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Spooktacular at MAS : 2026!

By Sophie Sanchez

MAS Elementary school celebrates Halloween every year with a Spooktacular event that they host. In October, each year, people gather at MAS Elementary school at the Spooktacular.



At the Spooktacular, people can dress up in their costumes for the holiday, and even the teachers dress up. If you decide to dress up – remember there are some rules: you can't bring weapons or wear a mask.

Some activities that they have are the "Spin-the-Wheel" game. This is where you spin a wheel with different types of Halloween characters such as a Witch or a Frankenstein. Then, whatever you land on when the wheel stops, you must act it out. Sometimes they have a corn maze which is very fun. If you decide to go, you can get candy, play games and so much more!

They also give out Pizza at the Spooktacular. They also have a DJ that plays hit songs and you can even request a song. Also, the playground is always available to use in case you want to play with your friends and have fun. They also give out tattoos, coloring sheets, stickers and other little toys. Overall, I think you should go come the MAS Spooktacular this year because it's so much fun!



Awesome Riddles by Aria Annunziata

1# What kind of lion never roars?

2# What comes up but never comes down?

3# No one empties me, but I never stay full for long. What am I?

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INTERVIEW WITH MS. SPERANZA

By Jose Fernandez Castillo



Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 31 years

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Chicken Parm

Q: What subject do you like to teach most?

A: Reading and Writing

Q. What is your favorite holiday and why?

A. Christmas because I get to see my family.

Q. What is your favorite candy?

A. Chocolate everything

Q. What is your hobby?

A. The gym

Q. Do you like Halloween?

A. I love Halloween. I like Trick or Treating

Are Ghosts Real?

By Sadie Dino



Do you believe in ghosts? A ghost is a transparent image of a person or living thing. Some people believe in them and others don't.

Many people view ghosts as the soul or spirit of a person who passed away. A ghost can be a strange shadow, noise, or moving object. A lot of people have reported seeing or sensing ghosts.

Ghost believers think that ghosts could be leftover energy from people that have died or passed away. People have had experiences with ghosts and believe that they are real. Other people think that there is a logical explanation and that there is no such thing as ghosts. I believe in ghosts – how about you?

PLAYA BOWLS

By Aria Annuziata

Playa-Bowls is a popular restaurant that sells acai bowls and smoothies. A playa bowl is a fruit bowl that is usually made with acai. If you don't know what acai is – it is a purple stone fruit that has many health benefits. Playa bowls are made by blending ice with acai fruit, then adding toppings, such as strawberries, bananas, blueberries, pecans, Chia seeds, shredded coconut, and Nutella. My personal favorite is a playa bowl with Nutella, strawberries, bananas and shredded coconut. You can have a playa bowl for breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert.

Did you know there is a Playa Bowls located at the city center in White Plains? You should try to visit and have yourself a treat!

Day of the Dead : Dia de los Muertos!

By: Adeline Calderon



The Day of the Dead or Dia de Los Muertos is a holiday celebrated in Mexico and other Latin American countries. During this holiday families and loved ones gather around to remember those that have passed, including family members and pets.

In this tradition, the gates of heaven open at midnight on October 31st. According to beliefs, the spirits of pets come on October 27th ahead of the main celebration then the spirits of kids come on November 1st and the adults come November 2nd. All pets, kids and adults who have died get honored by their family.

Families build beautifully decorated altars in their homes called ofrendas to honor their loved ones. They also make sugar skulls. Sugar skulls are symbols made of sugar that people use to remember kids and adults that have passed away. These skulls are not meant to be eaten. They are a symbol of respect and are meant to dissolve. They are decorated beautifully.

Hazel and The Halloween Park

By Harper Asuncion

One afternoon me and Aroura were walking home from school. Aroura was talking about her day, while I was staring at the grass. Then, Aroura gave me a little pat and she said, "are you okay?" I nodded.

This time I was listening.

"Do you know about the Halloween park?" she said

"No" I replied

" It's a place"

Aroura stopped walking. She swallowed.

" A place where there's a Haunted house. I went in and when I came out - I could not sleep'

I was sad for Aroura- then we turned onto our block. We are neighbors so we see each other every day. Then Aroura said 'goodbye".

I just bolted into the house. My dad was cooking and I went upstairs.

As I was doing my homework, something popped up in my mind, I was thinking about Halloween Park.

I was wondered if there is witch that lived there, or maybe a zombie...



Michael Jackson – The King of Pop

By Nora Barelli



Michael Jackson was born in Indiana on August 29th, 1958, and sadly he died in 2009. Before he became a solo singer, he was in a band called "The Jacksons". He sang as a child in a band with his four brothers. One of their most famous songs was called "ABC". His sister, Janet Jackson, also writes and produces famous songs

Michael Jackson was known as "The King of Pop". His famous dance style was called the moonwalk. The first live song he ever performed the moonwalk for was the song "Billie Jean"- my personal favorite! His bestselling album was Thriller, which is still the bestselling album of all time worldwide. Thriller is also a song and is one of his greatest hits. In 1982, his album won eight Grammy awards in just one night.

Michael Jackson loved candy. Some of his favorite candies were M&M's, Reeses, and popcorn with caramel and melted butter. His favorite movies were Peter Pan, Star Wars, and The Wizard of Oz. His favorite color was red. Although Michael Jackson is no longer alive, his music will live on forever!

Travel with me to London

By: Maeve Wilson



My name is Maeve and I traveled to London this past summer. London is a city in England. England is a part of the United Kingdom which is located in Europe. This summer I took a plane for 6 hours to London. When I was there, I went on a boat. I visited my mom's friend. London is home to Buckingham Palace. The Bucking Palace is not a house, but it is an office to the King and Queen. London is cool if you ask me.

