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## Halloween Issue 2021

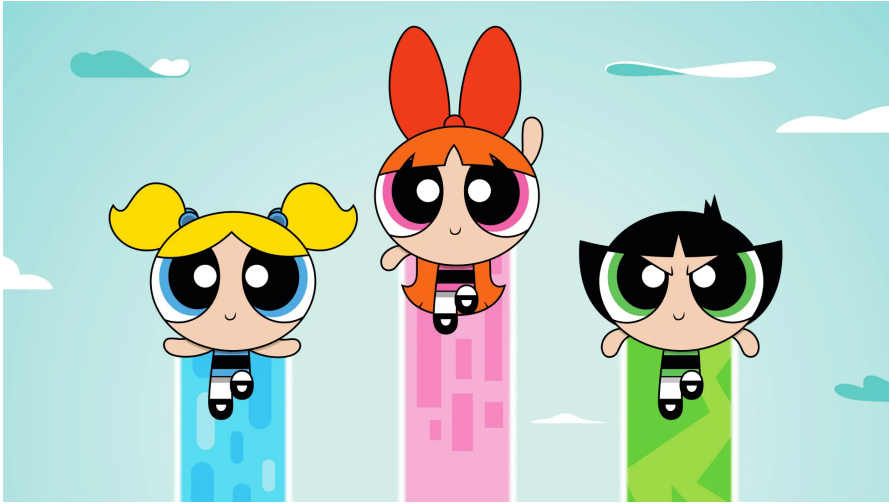
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**Partner Up, Dress Up,  
and Have a Haunting Halloween!**

**Happy Halloween 2021!!! Our everyday masks are not optional, and costumes are highly recommended! Need a group costume last minute to go trick-or-treating with your friends? These are some of the most popular group costumes of the year, but of course they are still unique!**

By Lucy Stief and Olivia Ward, Sixth Grade



FIRST UP, WE'VE GOT THE POWER PUFF GIRLS! WE HOPE YOU LOVE THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE ALSO IN THE 2021 MOST POPULAR COSTUME CATEGORY! BECAUSE THAT IS OUR GOAL TO TELL

YOU ABOUT POPULAR COSTUMES. YOU COULD ALSO BE ALL OF THEM WITH FRIENDS. THERE ARE BUBBLES, BUTTERCUP, AND BOSSOM. YOU COULD GO OUT AND BUY THESE COSTUMES OR EVEN MAKE YOUR OWN!!

HARRY POTTER!!! IT IS A VERY POPULAR BOOK SERIES. THIS IS A BOY AND GIRL COSTUME, OR EVEN A LARGE GROUP IF YOU INCLUDE HARRY, RON, HERMIONE, GINNY AND OTHERS. YOU CAN BUY A COSTUME, BUT IF YOU WANT A QUICK DIY OPTION, PRINT A HOGWARTS HOUSE PATCH AND PIN IT TO A



BLACK ROBE OR SWEATER. ADD A WHITE SHIRT AND BLACK PANTS, A TIE AND SOME HARRY GLASSES, AND YOU ARE GOOD TO GO! WE HOPE YOU LOVE THE BOOKS AS MUCH AS ALMOST EVERYBODY ELSE DOES. EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT THE BIGGEST FAN OF HARRY POTTER YOU COULD ALWAYS BE A REGULAR OLD WIZARD, EVEN THOUGH HARRY IS NOT A REGULAR OLD WIZARD!

# Señor Rehrig Explains History and Meaning of Day of the Dead

By Jillian Silver, Eighth grade

## When is Day of the Dead and how long does it last?

“Day of the Dead is a Mexican religious holiday that combines pre-Hispanic indigenous traditions with Catholic traditions where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives to honor and remember them for two days, on November 1st and 2nd. On November 1st (Día de los Inocentes) the souls of departed children are commemorated, and on the 2nd (Día de Todos Santos) adult souls are welcomed back.”



## What countries generally celebrate it?

“The Day of the Dead we are most familiar with due to mainstream success of Disney's Coco and Book of Life depicts the celebrations and traditions of Mexico, however Mexico is not the only country that celebrates Day of the Dead. It is also celebrated in Guatemala and other Central American countries.”

## Are there differences in the way that Day of the Dead is celebrated around the world?

“In Guatemala, the traditions look very different - there is a Giant Kite festival where people gather in large, open spaces and compete for the largest, most extravagant kite. People spend all year making them, and many can be larger than 40 feet!”

