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Have a wonderful day!



Spooky Fun for Everyone: Staff Share Their Favorite Parts of Halloween By: Trey Lossi and Keegan Phipps

At Van Rensselaer Elementary, the teachers and staff love Halloween just as much as the students do! Mrs. Crouch, a 5th grade teacher aka "The Queen", says her favorite part is going out to dinner with her husband because her kids are all grown up . She also loves when kids bring her almond joy on November 3rd!



Mrs. crouch (left) waits for her favorite candy.



Mr. Gildart, another 5th grade teacher, said "You get to dress up for Halloween and see all the Halloween costumes."



Mr. Gildart (left) waits to give all the "Trunk or Treaters" candy.

A staff member, Ms. Tedford, likes to decorate so she can bring smiles to everybody!



Miss Tedford (left) enjoys celebrating Halloween with her son, Karfer.

Ms. Bloomer, a 2nd/3rd grade teacher, said her favorite part is Trunk or Treat because she likes coming up with a theme for her trunk every year!



Ms. Bloomer (above) poses by her trunk for trunk or treat.

We hope everyone has a Happy Halloween!

Cheerleading Spirit! By: Aubrey White

Do you know about cheer? Well if you don't I can teach you all about it! Cheer comes with many positions like bases, Flyers, Backspots, and Frontspots. All of these positions include hard work.



Position: Base

Basing is where you have to hold up the flyer. There can be up to 2 bases if you're doing 1 stunt, If you're doing more than 1 stunt then you would need more bases.



Position: Flyer

In cheerleading, the flyer is the team member who is lifted into the air during stunts and pyramids. They perform various poses, jumps, twists, and other things while they're in the air. When you're a flyer your job in stunting is to squeeze your body so that the bases can lift you up easier.



Position: Backspot and frontspot.

In cheerleading, a back spot and a front spot are both essential positions responsible for a stunt group's safety and stability. They assist the main bases (who hold the flyer's feet) and are the first line of defense if the flyer falls.



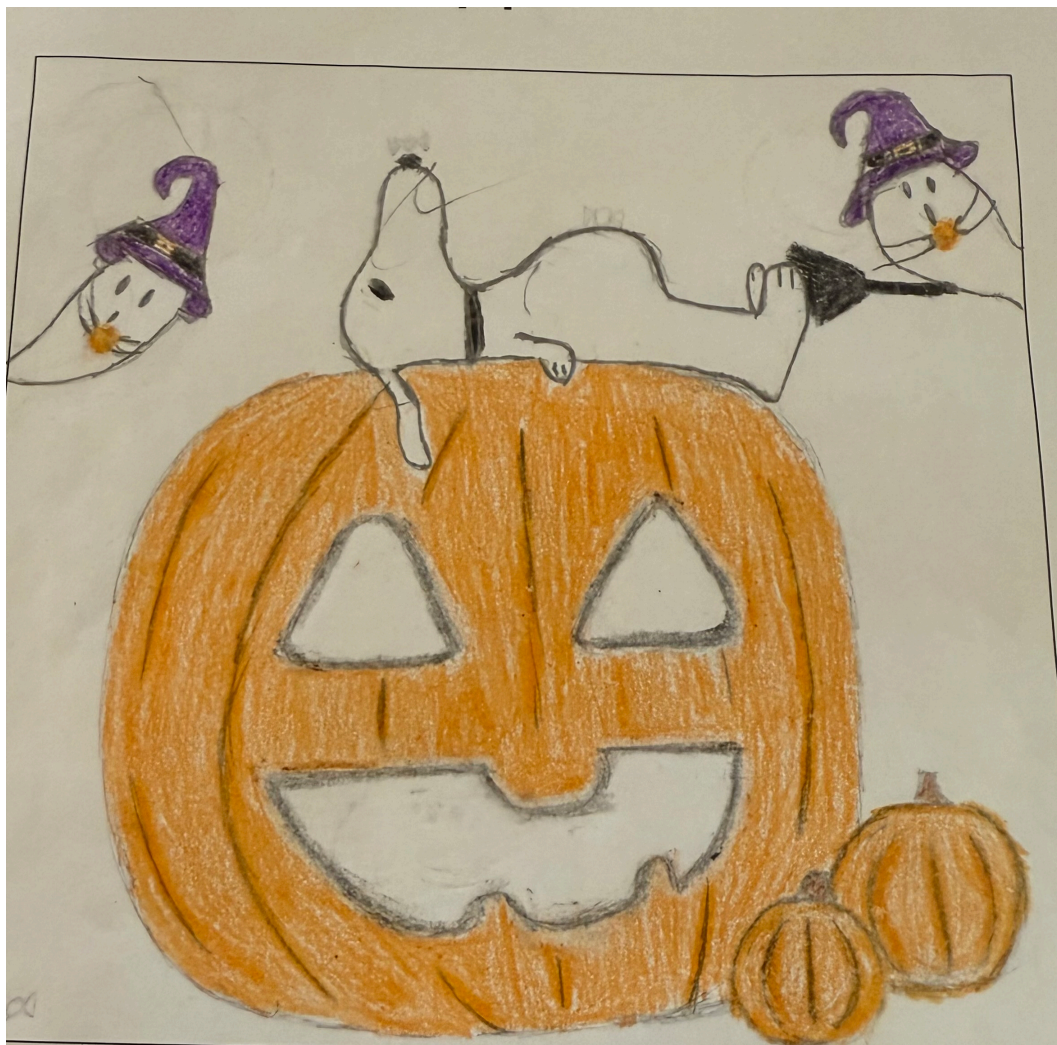
Every cheerleader plays an important role on the team! When all these positions work together, they create the energy, teamwork, and excitement that make cheerleading so much fun to watch — and even more fun to be part of!



