

Future important dates:

Oct 30 No School
 Nov 2 No School
 Nov 3 No School
 Nov 4 No School
 Nov 5 No School
 Nov 6 No School
 November 9 School Resumes

Horrifying Halloween Costumes

by Kendall Bourbon

It's October, and you all know what that means! Ghouls, goblins, ghosts, candy, but most importantly, Halloween! Even though the holiday traditions might be changing a little due to the current situation, kids are still planning on dressing up. This year at Nell Holcomb school though, there will be some changes to the normal Halloween routine we all enjoy so much. By this I mean that there will be no Kindergarten Halloween Parade in 2020.

I stopped into Ms. Conklin's room to ask some of these kids what they were going to dress up as last Monday. I got a great variety of responses and I believe that this year's Halloween Parade would have been great.

I interviewed four Kindergarteners to see what they were going to be and why, and here's what they said. The first kiddo I talked to was named Ali. She said that she was going to be a cat. When I asked why she specifically wanted to be a cat, she responded with, "Because I like cats."

The second Kindergartener was named Porter and he had a very interesting costume picked out. He said that he was planning on being a Halo ninja. I thought that was a very interesting choice so I then asked him why he picked to be a Halo ninja. He said, "Because I like ninjas and the chief of the Halo people."

The next kid I got to talk to was a little girl named Holly. She told me that she was planning on being a princess. I loved that idea, so I asked her why she really wanted to do that and she said that it was because she really likes princesses and she wanted to be one. Super cute, right?

The final kiddo I got to interview was Layden. He first told me that he wanted to be Mario. When I later asked him why he chose to be Mario he told me that he really liked the game that he was from and that Mario was his favorite character in the game.

Now that you've heard these little kids ideas for their costumes, are you as disappointed as I am that we won't be having a Halloween parade this year? It would have been very cute for sure. These kiddos came up with some pretty cute ideas, and I hope that they still get to use them on the night of October 31st.

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Zero Hero

By Paisley Eyler

Q. What is Zero Hero all about?

1. It's an engaging counting experience for the kindergarten students.

1 Q. What does Zero Hero do?

1. Zero Hero counts to the multiple of ten for that day with the kindergarten. They wear a bright colored cape and matching glasses with 0's all over them. They also bring 0 themed treats for students.

1 Q. What does Zero Hero teach?

1. It teaches students how to count and add. It teaches them how to add because the students realize that on the 34th day it'll be 6 more days until Zero Hero comes.

1 Q. Who is Zero Hero?

1. Zero Hero is a teacher that dresses up as Zero Hero and we just say that's Mr./Mrs./Ms. Twin.

Q. What does Zero Hero wear?

1. Zero Hero wears brightly-colored glasses and a matching cape with 0's all over it. They also bring 0 shaped treats like lifesavers

Thanks to Mrs. Schollosser and Mr. Wortmann.



Gone Fishin' by Mark Richey

Every Thursday, Nell Holcomb waits in excitement for the things that await them at the end of the day. The students will be allowed to get rid of all the stress of school, and go fishing! Mr. Stoverink runs the operation, and he and about 40 kids head over to Kenny Foeste's pond just north of the school building. There, the kids and a couple parents go and try to catch many amazing fish, like bass, crappie, and bluegill.

They fish after school, three until five, and test their luck and skill in the amazing experience of fishing. Special thanks to the Conservation Department for lending the school equipment, like fishing poles, and other supplies. Overall, fishing club is an amazing time and a great place for students. Seasoned fishermen and people new to fishing alike, can have a great outdoor experience and enjoy beautiful weather. I hope you have learned something, and good luck fishin'!



COVID: Do's and Don'ts by Ireland Hunter

Coronavirus can sound kind of scary, but it's not. If you learn a few things about it, then you can protect yourself and others from getting it. It is a virus that is spread from one person to another when they are in close contact and the infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Here are a few do's and don'ts:

- Do:
- Wash your hands often
 - avoid close contact with anyone who is sick or has been around a sick person
 - wear a mask when around others
 - cover coughs & sneezes
 - clean and disinfect
 - monitor your health (how you're feeling)

- Dont:
- don't come to school sick
 - don't share drinks
 - don't share food

Don't be afraid of Corona virus. If you follow all the do's, then you're doing your best!



Popular Books & Book Recommendations by Ireland Hunter

Today I asked Mrs. Nelson about book recommendations and popular books for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. *Pete the Cat*, *Dog Man*, and *Bad Kitty* are popular with grades K-2. *Big Nate* is also fairly popular, and *Bad Guys* is starting to be checked out more often. I have read *Bad Kitty*, and *Dog Man*, and I recommend them for grades K-2.

For grades 3-5, Mrs. Nelson said *Junie B. Jones*, *Captain Underpants*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* are popular. *Last Kids on Earth* is also being checked out quite a bit. It is most likely popular because of the Netflix series. I've read a lot of the *Junie B. Jones* books, so I recommend them for grades 3-5.

For 6-8, Mrs. Nelson said a lot of Rick Riordan books get checked out. So are the Alan Gratz books that are about World War 2, and the murder mystery books by April Henry. *Wings of Fire*, *Warrior Cats*, and the *I Survived* books are checked out by both 3-5 and 6-8. I have read *Wings of Fire*, *Warrior Cats*, and some of Rick Riordan's books, and I recommend them.

Those are the most popular books right now, and books I have read and recommend. Now what are you waiting for? Go pick up a book and start reading!