The threshold between the land of the living and the land of the dead is lowered and it is customary for families to visit gravesites, build extravagant altars, or ofrendas, as offerings to their passed loved ones. Long pathways of marigolds (cempasúchil in Spanish) direct the souls to their loved ones due to their bright yellow color. Families will decorate altars with many things, such as food and beverages the deceased used to like when they were living; games and toys; water to represent purity; incense to ward off malevolent spirits; salt for purification; papel picado (cut paper) to represent wind, and when the papel picado waves it is a signal for the arrival of the spirit to the gravesite; photos of the deceased; pan de muerto (Bread of the Dead) is a type of sweet bread that depicts bones; candles; children make sugar skulls (calaveras de azúcar) to

represent the sweetness of life. Every ofrenda is extremely personal and no two look the same. Families will spend all night in the cemetery singing, telling jokes and stories about their loved ones. It is truly a celebration of life. Día de los Muertos is not a somber holiday, rather it is a time to reflect on happy moments and the importance of family, alive and dead.

### Do you personally celebrate it, and if so, how?

"I personally do not celebrate Day of the Dead. However, I think the festival has many important tenets that one can learn from. The idea that life is a gift and should be celebrated owes to the fact that this event is not somber or depressing, rather quite the opposite. People are laughing, smiling, remembering their loved ones in a much different tone than how we grieve loved ones in US American culture. I think the cultural practice of setting up a personalized ofrenda in a communal space also brings the community together and reinforces the notion that we as human beings are more similar than we think. These tenets of meaningful reflection in a happy light through the design of beautifully colorful altars is a really interesting example of religious syncretism and I look forward to the day that I may participate in Day of the Dead in Mexico."



### Seeking Submissions for Art Showcase!

*By Vera Flynn and Aine Harner, Eighth Grade*

If you are interested in submitting hand-drawn, physical, or digital artwork (anonymously or not) for the next (or other future) Falcon Flyer, submit a link down below! Instructions will be described on the google form. If you would like to withdraw from showing your piece, email [26harnera@student.wcasd.net](mailto:26harnera@student.wcasd.net), send the link to your art again, the name of the art, and request it to be removed! Thanks!

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# HALLOWEEN ATTRACTIONS

BY Connor Kearns, Eighth Grade

## Highland Orchards

**Address - 1000 Marshallton Thorndale Rd, West Chester, PA 19380**

**Hours- 9-6 Tuesday-Friday; 9-5 Saturday and Sunday**

Highland Orchards is a great place to go to for apples, pumpkins or to drink some cold apple cider! They have pick your own apples with flavors such as Golden Delicious, Fuji, Granny Smith, and Ida red to name a few. At the orchards they also offer pick your own pumpkins. You can walk out into the pumpkin fields and pick the ones you like. As a beautiful autumn day comes to a



start or an end, you might want to enjoy a nice relaxing hayride. You can just take an easy ride around the orchard or take a ride over to sit down at a warm and cozy campfire. Before you leave make sure to try a glass of apple cider or two, or maybe you can have a couple doughnuts.

## Arasapha Farms



**Address - 1835 Middletown Rd, Glen Mills, PA 19342**

**Hours - Open Saturday and Sunday (until October 31st) 10-4**

Sometimes the best way to relax is with a nice cool autumn breeze as you enjoy a hayride. If that sounds fun, then maybe you should swing by Arasapha Farms during the weekend. Not only can you take a leisurely hayride, but you can pick sunflowers or pumpkins there. At Arasapha Farms there are a lot of attractions, but my personal favorite is the corn maze. You can take a nice stroll through the corn and try and find a way out. Arasapha Farms is a great place for family and friends if you want a fun and calm weekend.

## Bates Motel



**Address - 1835 Middletown Rd, Glen Mills, PA 19342**

**Hours - Open Sunday to Wednesday 6:30 to 9:30 and Thursday to Saturday 6:30 to 10:30**

If you are into scary stuff, then Arasapha Farms has more to offer at night. The Bates Motel at Arasapha Farms has a spooky and thrilling hayride. While scary stuff isn't for everyone, those who like it seem to think the Bates Motel is a great local option. From scary clowns to headless horse riders, there are things that will get everyone spooked. Sit down, sit back and prepare to be scared as you're pulled through the dark Autumn night.

### **Eastern State Penitentiary**

**Address - 2027 Fairmount Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19130**

**Hours - Open Monday and Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 to 5:00**

For those with more time to spend on some Halloween attractions, one very popular one



is the Eastern State Penitentiary. With things such as a 3D haunted house and gargoyle gardens, this is a perfect place to spend the afternoon with your family. If you're not one for scary things, then they also have regular tours of the old halls. You can see the creepy yet cool cells where inmates used to stay. While places like this aren't everyone's cup of tea, for the people who like

places like these - it's great!



