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## Trekking with Teachers: A Review of the Costa Rica Trip

By: Madison Marek



This past summer, Woodglen held a trip to the destination Costa Rica, accompanied by Mrs. Loughman, 7th grade social studies teacher. Mrs. Szmaida also helped organize the trip but was unable to go on the actual trip itself. The trip lasted eight days, two of which were designated as travel days. The Costa Rica trip was for students who wanted to travel and learn about other cultures and how people live their in other countries. The trip also appealed to those who wanted to have an outgoing adventure!

The activities that were included in the trip were: ziplining; visiting Mt Verd, an animal sanctuary; white water rafting; waterfall rappelling; visiting a hummingbird sanctuary; and canoeing with an outrigger company. In my opinion, waterfall rappelling was a favorite. There were five waterfalls in total, and the trip took about an hour. The first waterfall was a 256ft drop and took about 4 minutes to repel down.

During white water rafting, Mrs. Loughman fell out during a class-two rapid because the raft flexed. She got back in and everyone was ok. Current seventh and eighth graders in addition to current freshmen at Voorhees all attended this trip. The trip was very successful and our Woodglen group met up with multiple other groups from all over the country that are still kept in touch with today!

students are interested in this program because of the cost. However, another group from Oklahoma is offering to take some students from our school. The trip in the summer of 2020 is Iceland! Go to Mrs. Loughman for additional information, hope to see you in Iceland in the summer of 2020!



## Soccer Team Scores Spot at Championship Game

By: Collaborative

Woodglen's soccer team made it all the way to the championship game on Tuesday, October 22nd at North Hunterdon High School versus Kingwood Township. Led by Coach Kirkpatrick, the team left everything on the field as they battled for the win.

The team had a great crowd in the stands cheering them on as they competed. At the end of regulation time, Woodglen and Kingwood were tied at 0-0, pushing them into overtime. The team played two five-minute overtime rounds, dominating the field as they dribbled, maneuvered, defended, and shot the soccer ball.

At the end of the second overtime, the soccer team was still tied, forcing a shootout. The goaltenders took turns guarding the net as players on both teams rotated their shots. It wasn't until the ninth shot that the fate of the game was decided and sadly, Woodglen fell to Kingwood Township. Still, Woodglen played a phenomenal game, and every player should be proud of the work that they put in this

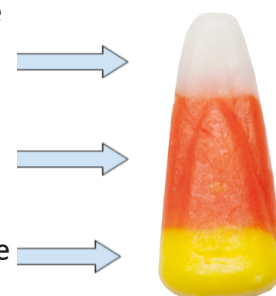
## The Anatomy of Eating a Candy Corn

By: Emily Denis

As fall lingers around, a thought starts to come to people's mind, which is candy! As stores discount Halloween candy, there's one treat that sticks around: candy corn. These tri-colored candies are a must have to any child in America, but how do you properly eat these bite sized snacks? Correctly, that is? Here is the anatomy of eating a candy corn.

First, it's important to understand the history of candy corn. After all, candy corn was not always called candy corn; it was originally called chicken feed. Originally made by Wunderlee Candy Company in the 1880s, candy corn was then produced by the Goelitz Candy Company and now is cranked out by brands like Bach!

Now, for the part worth salivating over—how to CORRECTLY eat a candy corn. To begin, eat the white part at the very top. Next, clear the pumpkin-orange center. Finally, finish with the yellow bottom because you've saved the best for last!



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## High School and Middle School Trends

By: Juliana Jennings



When most students think of 2019 styles, most minds go to the social media app Tik Tok. The app took the world by storm, and as of 2019, people came up with new styles like egirl, eboy, softgirl, softboy, and the most popular of them all: VSCO girls.

To start off the trends, VSCO girls typically take from multiple aesthetics and styles such as scrunchies from 80's fashion, oversized shirts from skaters, and hydro flasks from athletics. Other items typically associated with VSCO girls are: Burt's Bees chapstick, Birkenstock sandals, high rise socks, and puka shell necklaces.

Moving on, egirls and eboys style usually consist of black and white striped shirts under black graphic t-shirts, chains, checkered pants, cargo or jogger pants, plaid pants, black jeans, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, dyed hair, beanies, lots of blush, and eyeliner or face stamps. The e in eboys and egirls comes from the typical "emo style" in society.

