

Halloween Howl News



Are You Ready to Howl?

October 30, 2009

The Halloween Howl is almost here! Is your costume ready?

For those of you who are new to Olde Creek, the Halloween Howl is the



PTA's only fund-raising party. The whole family is invited to

come to the school in costume and party with all the ghosts and goblins.

You can wander from classroom to classroom

to play games and win prizes, eat pizza and other goodies in the cafeteria, and tour the Haunted House on the second floor. It's non-stop fun from the time you arrive until the time you leave!

You'll also be able to bid on items in our Silent Auction in the cafeteria.

Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest and most original Jack-O-Lanterns.

This newsletter gives you all the information you'll

need to make your night a howling success.

For more up-to-the-minute information, check out the Halloween Howl website. The link is on the OldeCreekPTA.com website

Please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Did you know...

- ☆ You can avoid waiting in line on Howl night and guarantee a tour of the Haunted House by buying your tickets ahead of time.
- ☆ This year's Haunted House theme is "Candyland Gone Sour" Don't miss it. For more info see page 2.
- ☆ Rules for the "Jack-O-Lantern" contest are on page 2.
- ☆ The Silent Auction is returning this year. Bring your checkbook and see if you can get a great price for a fun prize.
- ☆ This year's Silent Auction is still looking for items to sell. More on page 2.
- ☆ We need many volunteers for setup and cleanup. If you can help, please contact TJ Hanton

Advance Ticket Sales

You can avoid waiting in line on the night of the Howl by purchasing your tickets ahead of time. Simply complete the order form which will be sent home next

Friday and return it to school with your payment. Tickets are 50¢ each. All games (except the Cakewalk) require 1 ticket to play. Haunted House tickets are \$2.50/person if you buy ahead of time.

On Howl night, the price will be \$3.00/person.

Haunted House tickets sell fast, so buy ahead of time to be sure you get a chance to see it!

**Howl Chairperson is
TJ Hanton
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What's Your Favorite Halloween Howl Activity?

GAMES

There will be more than 12 games for you to enjoy. Try your luck at old favorites like "Plinko" or "Fishing for Pumpkins," or try sports games in the gym. All games, except the "Cakewalk" cost 1 ticket to play.

Classroom parents may be calling you to

take a shift at a game table. You will enjoy yourself as much as the children enjoy the games, so please help!



JACK-O-LANTERN CONTEST

All families are invited to create a Jack-O-Lantern and bring it to school for display at the Howl.

To participate: *Carve or decorate your pumpkin at home*

and bring it to school on Friday,

October 30, between 6:15 and 7:00 p.m. *Write your name* on a card to be placed with your pumpkin. *Remember*, for fire safety reasons, only flashlights brought from home will be allowed for lighting the pumpkins (no candles please).



We're looking forward to seeing those magnificent pumpkins.

SILENT AUCTION

After last year's hit, the Howl Silent Auction is returning. You'll have the chance to bid on some fabulous prizes and gift certificates. Prizes this year include video games, a Remote Control Helicopter, gift certificates to local restaurants and more!

If you're not familiar with a silent auction, each item will have a minimum bid. You write your bid on the next available line. Highest bid at the end of the night wins! **Bidding will end at 8:00pm.** Check back by 8:15 to see if you won. **Please be prepared to pay for the item(s) you win by the end of the Howl** (Cash or checks only please).

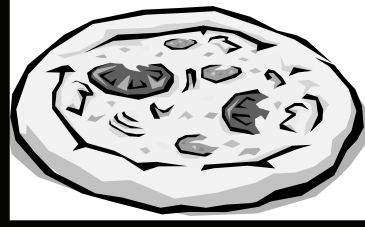
HAUNTED HOUSE

Be sure not to miss the **HAUNTED HOUSE**. This year's theme is "Candyland Gone Sour". **Now the candy bites back!** You'll be given a private tour of this haunted land to see your favorite sweet treats turn sour. Just be careful not to wander too far from the path. To make sure you get out alive, follow the instructions of the guide. Hope to see you there!

Get your ticket in advance! Haunted House tickets are timed and color-coded to avoid long lines. Check the Advance Order Form for times, and make your selection. Prices are \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at the door.



No time for dinner? Pizza, soft drinks, baked goods and more will be sold in the cafeteria. Each full slice of pizza costs 3 tickets; 1 ticket will buy you a drink or a baked good.









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Here's How You Can Join the Fun!

-  **Carve or Decorate your pumpkin at home** and bring it to school on Friday, October 30, between 6:15 and 7:00 p.m. **Judging will take place at 7:00 p.m.** (Families arriving after 7:00 p.m. are still encouraged to bring their pumpkins to display in the front entrance of the school so that everyone can enjoy them as they come and go throughout the evening. However, pumpkins received after 7 p.m. will not be eligible for the contest.)
-  Remember to **mark your name** on a card to be placed with your pumpkin so that it can be easily identified.
-  Families may **enter more than one pumpkin** in the contest.
-  For fire safety reasons, **only flashlights** brought from home may be used for lighting the pumpkins.
-  Winners will be chosen for three categories — **Funniest, Scariest and Most Original**. Winners may claim their prizes at the ticket table before the Halloween Howl ends or prizes will be sent home the following week.
-  Please plan to take your pumpkin home with you when the Howl is over.

We hope you'll join in the fun and bring your pumpkins to the Halloween Howl. Remember, you must carve or decorate your pumpkin **at home**, and bring it to the school. If you have any questions, please call **TJ Hanton at 571-222-8202**.
See you at the Howl!