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WESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK TIGERSCOTS

On August 30th, 2021, we returned to school like normal. We do have a few changes, but most of us are in person. We all have to wear masks, but at least we get to be in person and socialize. We can share sports equipment, though we still need to be socially distanced and cannot cross cohorts.

On the first day, everything seemed to be a little bit different. Last year we didn't get to change classes often. Charlotte says, "I remember that we got to learn about our teachers and our new classmates."

Addy remembers, "It was slow and most of the days were teachers explaining all the proce-



Students play during recess at Weston Middle School

dures for each classroom." Patrick remembers the first day as "...having long hair and singing Christmas songs." Oh my, Patrick.

"Wearing a mask all day which I was not used to from over the summer." was something that Peter remembered.

Overall, it was different from what we are used to. During the summer many students did not wear masks. Also, last year we only went in person for about 5 to 6 months toward the end of the year. We are not used to the whole first-day experience. Welcome back to school. We are happy to have everyone back!

-Megan McLouth

9 / 1 1 R E M E M B R A N C E

Students at Weston Middle School got an opportunity on September 10th to visit the Athena library to reflect on the events of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington DC in 2001. This was the 20th anniversary of what has become known as 9/11.

During the trip, students were able to watch footage of the initial attacks and discuss how they felt about the reactions of the newscasters. They also went to posters placed around the library that discussed various information about the attacks and some of the vic-

tims, first responders and survivors of the attacks. Throughout the day, teachers shared their memories of that infamous day and how it affected them. The field trip and reflection time allowed students a day for remembrance. -Staff

Creative Writing

The Sunken ship

I yelled goodbye to her mother as I hurried on my way to Conya's house. Conya has been my best friend since I moved here in the second grade. I ran down Lincoln st. onto Barber st. and got to Conya's house. She was just finishing up her chores and headed out the door when her mother called for her. "Conya, your little brother wants to come with you!" said her mom, Mrs. Juneau. Conya replied "But mom we are going places that Mikey shouldn't be!" Mrs. Jeneau said "If he shouldn't go then maybe you shouldn't either." Mikey ended up tagging along.

A couple years back Conya and I had found this sunken ship that looked like it had been there for centuries. We never really thought about investigating the ship since it was under water. "Do you think we should go to the spot, you know since Mikey is here?" I said. Conya took a couple minutes to reply when she said "He'll be fine. Let's just go." As we arrived the ship was in the same spot it had been for a while. Conya and I had school that morning but it was Friday so it didn't start till 9. And that was how our morning had

started.

At school our friends would not stop talking about halloween and we should all be mermaids. We were all too old for that now and Conya and I had already made plans to go to the ship that night to closely investigate. "C'mon Brooklyn, please be mermaids with us!!" said Jenni. "I'm sorry Jenni, I have something to do that night." I said. "What do you have to do that night?" Jenni would not give up. Conya had a fast reply "Brooklyn is coming to a wedding with me!" Jenni and her friends were so mad they threw down their papers with mermaid drawing on them and ran off.

On the night of Halloween, we yelled goodbye to our parents. We told them we would be trick or treating around the neighborhood. "Today is the day, we have to go explore the ship!" said Conya. We left on our way to the ship. When we arrived we immediately realized, THE SHIP WAS GONE!

To be continued...

-Megan McLouth

P O E T R Y

How I Love Fall

Leaves turning vibrant orangey-reds

Little children asleep in their beds

Oh, how I love fall,

Pumpkin spice lattes in every coffee shop

Corn on the cob roasting on the stove.

Oh, how I love fall,

Fresh baked goods and their aromas in the air

Stores taking out their fall sections everywhere.

Oh how I love fall!

-Anonymous

Autumn Poem

As summer is gone and fall is to come.

Leaves turn brown and pumpkins are finally round.

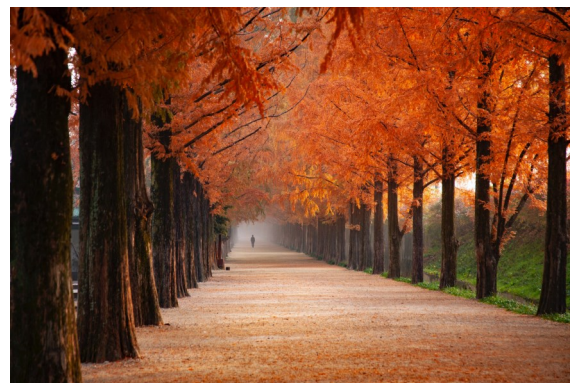
The temperature grows colder as the days grow shorter.

