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Once a Blood Donor, Always a Lifesaver

By Sieanna Hall



Students at LLA blood drive, waiting and preparing to donate their blood.

On Oct. 23rd, LLA had its first blood drive of the year in the MPR throughout the school day.

When students were asked why they decided to donate their blood, Maite Munoz, 12th grade student, said, “saving a life matters and having the opportunity to do that is good.”

During the drive, students were given snacks like chips to eat while they held onto a red ball to squeeze.

Despite how nervous they were, they got through it, feeling good knowing the impact of their decision.

Parker Rockole, 11th grade student, said, “I hope my blood can save a person in need.”

But why does Lakeview plan this blood drive multiple times throughout the school year? According to Mrs. Gemel, the blood drives provide our school with a “monetary donation.”

Souling

By Aurora Marquez

Celebrated annually on Oct. 31st, “Halloween” is a shortened term of “All Eve,” meaning the day before All Hallow’s Day (also known as All Saints’ Day), which is a traditional Catholic Holiday.

It was believed that on Oct. 31st, the door to the Otherworld opened for the souls of the dead, and other beings, to come into our world. Masks and costumes were worn in an attempt to mimic the evil spirits or appease them.

As Christianity spread to Ireland, older traditions did to such as “Souling,” which was founded between 731 and 741 C.E. The custom of baking and sharing of soul cakes has been suggested as the origin of trick-or-treating. Groups of poor people, often children, would go door-to-door on All Saints’ Day collecting soul cakes.

All Hallows’ Eve also provided one last chance for the dead to gain vengeance on their enemies before moving to the next world. To avoid being recognized by any soul that might seek such vengeance, people would wear masks or costumes to disguise their identities.

SCHOOL LIFE

Honoring Ancestry: Celebrating Native American Heritage

By Yelena Felix

November is an important month in the United States as it marks Native American Heritage Month. This provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the rich cultures, traditions, and histories of Native American peoples.

Throughout Nov., communities across the country participate in many gatherings, festivals, and educational activities. These events aim to get people to have a deeper understanding of Native American History, celebrating their contributions and strength.

Activities range from art showcases and storytelling events. to educational workshops that give individuals knowledge about Native American Heritage.

Native American Heritage month is not just for thinking back but also for appreciation. As we celebrate we can learn from Indigenous cultures, especially their values of land protection and community. Let this month inspire us to encourage understanding and respect for all cultures.



Honoring Native American Heritage Month



Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa, Oregon

LLA Supports Disabled Veterans

By Michael Alvarez

On Nov. 4th, ASB announced the start of its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive which will benefit our country's disabled veterans.



Mr. Ferrara's 4th Period Donation Box

ASB is collecting donations of canned or boxed food items until Dec. 6th.

"We have partnered with DAV (Disabled American Veterans) which is free, professional assistance that helps veterans and their families get the benefits they've earned," ASB member, Cynthia Frias shares.

Donation boxes are in 4th period classrooms and will be collected every friday. The 4th period class with the most donations will be earning 100 5 star points for each student and a pizza party.

"We feel happy and excited to be able to donate to people who truly need it. We donate because we are fortunate enough to be able to help out and know that our efforts do make a difference even if it's just a little," Cynthia says.

Food drives are an easy and inexpensive way to for us to help members of our community. Not everyone will have the luxury of spending Thanksgiving with their loved ones or with a full dinner. But with our help, we can make sure a family can at least enjoy a meal together.

This Thanksgiving, what are you thankful for?