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Red Ribbon Week's Message Never Loses Importance



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Red Ribbon Week takes place in the 4th Week in October, from the 23rd to the 31st. Red Ribbon Week was created to raise awareness about overuse of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol.

Red Ribbon Week takes place all over the U.S.A. You may see posters outside Mrs. Casey's office near the library. When you have a chance, stop by and take a glance at the posters that she hung up. For example, **Medicine Takeback Day** takes place on October 26th.

My opinion on Red Ribbon Week is that whoever created Red Ribbon Week is a genius. Red Ribbon Week is a great idea that I think can do a lot of good in the world.

Red Ribbon Week was created by National Family Partnership in 1988. Red Ribbon Week is



the nation's oldest and biggest drug and prevention awareness program. On the mornings from October 23rd to October 31st, at SMS, there were daily announcements about Red Ribbon Week having facts about it.

There were also theme days.

Wednesday, October 23, students took the Red Ribbon Week pledge and signed their names on a "Movie ticket" that was entered

into a raffle. It was also "neon" day, where you could wear right colors.

On Thursday, October 24, kids observed "Sock It to Drugs day" by wearing crazy and mismatched socks. Today, Friday, October 25, everyone wore red to support Red Ribbon Week.

I hope you know more about how Red Ribbon Week was and why it was created. I also hope this helped you understand just how important Red Ribbon Week is.

Orange Showed Up on Unity Day



**By Gemma Krissoff
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On Wednesday, October 16, many people wore orange. This is because October 16 is Unity Day.

Unity Day is celebrated to send a message of inclusion and kindness. It was started by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center in 2011. Unity Day falls during October, which is National Bullying Prevention Month.

Why do people wear orange on Unity Day? Why not green, or blue? Orange is worn on Unity Day because it is linked to visibility and safety. Orange is also worn on Unity Day because it is a color associated with autumn, and Unity Day is in autumn. Orange is also vibrant, which makes a big statement.

What can you do to celebrate Unity Day? Here are some

suggestions: You can wear orange on Unity Day, post about it on social media, and tell your friends and family about it. You can join the No Place for Hate Club. You could write a positive message on a rock and leave it outside. You can have a sign outside your house that says something kind. You can write something positive with chalk on a sidewalk. You can do window art that has a positive message.

Of course, you should spread kindness year-round, not just on Unity Day.

Here are pictures of SMS students and teachers who wore orange on Unity Day:

Source:

<https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

Photos by Ava Miritello



What's the Most Popular Halloween Costume?



**By Lila O'Connor
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We all wonder every October "what should I be for Halloween?"

Have you ever wondered what the most popular costume is? Read more to find out.



If you're like me, you decided what you're being for Halloween on September 1st of the previous year. But not everyone's like me so here's some ideas for Halloween costumes.

Here are the top 10. Starting off strong at number 10 is Anxiety from Inside Out 2. At number 9, we have a Chipotle Burrito (pretty random I know). In 8th place, we

have none other than Sabrina Carpenter and following her in 7th place, Taylor Swift. In 6th place is Envy, another character from Inside Out 2. Going for a spookier vibe is Delores from Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, and following her from the New Descendant's movie is Red.

We are now down to the final three. In third place is Lady Deadpool. In second is RayGunn, the Australian break dancer who got a 0 in the Paris Summer Olympics. And yes, without further ado, in first place is Shrunkn Head Bob, a fan favorite from Beetlejuice Beetlejuice.

I hope you enjoyed this and maybe you're going as Shrunkn Head Bob.



Why Do Leaves Change Color?



**By Lila O'Connor
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We all love looking at the beautiful leaves around October and November, but have you ever wondered why they change color? There are a few reasons scientists have discovered. In the Fall and Winter months, days get shorter, and nights are cooler. This results in leaves changing color. You might be wondering how this affects the leaf color? If you keep reading this article, you will find out.



The reason this affects the color of a leaf is to get the green color that leaves have in spring. Leaves need long, sunny days with a little rain. In the Fall, we have shorter, cooler days with clouds. This causes the leaves to die and because of that, they start to change color. When leaves die, the reason the color changes is because when trees get less direct sunlight, that causes the chlorophyll to break down which changes the color of the leaf to colors like red orange

and yellow. This is why leaves change color.

