOOL
- 16 = Baker School District 5J Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 25-26 = Happy Thanksgiving Break! - NO SCHOOL

Students please listen to the bulletin in advisory for any changes

