



MMS STAR Halloween Issue!

Welcome Back MMS!!

By Bianca B.

Welcome Back new and returning MMS students!!! MMS is about respect towards other people and yourself. Also we have lots of fun and exciting after school activities. Some after school activities include Cross Country,

Halloween Throughout the Past
Stephanie G.

When the immigrants from Europe came to America they brought along with them, their own belief of the religious tradition of Halloween. In the early years of America the tradition of Halloween was scarce in New England because of the Protestant beliefs.

Intramurals, Yearbook for eighth graders, Art Club, Public Speaking, Newspaper and Jazz Lab Band. These run all year long and you can join at anytime you want. Everyone's supposed to be the role model for everyone else in the school. Mrs. Du-

In the southern colonies Halloween was celebrated by hosting "play parties" where neighbors exchanged scary stories and told each other their fortunes. When the Irish Immigrants came to America to escape the potato famine they brought along their beliefs of Halloween and helped spread the tradition.

mas' yearly "Talk" focuses on how you should respect the school and everyone else plus if you see anything bad happening you should report it to an adult. We all hope everyone has a great and fun year at Mystic Middle School!



Halloween children would dress up in costumes and go around knocking on people's doors asking for food or money. Today on Halloween we celebrate by going out and collecting candy by the bags. Or we might host parties and tell scary stories!

Top 10 Halloween Movies!

Sarah E.

1. A Bewitched Halloween(PG-13)
2. It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown(G)
3. Dr. Seuss, Halloween is Grinch Night(PG)
4. The Scooby-Doo Show Headless horse man of Halloween (PG-13)
5. Garfield's Halloween Adventure(PG)
6. The Worst Witch(PG-13)
7. The Simpson's: Tree house of Horrors(PG)
8. Hocus Pocus(PG-13)
9. The Nightmare before Christmas(PG)
10. Ernest Scared Stupid(PG-13)



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NFL

The home winning streak is over. After the loss to the San Diego Chargers, (41-17) the New England Patriots lost their home winning streak. The Patriots are now 2-2 for this season. The Patriots winning streak was ended at a long 22 games.

The NY Jets lost Chad Pennington in their last game against the Baltimore Ravens. Pennington suffered an injury to his right shoulder during the game. Head coach Herman Edwards has his head pointed toward 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde for the next games of the season.

Those good ole Stonington Bears!

The bears have played many games this year and still one to come before the BIG Thanksgiving Day game against the Westerly Bulldogs. So far the Bears have played against Bacon Academy, Fitch, Griswold, Killingly, Ledyard, Waterford, Old Lyme, Montville, New London, NFA, Plainfield, Putnam. Out of these 12 games the



Bears have only won 8 games.

Usually every Friday night from 6:30 till 8 or 8:30 the game is on. It's only \$2.00 admission if you're a student. The concession stand is open all night. All your friends will be there and you don't even have to watch the game because you can walk and talk.

Baseball

As we all know, the World Series just finished, and the Chi-

Jack-o-Lanterns were originally made from Turnips!

cago White Sox are this year's winners!

Top 10 Halloween costumes

Top 10 Original Halloween costumes

Sophie K. and Chloe S.

1. Peter Pan
2. Bag of Jelly Beans
3. Tube of Toothpaste
4. Christmas Present
5. Baked Potato
6. Glow-In-The Dark Star
7. Harry Potter
8. King of Hearts
9. Scarecrow
10. Speed Bump
- 11.

Here are MMS Student's Choice of Their Own

1. Fiona S. Grade 8 : Pirate- She chose to be pirate because she likes them and thinks they're cool.
2. Avery D. Grade 5 : Ketchup Bottle -He chose this because he wants to be something different.

3. Jessica M. Grade 6: Cousin It- She has long hair and she had no other decision.
4. Elizabeth H. Grade 6: Doctor-Both her aunts are doctors and they both have supplies for her.
5. Erika S. Grade 6: Witch-She had never been a witch.
6. Asa S. Grade 5:A Zombie-He wants to be something scary.
7. Ian C. Grade 5:Scream- He thought it was a great movie.
8. Cody A. Grade 5: A hippie- He has no one else to go as.
9. Mitchell K. Grade 5: A scary monkey- He has a good costume!
10. Sienna C. Grade 8-A human clothes line-nothing traditional.

Student Work-Monkey's Paw

NOTE: This story is an original creation based on W.W. Jacobs' "The Monkey Paw" which we read in Ms. Hartnett's class. This story follows the same theme of wishes aren't always what you expect or want them to be!!!

"I Wish..."

by Jade B.

It was rainy night, in a little suburban town on the outskirts of Boston. Tonya and her family were seated very comfortably around an old beaten-up old table. Her mother bustled around the kitchen preparing a meager dinner, while her dad quizzed her little brother Taylor on his spelling words for his quiz tomorrow. She drifted off, listening to her brother trying to spell 'encyclopedia' for a bonus word, and was soon asleep, dreaming of a life without poverty, or hunger, or the thin soup her mother was making for dinner.

Tonya woke with a start. Where was she? Was she even awake? She'd been having the strangest dream about monkeys, elves, trolls, and demons ... but somehow it all seemed real to her ... she opened her eyes blearily, and found, clutched tightly in her hand, what looked like a withered old ... hand? Or was it a paw? In her dream, she vaguely remembered a strange old man pressing the thing into her hand and whispering an ignored warning. Something about three wishes? Or was she mistaken?