# Halloween Decorations

## Spooky Scary Skeletons

By Emma Clark, Sixth Grade

Have you heard of the 12 foot skeleton? A new popular decoration trending, this massive decoration is perfect for all Halloween lovers and it is one of the most popular from 2021! Look around in your neighborhood, do you see any? I bet you didn't know about some of the crazy skeleton animals. I'm not just talking about cats and dogs but rather lizards, elephants, birds, frogs, and bats! These cute-but-freaky animals are such a great small touch to your house. Another decoration you're sure to have heard of is the human skeletons. Again this isn't any ordinary skeleton. People are so creative when it comes to them. From having them doing limbo to chilling at the beach, taking a bath, or surfing! One that you're sure to have seen somewhere are the hanging skeletons. Some people hang them from trees, mirrors, fences, and porches! My last but not least is the covid-skeleton. These people have embraced covid and turned it into a hilarious skeleton. As you can see in one of these pictures down below some of the skeletons have masks on! I'm not sure if you can see but there is a sign that says the 2020 mask games! I hope these ideas will help you add a little scare to your house! Stay safe and have a **Spooky** Halloween! Go to these two websites to find the best skeleton decoration.

[Home depot](#) [Amazon](#)



## Special Effects and why **YOU** should get them

### **PRATIK RAPTADU, SIXTH GRADE**

Even with the best Halloween decorations, sometimes they won't look that good because it isn't quite enough. Sometimes you might want to try buying a fog machine or mister because they will make any one of your Halloween decorations look 10X better. They work on literally anything, and will make your house the most haunted house on the block. They are a little pricey, but if you're planning to go for a haunted house theme, they would be perfect! [click here to see!](#)



# Interior HAUNTS



By Samantha McNichol, Sixth Grade

Everyone sees the spooks and scares outdoors, but a haunted house is never just haunted on the outside! These are some of the coolest, cutest, and outright spookiest indoor decorations that can undoubtedly spice up the scary! One of my personal favorite decorations is a talking Victorian telephone, and it's really cool! It's not over-the-top spooky, but it's still fun and a nice surprise for guests! It only costs 15 dollars, and I personally think that's more than worth it for making a younger sibling jump! You can buy it at your local Target in the Hide & EEK! Boutique section, or [Click this link to see more](#). Next up is a Halloween Wheel Of Fate, which you can give a quick spin to tell your halloween destiny! With



outdoors, but a on the outside! and outright

happy phrases like "Treats will be yours," and, "Happy times ahead," but also, "Screams heading your way," and, "Don't wander too far," this mysterious wheel can make or break your Halloween luck! This can also be bought at Target in the same place, or click [here!](#)



## Inflatables

BY JACK LYLE, SIXTH GRADE

Inflatables, most of your neighbors probably have them but do you know anything about them... Well I do! sorta, So basically, there are two types, but I'm going to focus on one, High-pressure. Basically, a high-pressure inflatable is made of heavy and bendable material and then filled up with a lot of air to create high air pressure. The thing that I find nice about inflatables is that they can fit in really small spaces once deflated so you can have a yard full then a box full. This is a cool skeleton inflatable as well as a pumpkin king. You can get these inflatables or some like it at most of your local hardware stores or go to any of these links and search halloween inflatables [Home depot](#) [Amazon](#) [Lowe's](#)



## Our Favorite Decorations

THROUGHOUT OUR SEARCH FOR THE BEST- AND SCARIEST- HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS, WE FOUND A FEW THAT WE INSTANTLY LOVED, AND WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU THEM.





**Emma**— I think my favorite decoration has to be the 12 foot skeleton. It's so cool! It would be so cool to have one! I have seen them around and they are so breathtaking and extraordinary. To see it click [here!](#) I like to get a lot of halloween decor from Home Depot. I also love this because I love sloths! Click [here!](#)

**Samantha**- I had a few favorites, and I'm really indecisive, but I'd have to say that this decoration was my favorite. It's linked [here!](#) My honorable mention is [here!](#) I also want to say one more thing, if you want animated decorations and just overall cool stuff, I'd say that Target is the best place to shop for your Halloween decor!

**Jack**- My favorite decorations will have to be this one click [here.](#) I just couldn't resist the dragon skeleton and it's coolness. You can also get great halloween decorations at pretty much all of your local hardware stores. I also just loved the skeleton's best friend. Click [here](#) to see.

**Pratik**— *I think the best place to get halloween decorations I would say to go to either Spirit*

*of Hal*

*loween or Amazon. Both of these have tons of options for halloween decorations. My favorite one is probably this one [here!](#)*

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO LISTEN TO SPOOKY SCARY SKELETONS OR GO TO THE MUSIC SECTION**



**Original  
artwork  
by Matilda  
Senn**

# HALLOWEEN CRAFT IDEAS

By Kiki Simunov, Sixth Grade

Are you in the Halloween spirit and searching for something to fill your free time? Look no further! These Halloween crafts are easy to make, with supplies you will have around the house. Hopefully these crafts will inspire you to make your own spooky decorations to hang around your house.

