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# Fun Fall Facts

By Lily Marshall

**Fact #1:** Fall colors are due to the amount of sugar in leaves.

**Fact #2:** Fall is called *harvest* because of the harvest moon that occurs when the full moon is closest to the autumn equinox.

**Fact #3:** Ancient people wore Halloween costumes to hide from ghosts.

**Fact #4:** The largest pumpkin pie ever baked had a diameter of 20 feet. It weighed 3,699 pounds, required 440 sheets of dough to form the crust, and 187 cans of pumpkin for the custard.



**Fact #5:** Pumpkins are grown all over the world. In fact, six of the seven continents, not Antarctica, grow pumpkins.

**Fact #6:** Halloween has also been called All Hallows Eve, Witches Night, Lamswool, Snap-Apple Night, Samhain, and Summer's End.

**Fact #7:** Candy corn is the most popular Halloween candy.



**Fact #8:** 43.5% of people will dress in a costume on Halloween.

**Fact #9:** Americans typically refer to this time of year as fall while the British use the word autumn.

**Fact #10:** 81% of parents will take candy from their child's Halloween bag.



# Halloween Candy Survey Results

By Lily Marshall

Around the school there were some QR codes hanging in the halls that said "What is your favorite Halloween candy?" If you scanned the QR code, there were two questions:

**1st Question** – "What grade are you in?"

**2nd Question** – "What is your favorite candy?"

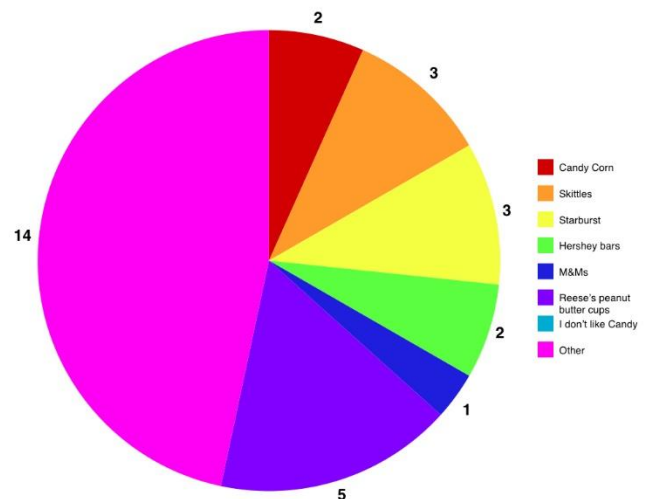
We had twenty-nine people answer the survey - Twenty-one 6th graders, three 7th graders, and five 8th graders – twenty-nine total people. Out of everyone that had answered, the most popular Halloween candy was Reese's peanut butter cups.



If someone did not like any of the candy that was listed on the survey, they would then press the other option and type what their favorite candy was beside it. The other most popular option was Kit Kats.



There was nobody who answered the survey that did not like candy.



## 2020 Election: Profile on Elizabeth Warren

By Layla Raye Musselman

Elizabeth Ann Warren began her life on June 22, 1949. Warren started her career as a law professor, becoming an expert on financial pressures facing middle class families. In 2008, during the financial crisis, Harry Reid, a majority leader for the Democratic Party, asked Elizabeth Warren to serve as Chair of the Congressional Panel to provide oversight on the Wall Street bailouts. She continued her career as a Special Advisor to the Secretary of Treasury. Recently, Warren signed on to the *Green New Deal* and laid out a climate proposal that among other things calls for 100% zero carbon in new buildings.

On December 31, 2018, Warren threw her hat in the ring for the presidential race. Her campaign's main focus is to rebuild the middle class. She supports eliminating private health care and desires health care for all. She intends on replacing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E) and wants to defend Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (D.A.C.A.)

Elizabeth Warren is among seven democratic candidates who have secured a spot in the December debates.



