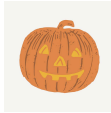


# Dragon Gazette

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## Halloween safety tips

By: Isabell Sims

How could Halloween go so wrong? Halloween can be dangerous, and I have some tips so you can enjoy a safe and fun halloween. First tip is you can wear a bright halloween costume. Also, you should walk in groups. Next you should watch for incoming traffic. If you want instead of wearing a mask you can use face paint. Next, you can carry a flashlight, or if you have one on your phone you can use that also. These next tips are very important. You need to make sure you check the candy wrapper to make sure it hasn't been opened because a lot of people can put poison or drugs into the candy. Do not accept any homemade candy or food. I am giving you these tips to make sure you stay safe this halloween. Halloween should be enjoyable, not a day for you to worry about, so these tips will help make sure you don't have to worry about anything. It is very important to keep you and your family safe this halloween.



## Positive Vibes

By: Kenzlee Stephens

Are you excited for this year? I have some good news for you! We are starting the school's brand new Dragon Gazette newspaper! We started this year with an extra recess, glow party, and kona ice. A student donated money to kids who did not have money for kona ice. Students have been generous, and do not forget to go to the Fall Festival!!



## *Fun At the Fall Festival*



By: Marley Ridener

Are you looking for a fun family night? I have the answer for you; the school is having a Fall Festival. October 27 at 6 is when the fun will begin. Let me just tell you some of the fantastic things that our school has planned for that night.

- ❖ **Decoration:** There will be hay bales, pumpkins, mums, scarecrows, leaves, and all things fall.
- ❖ **Games:** The games we're going to have are cake walk, face and nail painting, silent auction, ect.
  - There will be prizes at every game.
- ❖ **Food:** The food we are going to have is: popcorn, Cotton Candy, etc.
- ❖ **More Things that will be included:** haunted house, hay rides, photo booth, Blue Dragon Choir performance of "The Scary Contest," Silent Auction for Fundraising.

Come out and support our school! Pine Knot Intermediate School will be the place to be on October 27 at 6. Hope to see you there!

## Dear, Paisley

Hi, I'm Paisley and I will be doing the advice column for the dragon gazette! You can send letters to me and I'll write advice for a few of them in the newspaper! To send in letters there will be a blue box in the front office. Just drop in your letter in the little hole on top! I am so excited to start this advice column! Send in letters about anything you need a second opinion on or some advice!

Until next time,  
Paisley

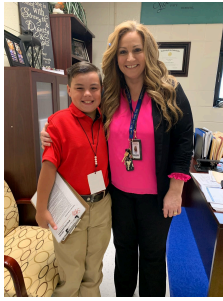


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### Getting To Know Our Principal Interview with Mrs. Moore

By: Karl James Neal

1. **Do you like your job and why?** *I love my job because of kids like you.*
2. **What is the hardest thing you have ever done?** *Going back to School to get my Doctorate.*
3. **Do you believe this is a good School?** *This is the Best School, because everybody here is Family!*
4. **If you could do any other Job What would it be?** *I Thought about being a Nurse, because I like helping People.*
5. **Tell a story about your Biggest Success in School.** *I made the Allstate Academic honorable mention as a senior athlete.*
6. **How do you want your students to remember you?"** *"As someone who cared about them and that I believed they were more than a test score".*
7. **Are you proud of us?** *I am absolutely proud of my students because they show their desire to grow and learn.*
8. **What do you do after school?** *I have some baby cows I take care of.*
9. **Tell a story about your favorite teacher.** *My favorite teacher was Mrs. Anderson, I remember she used to dress very fashionable.*
10. **Are you happy the Schools split?** *Yes, it gives me more time to focus on one school, students, and staff.*

After interviewing Mrs. Moore, I found out that she truly loves her job, and that she loves to farm, she loves god, she is also Sunday school teacher at East Pine Knot Church Of God.

## ! Important Dates !

October 24 - Bible Release

October 26 - Picture Make-up

October 23-31-: Red Ribbon Week: Poster Contest with a theme of "Be Kind to Your Mind"

Mon, Oct 23 - Pajamas Day

Tues. Oct 24 - Crazy Hair Day

Wed, Oct 25 - Superhero Day

Thurs, Oct 26 - Dress your best & Ashley Moore visits 3rd grade

Fri, Oct 27 - Blue and Gold Day & MCHS Future Teacher visits 4th and 5th grade

Mon, Oct 30 - Hat Day

Tues, Oct 31 - Costume Day

October 27 - Fall Festival

October 31 - Halloween

November 7 - Election Day

November 17 - Second Edition of the Newspaper will be released



***Harpy Eagle the animal of the month:***

***Have you seen a bird that looks like a human? I'm talking about the harpy eagle. These birds puff their feathers up, and look like humans. The harpy eagle is a part of a group of birds called raptors. The harpy eagle is considered one the strongest raptors and one of the biggest raptors. The harpy eagle was named after the harpies from Greek mythology. The rear talons of the harpy eagles were as long as grizzlies.***