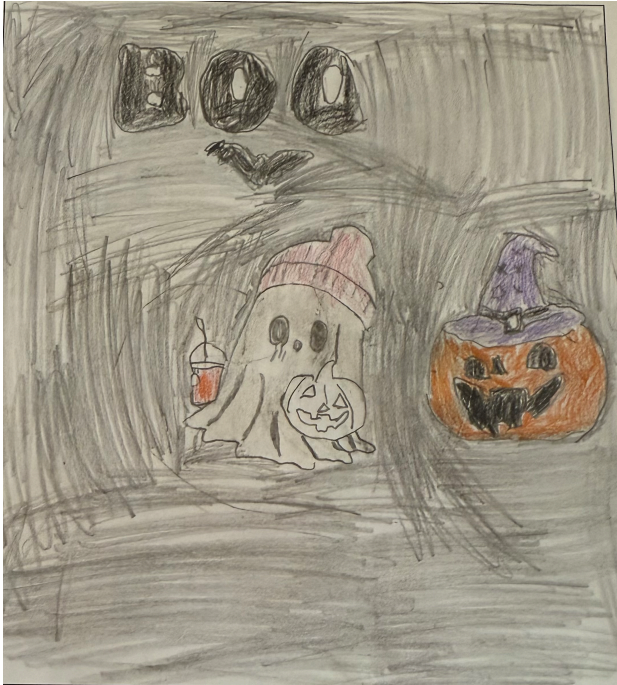
SPOOKY ART CONTEST WINNERS!

BY: VICTORIA PRIMEAU-KATTES & DENVER WILLIAMS

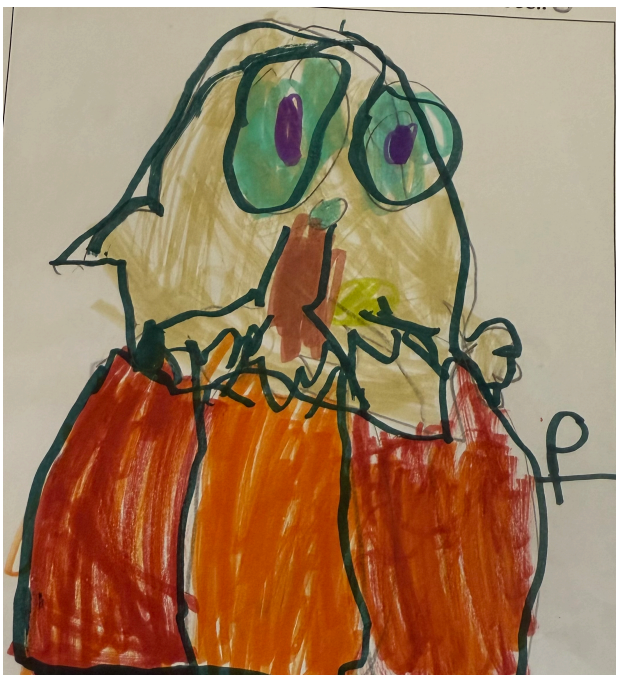
Our school newspaper's Halloween Art Contest was a boo-tiful success! Interested students were asked to draw a ghost coming out of a pumpkin, and we were amazed by all the creative and colorful entries. After much careful judging, four talented artists were chosen as our winners — congratulations to them! Their artwork is displayed in this edition for everyone to enjoy, and each winner will receive a special prize! Great job to everyone who participated — keep an eye out for November's contest papers! They'll be out very soon!



First place went to Amari Pickens from Mrs. Alix-Hansen and Ms. Carbone's 4th grade class!



Second place goes to Marcos Barboza Lara from Mrs. Kerr's 3rd grade class.



Nora Hibbard from Ms. Fisher's Kindergarten class won third place!



4th place goes to Jaylani Crespo from Mrs. Kyer's 1st grade class.



What's Your Favorite Halloween Candy?