## 2020 Election: Profile on Joe Biden

By Layla Raye Musselman

Vice President Joe Biden began his life on November 20, 1942. He is by far the most popular, yet most controversial democratic candidate for the 2020 election.

Before he ran as vice president in 2008, he was a beloved senator from Delaware for over thirty years. As a senator, he focused on foreign relations, drug policy, and criminal justice.

In March/April of 2019, Biden launched his political campaign for presidency. Prior to his campaigning, Biden has given his



political positions on the following: He wants to expand the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) and add a public option for health care. On immigration, he supports border security other than President Trump's although he was vice president when President Obama created Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (D.A.C.A.). He supported the *Paris Agreement*, a global climate effort initiative, but did not support the *Green New Deal*. He has released multiple climate change proposals. Biden did, however, come under fire for planning to attend a fundraiser that was hosted by a Higherup at Liquefied Natural Gas Company, which works with natural gas, a non-renewable energy source. Another position is that he is in favor of free college and universal preschool and kindergarten. He has stated that he supports universal gun control but has not given specifics about his overall stance on the issue.

Joe Biden is also among seven democratic candidates who have secured a spot in the December debates.

## Hedgehogs

By Grant Corll

My name is Grant Corll, and I am the proud owner of a hedgehog named Prickles. Hedgehogs are just like other pets and require being fed, cared for, and have unique personalities.

**Diet:** I feed Prickles cat food and mealworms normally, but he can eat pretty much anything. He does turn his nose to fruit when I try to give it to him. He receives fresh water and food every night.

**Care:** I clean out his cage every week. Prickles gets a bath every three-four weeks. After his bath, he needs someone to hold him for about an hour, so he can dry off and become warm. All hedgehogs like a large



area to move around in, so Prickles has a large plastic bin. He needs a containment area that does not have bars. If the

containment area has bars, hedgehogs will try to climb it and could possibly get hurt. Prickles has a running wheel, so he can get exercise on his own. Playing with my hedgehog is very easy and entertaining. Sometimes I will read or watch YouTube while I am holding or playing with him. I like to take him outside every couple of days to get fresh air.

**Personality:** Prickles is nocturnal, but I take him out of his cage and play with him during the daytime. Playing with my hedgehog makes him more comfortable with me. Prickles tends to be scared and nervous around people he does not know. He does not like hearing loud noises or if cold air blows on him.

Overall, a hedgehog needs some attention and lots of care. It is fun owning a hedgehog. They are very cute and entertaining.



## Save the Turtles!

By Everett Rosser

VSCO girls are not the only people concerned about the endangerment of the sea turtles. Over two dozen international and national conservation organizations and groups are working to protect these sea reptiles.

You can help as well. One major way to support the continued lives of sea turtles is to stop using plastic. Unfortunately, many products we consume are in plastic containers, so you can make an effort to recycle those products when finished. This act prevents those plastic containers from being dumped in the ocean. Additionally, try changing your straws to metal or just completely stop using them. Sea turtles often try to eat plastic straws in the ocean or even get them stuck in their noses, which prohibits them from breathing.

Please decrease the amount of plastic and straws you are currently using.



# Jokes

By Ralph Abdel-Massih

## Joke I:

A man goes to a pet store and finds a parrot with two ribbons around its legs. One is red and the other is blue. The man goes to the storekeeper and asks, "Why does this parrot have ribbons on its legs?"



The man replies, "Oh this is a specially-trained parrot. If you pull the red ribbon, it says the *Declaration of Independence*. If you pull the blue ribbon, it says the *Gettysburg Address*."

"Oh cool," the man says. "So what happens if you pull them both at the same time?"

The parrot replies, "I fall off my perch, you moron."

## Joke II:

A robber breaks into a house and hears a voice say, "Jesus is watching you."

He walks a little further and hears the voice say again, "Jesus is watching you."



The robber shines his flashlight on a parrot and asks, "Are you the one saying 'Jesus is watching you?'"

