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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



By Alex

It's Halloween time in Lethbridge, and we have seen some stunning decorations, including graveyards, jack-o'-lanterns, and inflatables. People have gotten VERY creative with their decor updates. Here in this article, we have some tips and tools of the trade to really haunt your neighborhood.

First, GO CRAZY with your elaborate lawn graveyards! I'd recommend going to Home Depot and Spirit Halloween to find the best decor. We even found some cool skeleton animals at Dollarama. You should use the thick, hard tombstones at Home Depot instead of the flimsy dollar store ones, as the thick ones can hold in the wind, while the dollar store ones might blow away.

Second, don't just do the generic jack-o'-lantern face. GET CREATIVE with your carvings! Cut out your favourite cartoon characters, like SpongeBob or Homer, or maybe video game characters, like Mario or the Creeper. The point is, be unique with your pumpkins.

Finally, get MORE than just one inflatable! Buy your favourite monster, like Frankenstein or Dracula, or maybe a pop culture icon, like Snoopy or a Minion. They might not be as impressive as a graveyard, but having good inflatables can go a long way.

In conclusion, get creative with your decorations! Stand out from the crowd! It's fun, time-wasting, and gets you lots more trick-or-treaters.

THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

by Ayla & Jerald

Introduction:

Halloween is such an amazing holiday, with treats and snacks! So many people celebrate Halloween, but lots also don't understand how Halloween was created or what it is really based off of. In this article you will learn about the history of Halloween and what originally started it.

The Main Question:



Halloween is an interesting holiday; it is based on dark and scary things, but what, and who really started this spooky tradition? There are a few ways that Halloween started, so let's get into it.

Ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain:

Around 2,000 years ago the Celts would always celebrate the new year on November first, and would end their harvest on October 31, because it was the beginning of their winter. The Celts believed in the myth that at night of October 31, the different worlds or universes between all the living and dead would meet, allowing the ghosts to return to earth. The Celts would light large bonfires, and dress in animal skins or animal masks to ward off spirits or confuse them. On the next day, they happily celebrated their new year.

All Hallows Eve:

The Catholic church celebrated *All Hallows Eve*, which was created during the 8th century. In that time *Pope Gregory* III decided to move *All Saints Day*, or *All Hallows* to *November 1st*. That meant that *October 31* - the night before All Hallows day (All saints day) - would be All Hallows Eve.

During the 15th century, on November 1st (All Saints Day), poor children and adults would go around their village, going door to door, singing songs, praying for the givers' loved ones who have passed away, these people would be called or known as *soulers*. In exchange for their kind and noble act, the giver would have to give them a soul cake. A soul cake is a small, round biscuit or cake that would usually have a cross marked on the top of it. This old tradition was called *souling*. During the 16th century, All Hallows Eve was eventually shortened to *All-Halloween*, then during the 18th-20th century, it was pronounced as just *Halloween*.

The Catholic Perspective of Halloween:

Some may think it's confusing that Catholics were part of the making of Halloween, because some Catholics don't even celebrate it because of how spooky and dark it can get. The truth is, Catholics didn't want Halloween to become as darkas it can be. Catholics saw it as a day to celebrate the dead and to pray for them. But over time, this tradition changed and started to shift over to more of a dark perspective in others eyes.

Conclusion:

Now that you have learned the history of Halloween, I hope that you have a better understanding of this fun tradition! I hope that you have a blast this Halloween! stay safe, and God bless!

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or treat is another tradition that evolved. First the Celtic people dressed up in animal skin to spook away unwelcome spirits and food was left out to placate unwelcome spirits. But a better example is the fact that on All Saints Day, the day right after Halloween, poor Irish people would go the houses of wealthier families to collect sweets and pastries.



The Costume Parade

By Chloe, Grace, Maketa, Tory

On October 30th, our school holds its annual costume parade in the gym, and it's easily one of the most popular events of the year. Students get to wear their costumes all day long. Once everyone gathers in the gym, the younger grades sit near the front while the older grades sit in the back. Then, each grade gets called up one by one to show off their costumes in a circle before sitting back down. All this is happening while awesome Halloween music creates an upbeat mood.



While costume parades happen during spirit weeks and other special events, Halloween is definitely the best one. You see everything from princesses and animals to clever duo costumes you match with a friend. Beyond being hilarious and fun, walking in front of everyone actually helps boost people's confidence and creativity. It's an exciting day that everyone looks forward to, and it definitely creates fun memories you won't forget.



The History & Origins of Halloween

By Zach and Eko

Ever wonder how Halloween started? Or even its history and origins? This article is going to tell you what you need to know.

The History

"Halloween", also known as "All Hallow's Eve" or "All Saint's Eve", was a celebration held in many countries every year on October 31st. It is the beginning of the observance of "Allhallowtide", the time in the Christian liturgical year that is dedicated to remembering the dead; that is, including the saints (hallows), martyrs, and all of the faithful departed. In popular culture, Halloween has been a celebration for over 2,000 years, and also started over 2,000 years ago.

The Origins

There are a lot of origins for Halloween, one of them being that it was influenced by the Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Samhain. Some theories say that Samhain may have been Christianized as All Hallows' Day by the Church. Others say Halloween began independently by the Church because in the 4th century, many Christians were killed, so they made All Hallows' Day to honor them. The Irish Church held feasts for All Hallows' Day. Irish and Scottish immigrants brought many Halloween customs to North America in the 19th Century, and the Americans influenced it so that it became what we know today.

How to Make a Little Ghost - super easy!

by Brysen and Levi



1. First grab paper - any paper works
2. Soak it until it's all wet. A spray bottle works great.
3. Then grab an object you can put the paper over. You're going to want to form it. Something like a toilet paper tube or large glue stick would work.
4. Leave it to dry overnight and then it should be done.
5. Use a black sharpie to draw two eyes.
6. There you go - you made a ghost! Hang it from a string or put a tealight underneath.

Who Has the BEST Costume?

by Tory

- Chloe -Nothing ❌
- Grace - Thing 1 🎉
- Maketa - Nina the killer 🪓
- Ms. Brown - LIttle Red Riding Hood 🌲
- Riley - idk 😑
- Tuf - idk 😑
- Chipper - something scary 👻
- Mateo - Scooby Doo 🐶
- Treina - something niche 😑
- Nathan - idk 😑
- Valeria - Moon knight
- Faith - no costume ❌
- Ayla - Ladybug 🐞
- Bentley - Luigi 🍕
- Jerald - no costume ❌
- Bryson - no costume - staying in to eat candy and watch movies ❌
- Eko - no costume ❌
- Zach - basketball jersey Toronto Raptor 🏀
- Alex - Glow in the dark stickman 👍
- Levi - tuxedo with frying pan hat 🍳
- Tory-Raggedly Ann 🧵

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

by Jase, Mateo, Tuf, Chypper, Riley

.Everybody loves Halloween, no matter how old they are, but the most important thing about trick-or-treating is SAFETY. Dark costumes are extremely hard to see for people driving and can risk fatal injuries. It's important to at least have parents with bright clothes near you or something reflective on you. Another thing is candy being laced with d many drugs, sharp objects or anything else in it; any younger children should get their candy checked by an older sibling(s) or parent(s). More important things to keep in mind while trick-or-treating:

- stay in groups
- go with family
- check your candy before you eat it
- cross the roads safely.





HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

- So you probably thought once in your life that a pumpkin is most likely a vegetable but it is actually a fruit!
- According to old folk tale wearing your clothes inside out and walking backwards help you spot a witch fast
- The heaviest pumpkin weighed a whopping 1,431k g(3,156 lb!!!!)