Finally, another trend taking off are softboys and softgirls, who typically dress in pink, blue, yellow, purple, and other pastel colors. The style also usually involves soft eye makeup, cutesy clothes, and barrettes. There are many other styles but these are the most common found on social media and in some high schools and middle schools today. Keep an eye out for them!



## The Meaning of Halloween

By: Abigail Sell

Halloween is celebrated every year on October 31st. By celebrating this holiday, people usually decorate their homes to make them look spooky, carve pumpkins, partake in pumpkin-spice-flavored food, and dress up in costumes to get candy. However, not many people know the history of Halloween. The tradition was originated by the ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain. Samhain is a celebration to welcome in the harvest and usher in "the dark half of the year." The word Halloween comes from "All Hallows Eve," which means "Hallowed Evening." People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. The night before Halloween, so October 30, is known as Hallows Eve. This brief history will keep your mind busy as you trick-or-treat the night away this



## The Woodglen Broadway Trip: Frozen/ Winter Concert

By: Maddie Marek

On November 12, 2019, any student involved in the music department at Woodglen have the opportunity to attend the Frozen show on Broadway in New York City. The trip will be accompanied by parent chaperones, Mr. Kursar, and Ms. Naples. Last year's show was *Once on this Island*, which was adapted at Woodglen for the schools play.

To prepare for this upcoming trip, make sure to dress in formal yet comfortable clothing, be on your best behaviour, and have fun! The Broadway trip will get everyone enthused for the upcoming Winter concert, which is right around the corner! The concert includes, jazz band, chorus, wind ensemble, and more! Stay tuned for more melodic news from Woodglen's music department!



## Halloween

A poem by Masen Chen

Wind blows through the barren trees,  
as gravestones embrace the soft, cold breeze.  
Then uprising from the stone,  
ghosts and spirits start to moan.  
They run around.  
They push!  
Then shove!  
They'll make you wish you brought a glove!  
They create such a violent wind,  
you'll want to close the door, stay in!  
And just as you close the door, goodnight,  
they go through the wall and cause a fright!  
So don't be scared on Halloween,  
Only if you hear a scream.  
Only then can you run,  
And wait for the rays of sun.  
For if you're out on Halloween night,  
You may get a great big fright!

## Watch Your Step

A short story by Masen Chen

You are walking down to the subway in New York City. You watch your shadow on the ground and notice that someone is behind you. You look out of the corner of your eye and notice it's the same person you saw at the laundromat, the shoe store, and the mall today. You whip your head around and yell at him.

"What is your deal!?!?" you scream.

"My deal?" asks the mysterious figure.

You look closer to see he is wearing a gray sweatshirt. You can't see his face, or his hand, or any of his skin for that matter.

Everything is concealed in a gray sweatshirt, gray pants, and gray shoes.

"The real question is, what is your deal?"

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## Halloween Costumes: To Buy or Not to Buy?

By: Sofia Bavosa



Halloween costume prices have increased too much over the past years. When buying costumes recently, they can cost up to \$60, while our parents paid \$10. That's insane!

Parents spend so much on costumes, when there are so many other things to pay for like bills, school, not to mention everyday essentials!

This price increase isn't just happening with Halloween costumes though but with food surrounding the holiday, too, like candy and chips! While the price increases, the size of the candies or the amount of the chips in a bag has decreased.

Prices, sizes and weight: they're all the things that trick you. So should you buy a Halloween costume? Ultimately, it's up to you and your parents. Even though the prices are expensive, Halloween costumes can be totally worth it. And don't forget the

### Upcoming Events at Woodglen

Conferences: Nov. 4th-6th

End of Marking Period 1: Nov. 6th

NJEA Convention: Nov. 6th & 7th

Broadway Trip: November 12th

Early Dismissal: November 13th

## On Wednesdays, We Wear Purple!

By: Collaborative

Lebanon's own Troop 80059 is sponsoring the Hope for Madi bracelet fundraiser. Please seek out one of these members if you'd like to purchase or sell a bracelet to support one of Woodglen's own.

You can also show your support for Madi by wearing her favorite color each Wednesday--purple!

Don't forget, #MKWeGotThis!