"Yes," the parrot replies.

The robber then asks, "What's your name?"

The parrot replies, "Clarence."

The robber inquires, "What kind of idiot names his parrot Clarence?!"

The parrot responds, "The same idiot who names his pit bull Jesus."



# Seasonal Recipes

## Fall Edition

By Prisha Ranjan

The air is full of pumpkin spice, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Baking with spices such as these happens very often in the fall. Here are some sweet fall recipes to spice up your baking game!

## Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

Yields around 60 cookies

### Ingredients/Supplies:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 3 cups of all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp of baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- 2 cups milk chocolate chips (not semi sweet)
- Cooking/baking spray or parchment paper
- Wooden skewers or dowels

### Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F
2. Spray a cookie sheet or lay parchment paper on cookie sheet
3. Using a hand or stand mixer beat the butter until smooth
4. Beat in the white and brown sugar a little at a time until fluffy
5. Beat in eggs one at a time
6. Add in vanilla and puree
7. In a large bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, and nutmeg.
8. Slowly add the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients.
9. Stir in the chocolate chips

10. Scoop approximately one tablespoon size dough balls onto the cookie sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes or until browned around edges
11. Take out and let cool for around 5 minutes



7. Stir place an place bowl back in the microwave for another minute
8. Take the bowl out and stir one last time
9. Take the apples out of the freezer
10. Using the wooden skewers or dowels, stab one into the top of an apple
11. Dip the apple into the bowl of melted caramel
12. Recommendation – Get a spoon and scoop caramel over apple while dipping to guarantee a fully covered caramel apple
13. Lift apple up slowly allowing for excess caramel to drop off into the bowl
14. Place caramel coated apple onto the lined and greased cookie sheet
15. Place caramel apples into the refrigerator for 15-20 minutes to allow caramel to set.
16. Remove from refrigerator and enjoy!

### **Caramel Apples**

Yield four to five apples

#### **Ingredients:**

Apples

Skewers or popsicle sticks

11 oz. bag of caramels – found at most grocery stores

Milk

Butter (optional)

#### **Instructions:**

1. Wash the apples and twist off the stem
2. Place the clean apples in the freezer for 10- fifteen minutes.
3. In the meantime, line a cookie sheet with parchment paper or double grease it by spreading butter over the parchment
4. Unwrap all of the caramels and place them into a microwave safe bowl
5. Add a tablespoon of milk to the bowl of caramels.
6. Melt the caramel and milk in the microwave for about one minute



# Let Me Come Home

Pit pat pit pat  
I run  
Away from monsters  
Red and bloody  
With yellow eyes

Pit pat pit pat  
I am frail  
Weak  
Useless  
I fall  
I die

I wake up  
A dream  
Not real  
Not real  
I chide myself  
Not real  
Not real

I come downstairs  
Mother is cooking breakfast  
Brother is outside  
Hunting  
Not food  
Bodies

After they came,  
The bad men,  
As mom called them  
They killed  
Innocents  
Regular people  
For being us  
For being  
Beautiful  
Kind  
Loving

On the streets  
Brother hunted  
For loose change,  
Money,  
Anything valuable

We are poor  
It is what keeps us alive  
I think that  
We shouldn't steal  
We should overcome  
The bad men  
We shall overcome  
The bad men

Cakes? Mother calls  
Yes, I reply  
No, not fancy sugar ones, because we are poor  
Flat, wheat circles  
With a strawberry  
If we're good

I play with food  
Thinking about the dream  
It is fading,  
But I can remember one thing  
The monsters were red and yellow  
The color of the bad men

Red and yellow weapons  
Red strawberries,  
Yellowish wheat  
I push my food away  
Not hungry, I mumble  
I go upstairs and cry a lot

Brother called them "Communists"  
I call them  
Evil

**If you have any ideas that you would like to share for possible articles, please scan the QR code.**



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