Animals prepare for hibernation and there will be so many halloween decoration.

All the growing crops become delicious props on the porch.

Have a great fall and listen for the halloween call.

-Megan McLouth



Athletes of the Month

- Annika H., Michael W., Megan M.

Football: Colby Perkins is the Football Athlete of the Month. He is a good leader and is respectful to his coaches and players. He is also a good receiver and cornerback.



Volleyball: Hennessey Fitzjarrell is the Volleyball Athlete of the Month. She has been very responsible and respectful. She is a team player and builds people up when they make a mistake.

Cross Country: Tristan Parish is the Athlete of the Month for Cross Country. He has a good pace and is a good teammate. He is very helpful to his teammates and gives tips to them.



GO TIGERSCOTS

Cross Country Times Big River Golf Course 9/10/2021

Tristan Parish (8th): In this race, Tristan Parish pulled through and took 3rd place! His time was 9 minutes 52 seconds. He started strong and kept a steady pace the entire time.

Arden Shaul (7th): Arden Shaul finished in 7th place and kept a good pace. His time was 10 minutes and 8 seconds. The run had some inclines but that didn't stop him from speeding up at the end.

Anthony Manderscheid (6th): Anthony Manderscheid placed 8th place with a time of 11 minutes and 13 seconds. He ran very well

at the start and finish. He passed by a couple of people in the middle of the race.

Michael White (7th): Michael White placed 10th place in the race. At the end, he sprinted past a couple people. Overall, he had a strong race!

Alethea Bond (7th): Alethea Bond placed 14th place and her time was 13 minutes and 26 seconds. She kept her pace and didn't give up. She did very well and will continue to try hard.

David Murphy (7th): David Murphy placed 16th with a time of

13 minutes and 16 seconds. David says, "It was difficult but I ran through it." He will keep going and improve even more over time.

Tina Vinti (6th): Participated and tried hard.

- Michael White

Weston TigerScots vs. Riverside Pirates

-Theo Sprenger

It's football season and so far the first game was a win! 12 to 8! We started the first quarter with no points but in the second quarter we scored a touchdown. We went on to score another touchdown and win the game.

Our offense was pretty good, we got around them quite a bit. One play, the quarterback Heith, decided to run the ball and we got a ton of yards. In the last quarter we decided to punt to run out the clock because we were already ahead and we couldn't allow them to get another touchdown.

Since we punted they were placed 55 yards from their goal. There were 3 minutes left on the clock and we had kept them from getting through, but unfortunately, they advanced the ball. They almost made a touchdown, but we got the runner down and we won!



(Photo by Branson Rabb)

Tigerscots celebrating a touchdown against the Boardman Pirates.

Students of the Month

(For the month of September)



Addison Watts 4th Grade



Natalie Mettler 5th Grade



Lila Culp 6th Grade



Theo Sprenger 7th Grade



Angeline Fournell 8th Grade

Students of the month consistently demonstrate Weston Middle School's values of being safe, being respectful, and being responsible. Congratulations!

Girls' Volleyball

The girls volleyball team had their first game on **9/14/21** against Helix. The "B" team lost both sets but played hard. "A" team won both their sets and their team work was great. Keep up the great work Tigerscots!

The girls had another volleyball game against Echo on **9/15/21** "B" team lost both sets but had great team work and played hard! "A" team won both their sets.



On **9/27/21** we had our first away game in Riverside High School gym. The "B" team lost all their sets but played hard. "A" team lost the 1st and 3rd set, but played an amazing 2nd set. Many people were gone from "A" and "B" team so we had some players move and had little to no subs for both teams, we only had 7 players for each group and that left us with one substitute. "A" team had some setbacks but had some great teamwork and kept trying.

-Charlotte, Annika, & Megan



"Bob Ross and His Happy Tree"

For the happy tree you only need 3 items:

1. A brown sweatshirt/ long sleeve.
2. 2 green sheets of light and dark green felt paper.
3. Hot glue gun

Steps: Take your sweatshirt/long sleeve shirt, and take your light and dark green felt paper then cut the felt paper into leaf shapes, hot glue the leaves to the sweatshirt to look like leaves and there you have it. Now for Bob Ross. You don't need much, just a nice button up shirt, cardboard and a paintbrush. Then you need a curly hair wig and a cheap beard from the dollar store and that's all!