## Unified Soccer Team Secures Super Season

By: Collaborative

The rain didn't stop the Unified Soccer Team as they hustled through their final game at Clinton Public School on Tuesday, October 29th.

The Unified team put in a great deal of practice this season, meeting twice a week to go over game-time strategies. The team's hard work all season paid off! At the final game, Woodglen's Unified team was able to tie the competing team with a 3-3 score. Great job to all the coaches, players, and participants in a stellar season!



## Watch Your Step,

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he responds.

You suddenly feel a sharp pain in your arm. You squeeze your eyes closed, and open them to see that the subway has disappeared. You are now standing in what appears to be a totally different world. Everything is gray. That is all you can see. An endless stretch of one color.

Run. You think. Actually, that's all you can think about.

Run.

Just run.

Then it hits you.

Why aren't you running?

You turn to see that you are in a glass box. Even the floor is glass. It is a rectangle of glass around you. You try to break it, by banging your fists against the wall, but as soon as you try to smack your hand on the glass, you look up and gasp. The man in the hood is there.

"Does it hurt?" he asks.

"Does what hurt?" you say, thoroughly confused. Then you look down to see there is a big gnash on your arm. You watch as a tear falls from your eye onto the ground. But then you notice something. Your tear is not clear, but gray. Come to think of it, so is your arm.

So are you.

The whole world is gray, including you. Then, you look up, and notice where you are. You are under the concrete of the subway! But you are not normal size, you are as tiny as can be. Feet pound on the ground, and you start shaking. You can feel every step like an earthquake, and soon your glass starts to break.

Three, two, one.

A shattering sound is released from your box. You are free! You start running, but you don't make it far before you fall to the ground.

"NO!" you scream.

"NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!"

You jolt up. You look around.

*Wait a minute. You think. I'm in my room! There was no need to be scared! It was all a bad dream!*

Then you look down at your arm.

There is a huge gnash.

Gulp.

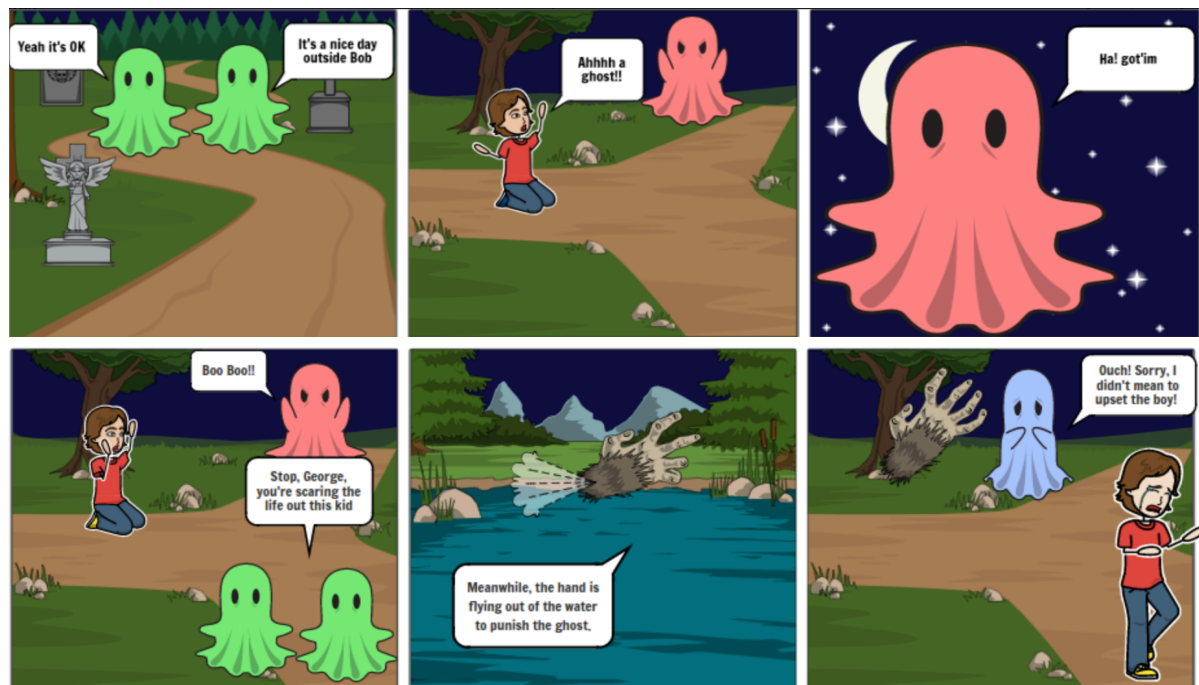
## Have an Idea?

