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Halloween History

Halloween is a holiday in which you can pretend to be something else with the excitement of sweets and fall classics. Many think of Halloween as a holiday created by the candy companies but there is more to this ghoulish night than meets the eye.

Halloween is celebrated each year on October 31st. The original celebration is from the Celtic Festival, Samhain. The pagan festival would last from the 31st to November 1st and ushered in the new harvest and welcomed the coming dark of the year. Celebrants believed a barrier of the physical and spiritual world became weekend during this celebration. Because of this belief the group would dress in costumes to ward off evil monsters and spirits that would try to enter the mortal realm.

The holiday was also known as one of the most important fire holidays amongst the pagan culture. This can be seen today with the continued tradition of lighting candles in our pumpkins during the fall months to ward off unwanted spirits.

Our pumpkin carving was not originally a pagan tradition, but was created by the Irish who were inspired but the idea of turnip carving in the middle ages. The last tradition for this holiday was Dump Supper, which was a large consumption of food by individuals, but only after inviting ancestors to join their celebration. This was a chance for the family to interact with the spirits until they left for the following year.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

If you are a recipient of a Good Neighbor Grant remember to get your receipts and photos to get your reimbursement! Send info to tom@gohni.org

PARTNER UPDATES

Rock the Block Oshkosh is up to 37 applications in the Menominee South Neighborhood Association!

GOOD TO KNOW

The deadline for the Rock the Block Oshkosh Menominee South Neighborhood Association is October 15th!



You've Been Booed!

A fantastic Halloween activity is participating in "Booing" your neighbor's. This fun activity involves putting a small basket of favors together and leaving it on your neighbors door. The goal is to spread the kindness and pass on the favor to another neighbor. You can print out this picture and place it in your basket! Make sure to share on social media and tag us if you decide to get involved in this wonderful celebration.

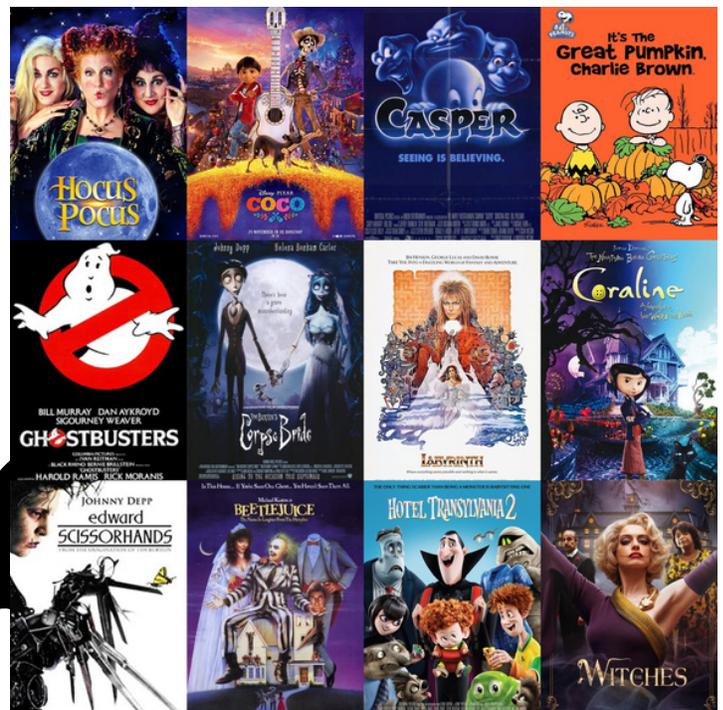
Pumpkin Carving!

One of the fun parts of the holiday is pumpkin carving! We will be sharing everyone's wonderful carvings on social media. We would like to see the most creative carvings so get artsy and impress our audience!

Halloween Family Movies

This is the best time of the year to cuddle up and watch a good movie with your loved ones. Here are some classics for the Halloween season.

- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Coraline
- The Corpse Bride
- Beetlejuice
- Hocus Pocus
- Hocus Pocus Two
- The Addams Family
- Goosebumps
- Frankenweenie
- Monster House
- Halloween Town
- Ghost Busters
- Casper



Great neighborhoods start with you!