How to make a DIY ghost costume? For the costume all you need is a bed sheet, and scissors. Steps: Take your white bed sheet, then draw the face you would like on the sheet, and cut it out, make sure you have someone make the bed sheet fit you. Make sure you safety pin the sheets together.



- Megan McLouth, Charlotte Hansell

DIY Halloween Costumes

The History of Halloween

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31st. This year's Halloween will be on a Sunday. You know how Halloween goes. You dress up with friends, and go trick or treating (Never just taking one from those "please take one bowls.")

But it wasn't always this way, Halloween started as a celebration of a good harvest, the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Samhain is a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter or "darker-half" of the year. In the northern hemisphere, it was held on November 1, but with celebrations beginning on the evening of October 31, as the Celtic day began and ended at sunset.



People would have bonfires and dress up to scare off evil spirits. The people believed that when the darker-half of the year began, evil spirits came out. To please these spirits so they wouldn't do bad things to them, the Celts would put out sweets and good food. They also carved jack 'o' lanterns to scare the spirits. The people would dress up to either scare the spirits, or to look like them so the spirits wouldn't attack them. But the children started to dress up so they could get the sweets, and food that the people



put out for the spirits. Over time people forgot about the "spirits" and just started to hand out candy to children. Today, people still dress up, carve jack 'o' lanterns, and have bonfires. Halloween as we know it is different from Halloween a long time ago but people still put out decorations of scary things that symbolize the evil spirits!