- Ball. Jonah K

## Book of the Month

By: Lillian Newman

The book of the month is Diary of the Wimpy Kid Book #17. The author who wrote the Diary of the Wimpy Kid Book #17 is Jeff Kinny. When Greg decides to tag along with his brother Rodrik's band, he doesn't realize what he's getting into. You should check this book out and read it. It will be worth your time!



## Blue Dragon Choir



By: Brylee Spradlin

Mr. Stone has been putting his heart and soul into choir classes for 31 years. I am one of his choir students and I love it! I had the chance to talk with Mr. Stone and I used it to find out about his love for choir. I asked him why he loves to teach choir. His answer was *I like to listen to people sing and I like to help them sing. I like to have people listening to everyone singing.* I asked him how the third graders were adjusting to their first year in the Blue Dragon Choir. He responded with *They are doing well. The third graders are learning to sing properly.* Mr. Stone's favorite part of teaching choir is when *the student figures out what he is wanting them to sing.* Mr. Stone hopes to have even more students wanting to join choir in the future. Blue Dragon Choir is lucky to have Mr. Stone leading them. Thank you Mr. Stone for all you do for our choir!



Photo Credit: Bella Cooper



## Bible Release



By: Slayd Simpson

Do you want to add some more fun in your school day? Once a month, we get to go to a bible release. This is where you go to sing, dance, and you even get to watch a puppet show that teaches us. This makes for an exciting adventure. Make sure to have your permission slip before the next one on October 24.



Photo Credit: Teresa Simpson



## A Store In School



By: Olivia Ellis

Have you ever wanted a store in your school for a week? Well, our school got your back. The book fair comes to life at the library twice a year at Pine Knot Intermediate School. You can purchase your very own book at it. Don't have money? We still have you covered just enter the tissue box challenge. The tissue box challenge is where you decorate a tissue box with your favorite book. Paint, colored pencils, crayons, oil pastels, etc. Pine Knot Intermediate is where the magic of learning happens!



Photo Credit: Aleeya Morrow

## Spirit Week Pictures



Monday, Sept. 25, Flannel Day: We dressed up in our flannel gear to kick off Spirit Week for High Attendance! Photo Credit: Karl James Neal and ReAnna Tucker

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Hat Day/Crazy Hair Day: We wore our favorite hats or wore our hair crazy for the second Day of Spirit Week! Photo Credit: Marley Ridener and Kenzlee Stephens



Wednesday, Sept. 27, Red, White, and Blue Day: We wore our red, white, and blue to celebrate the third day for High Attendance Week! Photo Credit: Jonah Ball and Kayden Ross



Thursday, Sept. 28, Pajamas Day: We wore our pajamas on a rainy Thursday for our school day! Photo Credit: Slayd Simpson, Brylee Spradlin, and Olivia Ellis



Friday, Sept. 29, School Color/Game Day: We wore our school colors to cheer on our Dragons! Photo Credit: Isabel Sims and Lillian Newman



## IT'S FOOTBALL TIME DRAGONS.



By: Kenzie Clark

## DRAGONS TAKE ON UCB BOWL.

The Dragons battled in the UCB Bowl on the High School football field against the Whitley City Indians. Both teams played great but the Dragons fell short on the game. Keep putting in the hard work DRAGONS.

## Former Dragons Spotlight!!!

**Name:** Alyson Clark  
**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Sport:** Basketball  
**Who influenced you the most as a Dragon:** Mrs. Cindy Moore and Mrs. Teresa Kidd.  
**Does being a former Dragon help you in your sport:** yes, it taught me to work hard at everything you do.  
**If you could tell a Dragon one thing right now, what would it be:** Work hard for what you want. Also enjoy being a dragon because I miss it!



**Name:** Logan Ellis  
**Grade:** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Sport:** Football  
**Who influenced you the most as a Dragon:** Mr. Greg Duncan or Mrs. Rickett  
**Does being a former Dragon help you in your sport:** it does. The commitment of the coaches to teach us how to better ourselves has made me who I am today. Knowing that I need to follow and listen to the coaches today only betters me.  
**If you could tell a Dragon one thing right now what would it be:** it may seem like a lot now but your teachers and coaches only want what's best for you.