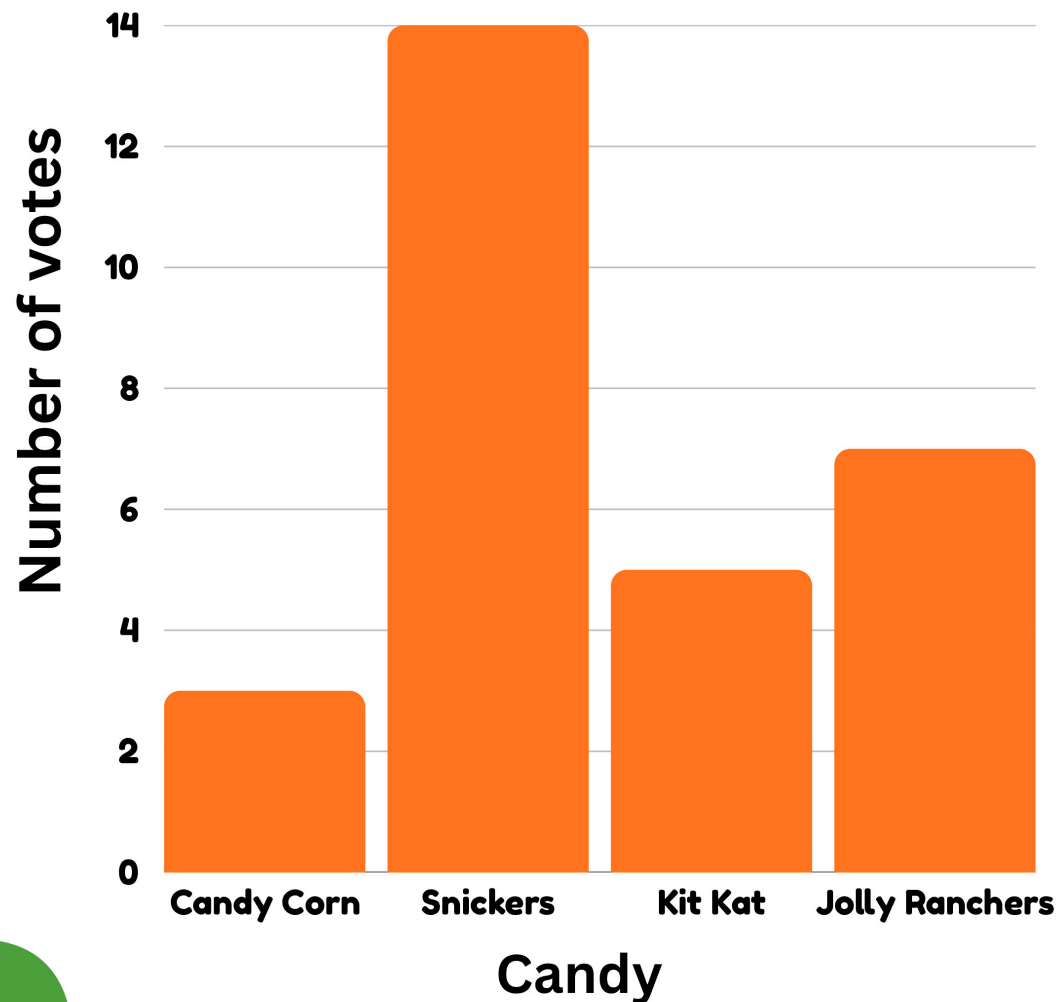
By: Aurora Akers, Hannah Jones & Aela Weatherly



We asked our readers to share their favorite Halloween candy, and the results are in! The bar graph shows some sweet surprises — snickers were the top pick, followed by jolly ranchers and kit kat. Candy corn came in last with 3 votes. It's clear that everyone has their own favorite way to enjoy Halloween's sweetest tradition. Check out the graph below to see which candy came out on top — and maybe discover a new favorite for next year!



Favorite Halloween Candy



Teachers' Favorite School Meals! By: Liam Hazzard & Gio Phipps

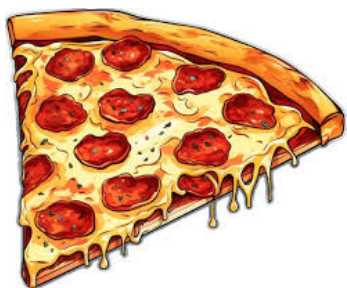
Ever wonder what our teachers love to eat at our school cafeteria? We asked them to share their favorite breakfast and lunch served here at VR, and the results were delicious!

Ms. Hall, a 5th and 6th grade teacher, chose stuffed crust pizza and breakfast sandwiches as her favorites. Her aide, Miss Sheila, loves the bacon, egg, and cheese breakfast sandwiches and Big Daddy pizza. Yum!

Mrs. Mooney, a 5th grade teacher, is fond of the bacon, egg, and cheese on a biscuit and she just LOVES the special teacher lunches served on Wednesdays!



Mrs. Alix-Hansen, a 4th grade teacher, enjoys the french toast sticks for breakfast and Big Daddy pizza for lunch!



It's fun to know that our teachers enjoy school meals just as much as we do! What does your teacher like the best?





LITTLE MONSTERS ON PARADE! BY: AURORA AKERS



The pre-K and kindergarten classes proudly took to the track on Friday to show off their amazing Halloween costumes! Each one was wonderfully unique – from tiny superheroes to spooky ghosts, the creativity was endless. As they marched around the track, they waved happily to everyone watching. Even the teachers joined in the fun, dressed as crayons and versions of everyone's favorite... 6-7 ! The little ones were so brave, walking in front of such a big crowd with huge smiles and lots of Halloween spirit!



HALLOWEEN PARADE CONTINUED