-Theo Sprenger



Jaidyn Beach



Kendall Jenner



Brooklyn Parker



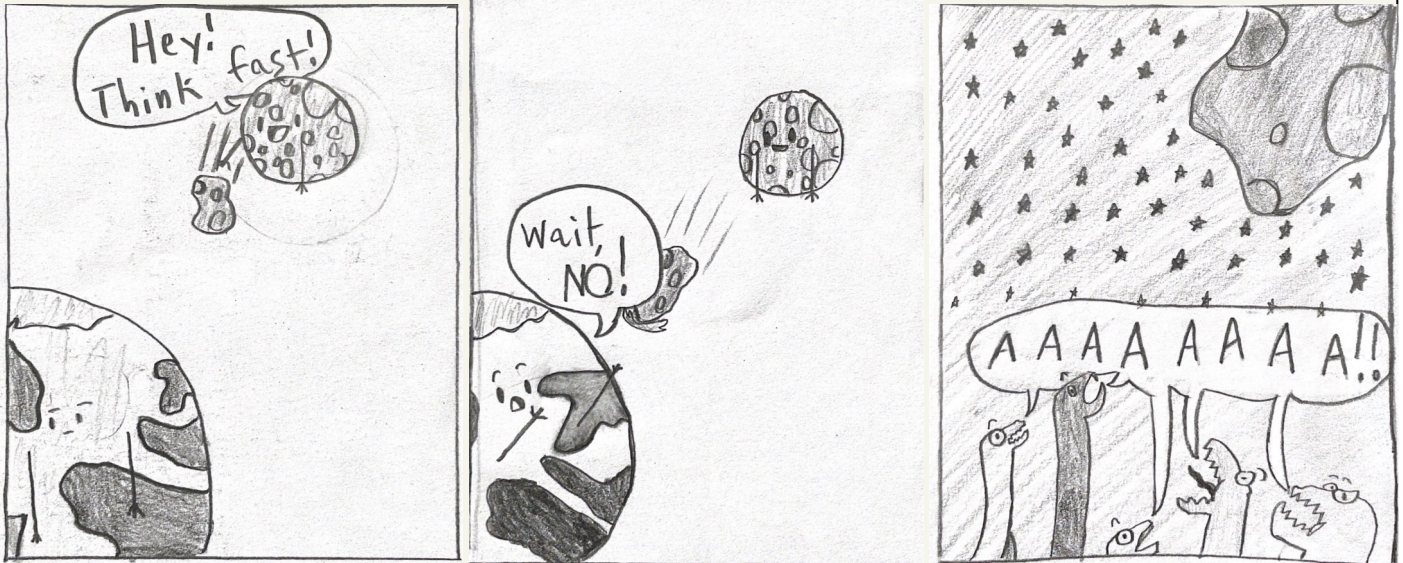
Maddie Ziegler

Celebrity Look-a-Like

Theo's Thoughts

Original Comic Strips by Theo Spreger

THE REAL REASON



GAME REVIEW & POLL

Halo Combat Evolved

Today, I will be reviewing the original Halo and before I start this review, I must say that Halo is the best game I have ever had the extreme pleasure of playing. First, I will be talking about the maps. Most of them are very open and give you a bit of freedom to explore and enjoy the scenery, maybe even find a few secrets here and there.

How are the Covenant and the Flood? The first time I played was on easy difficulty and I felt

no fear of the Grunts or any other thing that was thrown at me but when I first encountered the Flood I was in shock! I had no clue a Halo game could make me so scared and the worst part was that I died! Their design is very iconic every creature in the Halo universe is very different and it adds some nice diversity to the overall experience.

How about the Master chief himself, the Spartan? Quiet and overall lovable protagonist of most of the Halo games. Before I end this review, I must

say that I truly love the Halo series and I hope that newer games come out but until then this game should keep me coming back to play more and more.

-Hunter Carey

MINECRAFT OR FORTNITE

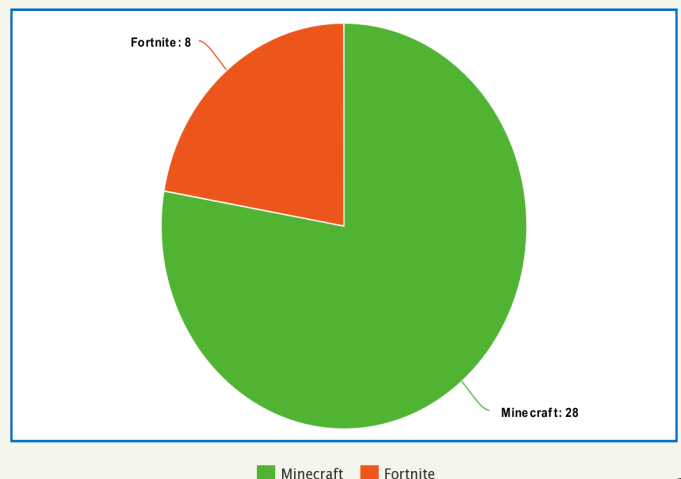
I conducted a poll and I asked many people which was better Minecraft or Fortnite. These are the results. When I started asking people which game was better the majority said that they would rather play Minecraft.

Some said, "Minecraft is more creative and useful" or just plain out insulting Fortnite by saying things like "Fortnite is for five year olds" and some had just never played Fortnite. Of course many people said different things, some of which are not quite appropriate for this article but what did the people who voted for Fortnite say? They said things like "so i could build and laser kids" and "Fortnite is great" or just plain out saying Fortnite was an all around better game.

So, what game won this poll? Minecraft got 28 votes and Fortnite got 8 votes making the pub-

lic opinion that Minecraft is the better game. Don't count Fortnite out! There will be more polls involving many more games. Look for more game reviews and polls in our next issue.

-Hunter Carey





wearing various different clothing, based on the weather, fashion, and comfort



Wearing the same hoodie everyday



Top Ten Lists

Top 10 Halloween Candy

- 1: Candy Corn
- 2: Reeses®
- 3: Snickers®
- 4: Almond Joy®
- 5: Kit Kat®
- 6: Twix®
- 7: Butterfinger®
- 8: 100 Grand Bar®
- 9: Milky Way®
- 10: M&M's®

Top 10 Breakfast Foods

- 1: Bacon
- 2: Pancakes
- 3: Chicken and Waffles
- 4: Avocado and Toast
- 5: Home Fries
- 6: Cereal
- 7: Breakfast Wrap
- 8: Breakfast Sandwiches
- 9: French Toast
- 10: Sausage

Top 10 Shoe Brands

- 1: Nike®
- 2: Adidas®
- 3: Converse®
- 4: Reebok®
- 5: New Balance®
- 6: Vans®
- 7: Puma®
- 8: Jordan®
- 9: Yeezy®
- 10: Asics®

-Haillie Burns

Creative Writing

Oscar's Travels. (My experiences in Venice, Italy)

Recently I traveled to Venice, Italy. I loved it there, the food was amazing, and the houses very colorful and unique. I really like riding in the gondolas to get places, but the journey to find happiness in Italy wasn't so easy.