If there's an event that you'd like the Paw Press to cover, please reach out to Mrs. Taylor at [ataylor@lebtwpk8.org](mailto:ataylor@lebtwpk8.org). You can also get in touch with one of the newspaper's contributors. Thanks for your support, Woodglen!



## Spooky Laughs

By: Brody Baykowski and Benjamin Patrick



## THE CREATIVE CORNER

### Who's at the Door?

By: Masen Chen

Knock knock!

"Yay! She's here!" Jane O'Conner exclaimed as she rushed to her front door. She opened it and let in her best friend, Jacklyn Johnson, who was holding her sleeping bag and was already in her devil onesie with it's red hood that had super realistic devil horns jutting out of it.

"Jane!"

"Jacky!"

"AHHHHHHHH!" They squealed in delight, hugging each other with glee.

"I am soo glad you could stay over!" Jane said. "I was worried that I wouldn't sleep again on Halloween."

"Because you ate too much candy?" Jacklyn questioned.

"No! I'll tell you in my room," Jane whispered in Jacklyn's ear. They were halfway up the stairs when Jane's mom called up to them.

"Wait a minute! Jacklyn?"

"Yes Mrs. O'Conner?"

"Your mom asked me to give you this," Jane's mom said as she threw a container of Benadryl up the stairs to Jacklyn. "She told me all about your allergies, so I said this would help."

"Thanks Mrs. O!" Jacklyn said as she caught it with a smile.

The two girls ran up into Jane's room and

"Hey! That's new!" Jacklyn said, pointing to a small hole in the middle of Jane's door. "What is it?"

"Well, I thought it would be cool to have the little hole thing-y that they have at hotels that allow you able to look out to see who is knocking...so," she exclaimed, "my parents got me one for my birthday!"

"Cool!" Jacklyn said. "So now can you explain to me why you can't sleep on Halloween?"

"Okay, okay," Jane smiled. "I get...scared of all the costumes that my older brother wears, and every year, I'm scared he'll take that devil mask and scare me with it somehow. I'm worried that he'll hide it in my room or something!"

"Oh! That's okay!" Jacklyn said, releasing a big breath of air. "I thought you were going to say that you sleepwalk. Actually, when I have weird dreams, sometimes I sleepw--"

"OH MY GOSH!" Jane blurted out. Her mom rushed in the room as quick as she could.

"What is it honey?!" Her mom frantically asked.

"Look! Joey's friends are throwing toilet paper all over our house!"

"YA PESKY TEENAGERS!" they heard Jane's dad scream out the window. They all started laughing and sat back down.

"Happens every year," Jane's mom said.

"So does this..." Jane said, waiting, with

They watched as Jane's dad ran to the attic window, and then dumped a heaping bucket of ice water on to the toilet papering teens' heads. Screams arose outside as her Jane's mom exclaimed, "Honey! YOU PROMISED TO USE WARM WATER!" and ran off.

Laughing, the girls brushed their teeth and set up Jacklyn's blow up mattress, while Jane tucked into her bead.

"Hey, guess what?" Jacklyn whispered as they started to fall asleep. "Benadryl always gives me weird dreams, so if I start to make noise or something..." Jacklyn laughed.

"Wake me up, 'kay?"

"You got it!" Jane smirked.

"Some boys at school today were making fun of how short I was," Jacklyn said sadly. "Just because the tip of my head doesn't reach the middle of a door doesn't mean I'm not tough!" She exclaimed, closing her eyes.

Jane woke up in the middle of the night to banging on her door.

"Joey, this isn't funny!" said Jane shaking to look through her hole to see who it was, she screamed to see two devil horns sticking up.

"AAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!" She screeched, jumping into her bed.

"Jane! It's just me!" A voice said from outside. "Let me in!"

*Read next month to find out who's at the door!*