Music Industry Happenings



**By Richard Hall
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Popular Rapper Tyler the Creator announces a new album titled "Chromakopia"

That's coming out on October 28th 2024



Deceased but

talented rapper MF DOOM is having a 20th anniversary remaster of his hit album "MM.. Food" the album is available for pre-order and shipping will start on November 4th.



Little known but also very talented band Weezer has just gone on tour

and preformed their "Journey to the Blue Planet" where they sang their songs from the hit Blue Album.



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A Halloween Word Search

Word Bank



Halloween
Creepy
Witch
Candy

Spooky
Scary
Autumn



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All About October



By Elowyn Dawson
Tusker Tribune Staff

October can sometimes seem like a boring month when the days are long and boring, and it gets colder outside.

Sometimes I feel that way, too, But October has a lot of amazing things to offer. It's also a fun and interesting month.

First, everyone knows October is Halloween time where you dress up and ask for candy. October is also known for when the leaves turn beautiful colors, and it starts to get colder. Other than that, the 16th of October is Unity Day, a very important day celebrating anti-



bullying. October is also National Work and Families month and Breast Cancer Awareness month.

October 10th is National Mental Health day. Columbus Day is also on the 14th of October. There are also a lot of celebrities with October birthdays like Kim Kardashian, Zach Efron, Katy Perry, Snoop Dog and Ryan Reynolds.

The Zodiacs of October are Libra and Scorpio. As for history, October was originally the 8th month. Its name comes from the Latin word "Octo" which means 8. So, as you can see, there are a lot of amazing things in October. So next time you feel bored or down, think of all the amazing things this month has to offer.

The Yankees Will Take on the Dodgers in the 2024 World Series



**By Caitlin Goodwin
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Have you heard about the Yankees moving on towards the 2024 World Series? They are, having defeated the Cleveland Guardians in the playoffs.

Juan Soto really took one for the team with the game winning point. Soto hit the ball 402 feet in the air. Wow that's high.

The Yankees brought Soto into New York hoping it was the missing piece we needed on the team. Soto also sent the Yankees to their first World Series since 2009. In addition, Giancarlo Stanton, MVP of the playoff series, hit a home run to tie the

game in the 6th inning. Even with Nestor Cortes, DJ Lemahieu, Jonathan Loaisiga, Lou Trevino and Scott Effross all injured, we still managed to pull out a win.



The game winning homer was scored in the tenth inning. The game ended with a score of 5 – 2 Yankees.

The Yankees will face the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series, the Dodgers having defeated the NY Mets in the playoffs.

Studies show that the Dodgers are a thoroughly better team. But you never know.

The championship will be held in Arlington Texas with the first game on October 28..

How Our Thoughts Affect Reality



**By Elowyn Dawson
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Believe it or not, our thoughts actually do create our reality. You may wonder why or how. Well, there's actually been a lot of research on this topic.

For example, one of the experiments involved having a few people brought in and asked if they thought they were lucky. Half of the people said yes and the other half said no. While they were getting questioned, a \$20 bill was placed outside the door. The people who said they thought they were lucky were more likely to see the \$20 bill. But the people who said that they weren't lucky were less likely to see the money. That is one of the examples of how our thoughts affect our reality.

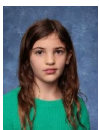


Another experiment that was conducted was that they brought in a cleaning crew and told some of them that the work they do counted as exercise. They told the other members of the cleaning crew that what they do doesn't count as exercise. The crew members who were told what they do counted as exercise lost weight. The other crew members who were told that what do wasn't exercise did

not lose any weight.

You may wonder why this is so important. Well, if you wake up thinking, "I'm going to have a terrible day", you probably will, so instead of doing that, think, "I'm going to have a great day", and you most likely will. Your thoughts really can create your reality.

Clubs Can Make School Life More Fun



**By Elowyn Dawson
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Lots of people go to clubs or an after-school activity such as dance, sports or a book club. You don't have to be good at the subject to join the club. Maybe you want to try something new or do something you love.