Tonya shook her head resignedly and rubbed her eyes. Her dinner, now long cold, sat untouched in front of her. She started to lift a spoonful of the watery soup to her lips, then set it back in to the shallow bowl with a splash. Why not give the paw a try? After all, what could she lose? She brought the paw up to her face and stared long and hard at it. Barely daring to breathe, Tonya made a wish. One of the three fingers slowly bent down, folding in on itself, until only to re-

mained in their original form. Tonya breathed out excitedly and waited for her wish to appear.

Ten minutes came and passed. It grew colder in the small little house but still Tonya sat resignedly at the table, waiting for her wish to come true. A car honked outside, casting bright lights through the black shadows on the walls, dispelling any evils that could have lurked there. A mouse sat still on the floor, chewing slowly on a forgotten scrap of bread. Still Tonya waited. Just as she was about to give up in despair, a knock sounded on the old wood door. Tonya rose stiffly and hurried to open it to the freezing night wind. A man of shadows filled the doorway, his eyes foreboding and his smile menacing.

"Tonya?" he asked his voice barely audible over the roaring wind. "Are you ready?" The shadowy man stretched out his hand toward her, and she took it hesitantly. She grasped it and his fingers closed over hers. His touch was like ice and it froze the blood in her hands making them grow numb.

"Let's go," he said and stepped out of the doorway and into the night, pulling Tonya roughly with him. She barely had time to shut the door before she was being roughly dragged through the night. Tonya had to run to keep up with the shadow man and before long she simply stopped trying. The man's strides were enormous. It seemed that with a single step he crossed countries. Tonya soon found herself wishing for wings or something so she could keep up with the man. No sooner had the words left her mouth when Tonya found herself airborne, a pair of majestic white wings seeming to sprout out of her skinny shoulders. She hadn't realized that in her hand she still clutched the strange paw. Two of the long fingers were now bent in on themselves, but she found that she could now quite easily keep up with the man.

Soon, however, the man slowed and then stopped. They had reached a mansion, sinister with mystery and intrigue. To her sorrow, her wings fell away and Tonya found herself again on the ground, staring up at the dark house. The man grabbed her hand again and in her haste to keep up, Tonya dropped the paw in the snow outside the great wooden doors that led inside the mansion. The man turned to her and finally spoke again.

"You wished for a new life, so I came to give you one. I am the monarch of these parts and you will be my slave. I will show you to your quarters, but then you must prepare my bath. I don't trust any of the others; they are wicked and deceitful, but not to be worried about.

Tonya nodded dumbly. Slave? That wasn't what she's wished for!

**TO BE CONTINUED!!!!
WILL TANYA GET WHAT
SHE WISHES FOR? WILL
SHE STAY THE SLAVE
OF THE MYSTERIOUS
MAN???? READ NEXT
ISSUE OF MMS STAR
TO FIND OUT!**



NEW!! Horoscopes

Bianca B. and Stephanie G.

November Horoscope for Libra!! September 23-October 22

You know what the squirrels are up to this month, right? They're up in their tree nooks, organizing all the nuts they've stored away for winter. The 1st and 2nd, that's what you'll want to do, too. So take a look at what you've saved up this year, organize it and make sure it's enough to get you through winter. If it isn't, make some alternate plans on the 4th for earning extra cash. The 10th, stay focused on whatever tasks are at hand (perhaps squirreling away lunch money or holing up in an attic to write an award-winning play). The 15th, even you will be shocked by the bounty coming your way in the form of affection, recognition and maybe even a material reward or two. The 19th, a malfunction could clog up the works -- call in someone to help, ASAP. The 23rd, get creative, and the 27th, you'll hardly believe how everything is working out.

November Horoscope for Scorpio!! October 23-November 22

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd, it looks like it's going to be your month. It appears that way the 4th, 5th, and 6th, too. Actually -- it looks that way all month long! You and your kinetic, magnetic, energetic self will team up to accomplish just about everything you could hope to do. It's pretty fantastic that you can make so much good stuff happen so quickly, and feel so great doing it. Do watch for some conflict on the 9th, and avoid a fight -- if at all possible -- the 18th. The 19th and 20th are particularly choice days to get what you want, but tread carefully around the higher-ups at work the 22nd. The 24th and 25th, tell all those you love that you care. The 29th and 30th, you can hardly believe your eyes, ears, nose and mouth -- there's just so much promising stuff coming your way!

Spooky Story!

On Halloween night two kids decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?" "Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

Cooking Fun

Pumpkin Pie Recipe

Tori R.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/4 cups pumpkin puree, canned or fresh
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

- 1 cup evaporated milk, undiluted
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 unbaked pastry shell (9-inch)

PREPARATION:

Combine pumpkin, sugar, salt, spices, and flour in a medium mixing bowl. Add eggs; mix well. Add evaporated milk, water, and vanilla; mix well. Pour into pastry-lined pie pan. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes; reduce heat to 350° and bake about 35 minutes longer, or until center is set. Then enjoy your pumpkin pie, and have a happy Halloween!



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