ANSWERS Awesome Riddles by Aria Annunziata

1# A dandelion

2# Your age

3# The Moon

Crayola

By: Isabela Advincula



Crayola is an art company owned by Hallmark.

Crayola was created by Edwin Binny and C. Harold Smith. The place where the first Crayola factory was in Easton Pennsylvania. It started in 1903 and it still goes to this day. They make coloring materials like colored pencils, crayons, markers and any other coloring stuff you can think of (except paper). I think that people would like to draw with Crayola materials!

A fun fact about Crayola is that they have a Crayola Experience in the town of Easton, PA. Here you can have fun at and see how they make all their materials like pencils, crayons, and all that fun stuff.

Sallie Mackel and the Halloween party

A Fictional story By: Nola Ridore

Do you know what is coming up? It is Halloween. Know why I am nervous? Last night I had an anxiety attack when my mom said, "Honey, you HAVE to choose a Halloween costume.' “No, No, NOOO! I can’t!” Am I going to be an ugly, gross, clown? '

That is when my little sister, Eva said ‘A clown? I LOVE clowns! They are cute, silly and goofy!' Of course she would say that! All 7-year-olds love clowns, but clowns are NOT a thing for a 12-year-old like me. I yelled ‘Clowns are NOT cute, silly OR goofy!” I stuck my tongue out at her and she made an angry face at me.

''Girls CALM DOWN please '' mom said in a calm and soft way “I am going to be snow white!'' Eva said cheerfully. Ugh. Snow White? The only movies I like on Disney are Zombies, Descendants and Inside Out. Then my mom said ''Sallie dear you have LOTS of time to choose a costume, so you don’t have to choose one now.' That was when I ran upstairs to put on my pajamas and gasped anxiously. A million thoughts swirled in my head. What if the pants do not fit? What if I was forced to wear a costume? What if NICOLE makes fun of me? Am I getting a little old for trick or treating? This is going to be a tough Halloween for me.

Taekwondo

By Asa Hsu

Taekwondo is a fun and popular martial art. Taekwondo is a martial art of kicking and punching but mostly fancy kicks. It is a martial art of self-defense. Taekwondo isn't aways about fighting it can also be just for fun or to show off. Some people may show off their skills of taekwondo for a talent show.

The literal translation of taekwondo is "the way of the hand and foot". Did you know that Taekwondo is an Olympic Sport? Taekwondo follows a belt ranking system which means...

I practice taekwondo a few days a week. Some skills that I have done at Taekwondo are front kick, round kick, axe kick, side kick, jumping front kick, flying side kick, jumping round kick, double jump kick, stepping back kick, hook kick, jumping hook kick, 360 hook kick, 360 round kick, 540 hook kick, 540 round kick, 720 hook kick, 720 round kick, and 1080 kick.

Taekwondo follows a belt system. When you begin Taekwondo, you will not have a belt. Then you will earn a white belt by learning the basics. People try to earn a black belt which is the highest level.



Halloween Problem

By: Siena Prato



Sometimes on Halloween there is a problem.

The problem is - some people cannot be at home, so they leave a buck of candy in front of their house. This is a huge problem.

The problem is that kids are supposed to take 1 or 2 pieces of candy, but they don't. Instead, they take the whole bowl. This is because some people are greedy. Kids who come to an empty bowl might feel sad or upset. Trick or treaters do not like that. It is not funny or nice to take all the candy.

My suggestion is: do not steal the candy because it will not be fair to the other trick or treaters.

Basically, if you find yourself in front of a bowl of candy - please take one piece! People put out candy because they want to be nice and they want everybody to get candy.

Roblox

By: Emma Frank

Roblox is a big online gaming platform. Did you know that Roblox used to be named DynaBlocks, then it was GoBlocks, but then the company decided on the name to Roblox.

On Roblox, you can "friend" people - but you should only friend people who you know for safety reasons. Roblox has a bunch of mini games on it. Some of them are: 99 nights in the forest, Brookhaven, Grow-A-Garden, Adopt-Me and Dress-To-Impress. The games are very fun.

To make sure kids are safe, Roblox has a face scan feature. All you do is scan your face, and it puts you in your correct age group. For example, I am 9 years old and I am in the 9-12 group. There are some games you would be able to play and some that you are not able to play based on your age.

Greece

By: Jason Gecht

Greece is a country located about 4,930 miles from New York. It is impossible to drive to Greece, so you must take a plane.

Greece is home to many famous landmarks.
One of the most famous is the Parthenon. The Parthenon is a historic marble temple build in Athens, Greece.

If you go to Greece and want to visit a giant volcano that has been sunken down, then you should go to Santorini. Beware - it is very hot. If you go, you might get a sunburn.

Greece is famous for their pies. They're also famous for having the first Olympics hosted there.

The Greek Flag is blue and white. The lines are blue and the background is white. The Greek flag represents sea, sky, and the Greek orthodox faith chosen during the country's fight for independence.

I suggest you should go to Greece and look at some landscapes. Try not to get a sunburn!



Go Yankees! By Brian Bello

My favorite baseball team is the Yankees. The Yankees are a baseball team from New York. Their home field is Yankee stadium in the Bronx. I have been there many times. When you go, bring a glove because if a homerun is hit by you then you might be able to catch the ball. I caught one once and it was so fun!

Some of the players' names are Ben Rice, Cody Bellinger, Gerrit Cole, Max Fried, and Carlos Rodon. The team colors are for the Yankees uniform are white, navy blue, and gray. I like the team colors and they win a lot. I hope they win the playoffs this season.



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