Joining a club can have a positive impact on us and our lives. For example, you can make good friends in your club and find people who have the same interest as you. Joining a club can also help



you learn life lasting skills. Some of the skills you might be able to learn are teamwork, leadership, communication, problem solving and a whole lot more. It can also help with our mental health by reducing the feeling of loneliness and sadness.

Finally joining a club is super fun and can be relaxing. I hope after reading this you think about joining the club for the fun and experience.

Here is a link to the clubs and activities Somers Middle School offers:
<https://sms.somersschools.org/student-life/activities>

The Zee Files Series will Draw You In!



**By Francesca Palumbo
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I have been reading a series called **"The Zee Files"** by Tina Wells, and I recommend this book for people who love realistic fiction, just like me!

The series has six books (But I have only read four) and has about 100-200 pages in a book! The series is about this girl named Mackenzie Carmichael (her nickname is Zee) and Zee and her family move from California to London, so now Zee goes to a new boarding school, where she only comes home for holidays.

Her best friends are Chloe and Ally. They all live in separate places, but they can keep in touch because of the Zee Files! The Zee Files is a website that Zee made so she and her friends can text, send photos, and do everything privately! Zee has twin siblings who are toddlers, and she has one older brother named Adam, but he is in college! Mrs. Carmichael (the mom) is a full-time influencer! So, she films and posts videos about the family. Because Zee is away so much, Mrs. Carmichael got a babysitter for the twins named Camila!

In the second book, **"The Zee Files, All That Glitters"**, Zee makes some friends! She already knew one kid from her new school (The Hollows, Music and Art Academy) Jasper Chapman! She knew Jasper because they were family friends, and he used to go to Zee's old school, too (Brookdale)! The other friends are Tom, Jamila, and Izzy. Finally, there is a character named Archie, who took a quick liking to Zee, and really likes to hang out with her! Zee is a musician and likes to play guitar! Jasper used to help Zee with



music, but now Archie is helping her also! In the third book, **"The Zee Files, Girl/Friend"**, the classes get way harder for Zee. But Archie asks Zee to be his girlfriend! Zee's grades are dropping so she needs to get them up. Her parents suggested for her to take therapy, about her feelings, because she has a lot of them. Zee reluctantly agrees. The therapist gives her a journal to write all her feelings in! Even in the fourth book, Zee still uses the journal! Zee finds out that her friend Ally is going through a tough time, her parents just got divorced.

In the fourth book, **"The Zee Files, A very malibu vacay"**, its winter break, and everyone has off from school! So, they decided to go back to London for the holidays!!!! Zee is so excited to see her old friends and school, and to have a great time! Mrs. Carmichael rented out a big and fun mansion for the family (including Camila) to stay in for the break! Even Zee's older brother, Adam is there with his girlfriend, Gabriella! Chloe never moved and was in London this whole time (Ally lives in Paris), so Zee decides to go to school with Chloe for half of the day and see everyone! One of the classes was band, and the band teacher loved to see Zee back, and so did everyone in the class! Zee Loved seeing everyone back, so she through a holiday party at the place she rented! It went great! Everyone had a great time! Even Ally came! It was a reunion! Chloe, Ally, and Zee were going to have a sleepover, but Ally had to leave! But why? Read the books to find out!

I hope you liked my suggestion, and decide to read the book, I have only read four books so far, so the other two are a mystery!

Hurricane Milton's Impact on Florida



**By Lila O'Connor
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I'm sure and hope you've all heard about Hurricanes Helene and Milton. I'm going to be telling you about how hurricane Milton hit Florida. I'm going to be focusing on one part of Florida: Fort Myers.

Fort Myers is one of the larger communities in Florida. However, in the past two years, it has been devastated by three hurricanes. In 2022, Hurricane Ian demolished the Fort Myers area. This past September, Hurricane Helene also hit Fort Myers. And to top that all off, Milton hit them.