On July 13th, I woke up and looked at my clock, 7:20 am. I lay in bed for about a minute, and then it hit me, literally. One of my pictures on my wall fell off and hit my head. "Oh no!! I'm late for my flight!" My flight for Venice left at 7:30, it was 7:23, and the airport was 6 minutes away.

I got dressed as fast as I could, grabbed my bag, and all my things and ran out the door. I jumped into my car, put the keys in, and then, the worst thing happened, well didn't happen, nothing happened, and that was the problem. My car

was dead. I decided to run!

It was 7:27 now, and I could see the airport nearing. It was right there! I barely got there on time. I went to the place were I got on my flight, and I got ready to give the lady my ticket so I could get on the plane. It was 7:29 now, I was seconds away from missing my flight. "May I have your ticket please sir?" said the lady in a sweet, soft voice. "Of course it's right he..." I forgot my ticket at my apartment..... I had missed my flight, but the people there let me trade in my ticket for a new ticket.

My new flight left at 10:30 am. I had 3 hours to kill so I went to get some food at the little restaurant that was in the airport. I got a white mocha, my favorite type of coffee, and this little pastry thing.

It was 8:00 am now, and I was just waiting in the airport, because I had nothing else to do, when I saw this kinda shady guy. He was tall, with long brown

hair, he was wearing a long brown, kinda dirty trench coat, and a brown fedora. As he got closer I saw he was also wearing a striped red tie that was ripped. He started walking towards me. I got kinda nervous because I didn't know what he wanted from me. He was right in front of me. He wasn't doing anything to me, he just stopped and looked around. And then he just started walking away.

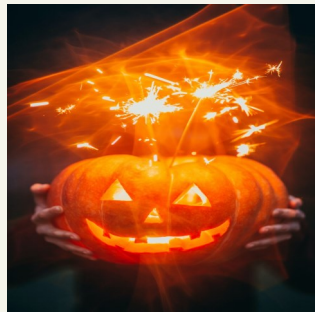
After he left I had to remind myself that just because of his appearance doesn't mean he's evil, and is going to attack me. 10:00 came and I got on my plane, the 5 hour flight wasn't that bad. I took a little nap, and read one of my favorite books, The Hobbit. When I got there I sighed a big sigh of relief. I went and checked into my hotel, and that's when things really started to get bad.

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-Theo Sprenger

When I woke up, I expected to be in my bed, but I was surrounded by trees in a hole. I began racking my brain about what I was doing last. I remember coming home from work, putting away groceries, and going to bed. I figured it must be a dream so I slapped my face and pinched my arms a couple of times before realizing it was not a dream and panicking. I felt around in my pockets and found my phone. I turned it on and realized it was at one percent and I didn't have service. My first thought was to get out of here. After the sun set, I headed toward where the moon rose. I wandered for about an hour until I saw lights. It was a little town! When I walked into town, everyone was shocked. "Y-Your the guy who went missing two days ago!" someone said, shocked. I realized that the town I grew up in and my house was only three miles away. I headed to my mom's house and got a ride home. When I got home I was happy until I saw my lights on in my house.

To be continued in the November issue...



We went to the library
And watched a video
We read some signs
And took some notes
We took a bus
Which I hate
It was very cramped
But that's beside the point
We walked around the library
And wrote in journals
About what we read and saw
It was okay
I like the towers
When they collapsed...
It was sad
When people got crushed
It was depressing

-Anonymous

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Dear Bloberta

(Advice Column for Weston Middle School)

Dear Bloberta,

I'm at the age where I have pimples on my face. I get embarrassed about it, and I don't know how to get rid of them. What should I do?
Sincerely, Embarrassed.

Dear Embarrassed,

Cleanse your face twice every day with mild soap or face wash and lukewarm water to remove excess dirt, sweat, and oil. Don't rub your face harshly. It may be tempting but don't touch your face again and again. Normally the pimple takes awhile to go away, so what I do is put pimple cream on it and it eventually goes away. You should give it a try!