Nell Holcomb Boys Basketball by Mark Richey

Even with the current situation of Covid-19, Nell Holcomb is still going strong when it comes to basketball this year. The boys' season has finally kicked off with practices after school weekly, and the first games are coming up very shortly. Here is some information about the boys' basketball teams.

Coaches: Coach Winkler and Coach Campbell

8th Grade

- Chris Craft
- Gavyn Woods
- Landen Sample
- Dylan Craig
- Ethan Musgrave

7th Grade

- Devin Adams
- Evan Farrow
- Mark Richey
- Andrew Yarbro

6th Grade

- Kenyan Kelp
- Josh Reeves
- Dawson Peters
- Hayden Schenimann
- Tyler Craig

5th Grade

- Jason Jones
- Trevor Patrick
- Lucas Reeves
- Carter Urhan
- Cooper Watson



Overall, This year of boys basketball should definitely be very fun, exciting, and interesting with everything going on in 2020! We hope that the boys will have a fun time, while also improving and playing in the fantastic sport of basketball! Good luck!

Girls' Volleyball by Paige Rice

This year's volleyball team won a total of eight games. The games started on September third, and ended on October fifth. Our dear Mrs. Seyer was our terrific volleyball coach. Our practices ran from 3:00 p.m. to about 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. We had five home games and three away games. We played against Eagle Ridge, Prodigy, and St. Augustine. Overall, I think all of the volleyball girls did a great job this season, and I am looking forward to next year's season. Let's go Hawks!

Youth Coding League by Paisley Eyler

Coding league is for grades 5-8 and occasionally 4th grade. 5-6 grade get their own group, as do 7-8 grade. Youth Coding League or YCL originated in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and later expanded to other states to teach computer science to students. Codefi sponsors the YCL and Scratch programs.

To join you must be in grades 5-8. Every semester (two quarters) Mrs. Lynn, the sponsor for our coding program, will pass out permission forms for YCL explaining our schedule and meetings. This semester, every Monday for 2 hours (3-5) we do coding. While the meetings have already started you can always join next semester.

Awards are given out to the most improved, best scores and group projects. Prizes include:

5-6th:

1st: \$500 cash
2nd: New personal chromebook
3rd: Beats By Dre
4th: Amazon Echo
5th: Tinker Crates

Other:

Best Scorers:
1st: \$250 cash
2nd: \$225 cash
3rd: \$200 cash
4th: \$175 cash
5th: \$150 cash
6th: \$125 cash
7th: \$100 cash
8th: \$75 cash
9th: \$50 cash

Most Improved:

Tinker crates

7-8th:

1st: \$750 cash
2nd: New personal chromebook
3rd: Beats By Dre

Reminders From the Tech Desk by Mrs. Jill Lynn, Technology Coordinator/Computer Teacher

- We have an active Facebook account so make sure to



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Any changes in cell phone numbers, addresses, and/or email addresses need to be updated in our Student Information System so make sure you let your teacher and/or Mrs. Watkins know as soon as something changes.

- Be sure to sign up for the "Parent Portal" in order to see current grades, lunch/breakfast totals, and to pay for lunch/breakfasts. You can do this by calling the front office or emailing Mrs. Watkins @ mwatkins@nhshawks.com. You must have an active email account.
- To subscribe to texts for important announcements, scan the QR code.
- Our website www.nellholcomb.k12.mo.us is continually being updated. Click on our calendar there to keep up-to-date with events. In addition, you can also subscribe to the calendar for updates.
- This school year all of our students will have an opportunity to have a school Chromebook in their hands, which is so exciting!



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NHS Birthdays

August	September	October
2 Josie Blair	1 Liam Schmidt	1 Lillyan Conklin
2 Jaselyn Blair	1 Thomas Griffaw	4 Presley Stephens
2 Gracie Blair	4 Tyler Craig	4 Felicity Lee
3 Andrew Yarbro	4 Michael Hager Jr.	5 Paola Gonzalez
7 Aspen Dewrock	4 JaKylynn Harvey	5 Tomas Sosa
7 Evan Farrow	9 Joshua Reeves	6 Cody Sullinger
8 Jace Kirchhoff	11 Hayden Schenimann	7 Kylie Craiglow
8 Lewis Monroe	12 Dylan Craig	7 Tess Merritt
8 Khyden Cissell	13 Timothy Perkins	10 Jaxstyn Hale
9 Alton Clark	17 Layci Woods	13 Annabelle Wheat
10 Jaiden Weaver	22 Wyatt Wheat	15 Briana Swan
11 Corben Irving	24 Mylez Garms	17 Eli Gean
11 Alexander Wybert	24 McKinley Campbell	18 Liam Biri
11 Karsun Tucker	26 Tessa Flieg	18 Drake Ford
14 Kinley Vines	26 Ayden Crossen	22 Levi Monroe
17 Kaegen Long	27 Mark Burgard	24 Arianna Milner
18 Taylor McClure	28 Ali Moore	24 Isabella Barton
19 Eli Craiglow	28 Jacob Seay	30 Shaylee Mathes
21 Bruce Seng	29 Ireland Hunter	
24 Ally Vandeven	30 Paige Rice	
24 Luca Sosa	30 Jazmyn Brown	
25 Hayden Hale		
26 Allison Langston		
28 Lincoln Biri		
28 Cooper Watson		
28 Landry Seay		
28 Kendall Bourbon		
31 Nate Borders		
31 Corde' Hightower		