In Fort Myers during Milton, there were about five foot storm surges. Storm surges are an offshore rise of water that can go from three feet to thirty feet and can wash away buildings and road-



Picture taken from a drone of Fort Myers during Milton.

ways. Part of what caused all this flooding is that Fort Myers is right next to the gulf. In Fort Myers, there was surprisingly little amounts of stuff floating in the water compared to when Hurricane Ian hit. Since people use sandbags pushed up against doorways to prevent flooding, there are giant piles of sand everywhere in Florida. The problem with that is that the winds start blowing all the sand around and the water packs it into houses and the road. There were also around 40 tornadoes during the hurricane, including the rare EF3's. This resulting in almost \$34 billion worth of damage and 2.9 million people without power.

That is how Hurricane Milton hit Fort Myers, Florida

Frankly Nice Gifting! (My family's business)



**By Francesca Palumbo
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Intro

Hi! My name is Francesca Palumbo (My nickname is Frankie) and Frankly Nice Gifting is my family's business! Frankly is for Frankie, and Nice is for Nico (My brother), and this is a gift boxing business!

About the stencils and toys



We hand stencil all our boxes, so when you get the box and take everything out, you can color the box in! The boxes are made for kids from ages 5-13 usually! Inside the box are toys, fidgets, stuffed animals, books, and more!

About the boxes

My family and I make gift boxes for most holidays or special occasions! We made a box for the first day of school, Halloween, Valentine's Day and more! For Valentine's Day, we made two boxes: "Pretty n' Pink" box (all pink stuff inside) and "Radicle Red" box (all red stuff inside) We made a Christmas box, and we even did Hannukah minis!

About the Minis

Minis are little versions of the box that we also make. For most boxes and more, you can hand them out to your class or at a party! We make Halloween minis, First Day of School minis, Graduation minis, Sports minis, Valentine's Day minis (that say to and from on the box) and for Hannukah, we even make Eight minis! Minis usually come in a set for 12 of 24, but we made an exception for Hannukah!

Party pack

For the first time, we now have a Halloween party pack! We have only made this for Halloween so far, but we will be making it along with most boxes! Inside the box, there is everything you would need to throw a party! In this case, inside the box is everything to throw a Halloween party, such as witch cauldron cups, Halloween colored straws, utensils, and napkins, coffin shaped plates, Halloween party poppers, Halloween coloring books, a spiderweb table runner, and even Halloween headbands! There are six of each in there so you can throw a party for six, and if it's a bigger party, then get more than one!

Midis

A midi is (just like it sounds) is a mid sized box! We have teacher midis that are actually made for the teachers! In the box are things that a teacher would like! We have Anytime midis, and we have Christmas midis, and if you buy those, you get two mid-sized boxes instead of one big box! This is good for parents/ grandparents!

Where to find us/ our YouTube channel

If you want to learn more and look at/buy our boxes, then you can go to our website, Franklynicegifting.com! On Instagram is [@franklynicegifting](https://www.instagram.com/franklynicegifting/)! And lastly, we have a YouTube channel!!!! Our YouTube channel is named Frankly Nice Gifting, and we post fun videos related to Frankly Nice Gifting! Our first video was a 3-marker challenge on the box, and we just posted a new video where we make all of the letters in F.N.G into monsters!

How to win prizes

To win a free Anytime midi, all you need to do is subscribe! When we get to 100 subscribers, we will pick two random people, and they will win a free anytime midi! So go watch our three-marker challenge video to learn all about that! We are also just posted a video that asks how many seeds are in the F.N.G pumpkin, so make sure to watch that, and if you comment below how many you think, and you are the closest, we will DM you and you can win a prize like a Halloween box and more! So, subscribe now!

Conclusion

I hope you like our business, and I hope my writing was helpful for you! Don't forget to subscribe and go to our website to buy a box! Have a great day! Bye!





SMS WINTER CONCERT DATE CHANGE

DECEMBER 12 SNOW DATE: DECEMBER 16	ORCHESTRA CONCERT @ 6:30 PM (students arrive at 6)
CHORUS CONCERT @ 7:45 PM (students arrive at 7:10)	DECEMBER 12 SNOW DATE: DECEMBER 16
JANUARY 14 SNOW DATE: JANUARY 22	BAND CONCERT @ 7 PM (students arrive at 6:15)

Spirit week



10/28-Sports day

10/29-Tropical

Tuesday

10/30-Rhyme without
reason

10/31-Costume day

11/1-PJ day