Dear Bloberta,

I keep trying to get my work done but my friend is not paying attention. It's very distracting, and I can't get any of my work done. What should I do?

Sincerely, Distracted

Dear Distracted,

You need to tell them that they're being distracting, and you are not able to get any of your work done. If that assignment is really important then tell them that. There are times to talk and play, and during class isn't one of them.

Sincerely,

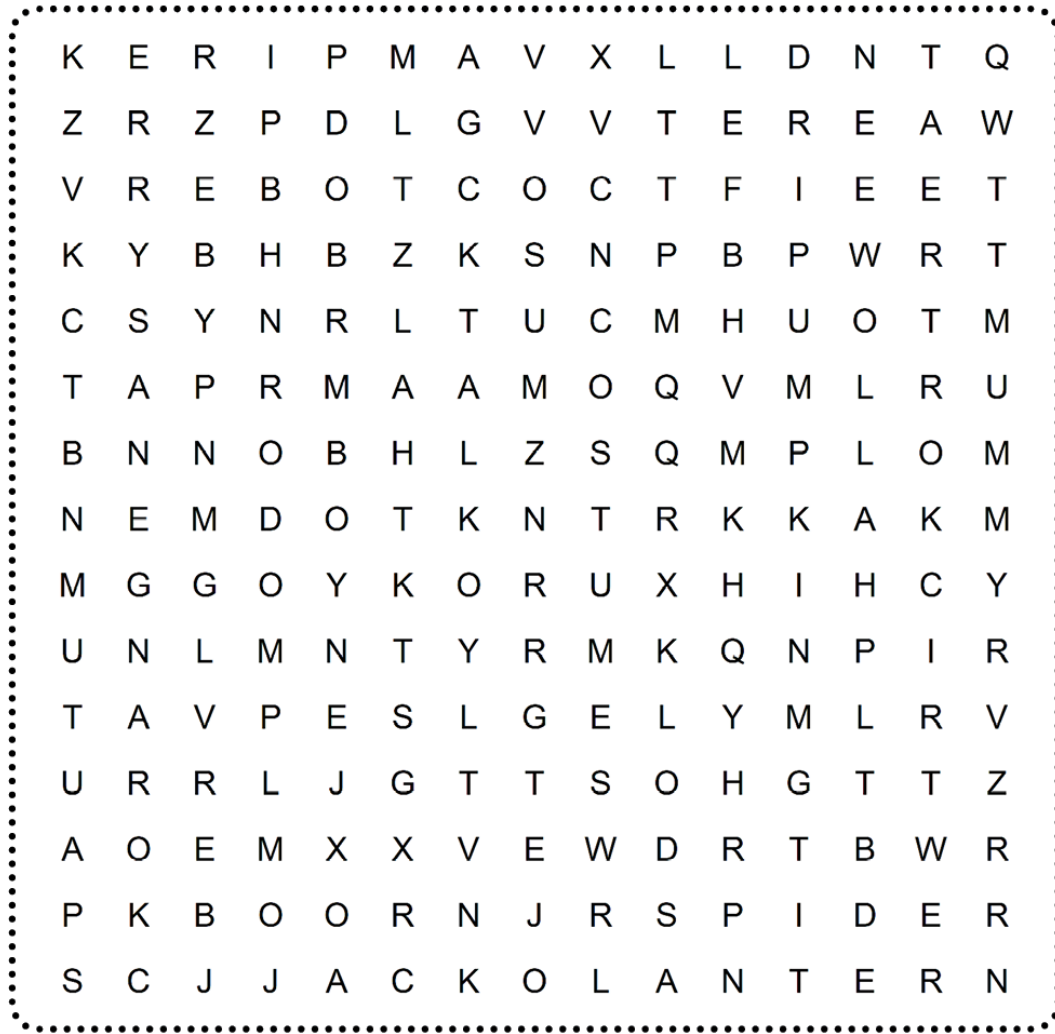
Bloberta





Halloween

WORD SEARCH



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| AUTUMN | GHOST | MUMMY | SPIDER |
| BATS | HALLOWEEN | OCTOBER | SPOOKY |
| BOO | HAUNTED | ORANGE | TRICK |
| CANDY | JACKOLANTERN | PUMPKIN | TREAT |
| COSTUMES | MONSTER | SKELETON | VAMPIRE |

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“A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.”

— Roald Dahl