## YARN PUMPKIN GARLAND

**Time:** 10-15 mins

**Price:** \$15

**Materials needed:**

**Orange Yarn**

**Green pipe cleaners(2-inch pieces)**

**String/Twine**

**Scissors**



1. Take your yarn and begin wrapping it around your four fingers like a mitten. Wrap the yarn around about 100-120 times. (it seems like a lot, but it will make the pumpkins look fuller.)

2. Then, take a piece of yarn about 10 inches long, and thread it through your wrapped fingers. Tie the yarn tightly. Don't cut the yarn yet, we will need the loose strands later.

3. Next, get your green pipe cleaner. Tie the pipe cleaner to one of the loose strands from earlier. Fold the pipe cleaner into a stem shape. At this point you can either leave them as pumpkins or turn them into a garland.

4. To turn them into a garland, make 8-10 pumpkins, and a long piece of string/twine. Tie the pumpkins to the string with the other loose strand. Space the pumpkins about 6 inches apart along the twine.

[How to make yarn pumpkins- Design Improvised](#)

## MASON JAR SPIDERS

**Materials:**

**Time:** 25-30 mins

**Price:** \$20

**Wide Mouth Mason Jar**

**8 Black Pipe Cleaners**

**Scissors**

**White Glue**

**Black Paint**

**Paintbrush**

**Googly Eyes- Optional**



1. Paint the mason jar black. You might need multiple coats of paint.
2. Glue the googly eyes onto the front of the mason jar.
3. Bend the pipe cleaners into spider-leg shapes, then glue them onto the top of the mason jar, four pipe cleaners on each side.

[Spider mason jars- Ruffles and Rain Boots](#)

## **POLYMER CLAY CANDY CORN**

**Time: 20 mins**

**Price: \$5**

**Materials:**

**Yellow, white, and orange polymer clay**

**Tinfoil/Baking Sheet**

**Toaster Oven**



1. Break off a piece of each color. Make yellow the biggest, orange the middle sized, and white the smallest piece. Arrange the colors into a pyramid. Slowly smooth the colors together, being careful not to mix the colors.

2. When you're done, put them on a baking sheet or a piece of tinfoil, and bake in a toaster oven for 10 mins at 275° fahrenheit. Be careful when the clay comes out, because it will be very hot! Let it cool down for a few mins. If you want, paint a layer of top coat on the candy corn to make it shiny.

*One thing to keep in mind about polymer clay is that you can buy it in single bars. If you are going to pursue the craft, I would recommend buying a kit of 12-15 colors.*

## **Bewitching Word Search**

*Designed by Jane Goodwin, Eighth Grade*



Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

- |           |                 |          |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| BAT       | HAYRIDES        | SPIDER   |
| CANDY     | HORROR          | VAMPIRE  |
| CAULDRON  | JACK-O-LANTERNS | WEREWOLF |
| COSTUMES  | MUMMY           | WITCH    |
| GHOSTS    | PUMPKINS        | ZOMBIES  |
| HALLOWEEN | SKELETON        |          |



# ~ Halloween Movies to Watch ~

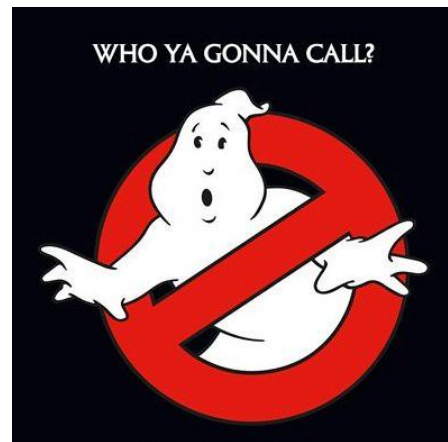
By Addie Hurford, Ilarlar Deng and Mira Luedtke,  
Sixth Grade

Having trouble finding just the right Halloween movie to watch with your friends or family? We've got you covered!

## 1. GHOSTBUSTERS

Ghostbusters is a sensational classic movie that is absolutely perfect for a late night halloween movie marathon. It has scary twists and turns and will leave you wanting more. This movie is about a group of professors who were kicked out of their own university,

which caused them to find a new job. This job happened to involve capturing ghosts and dehaunting haunted houses which, thanks to them, are now boring old regular creepy houses. That was the perfect occupation for them seeing that they were ex-parapsychology professors. Business is booming like crazy when a deadly ultimatum surfaces from a downtown skyscraper and threatens to kill all the people in New York City. The Ghostbusters are happy to take the job until they realize that the job just might be too much for their group to handle...





## 2. THE ADDAMS FAMILY (1991)

The Addams Family is a classic Halloween movie that is also perfect to add onto a Halloween movie marathon. It starts

with an evil lady named Abigail who finds a man with amnesia on the beach in a fishing net. She tells him that he is her son (obvious lie). She also finds out that someone (Uncle Fester) in the Addams family has been missing for 25 years! The evil doctor attempts to get the Addams family fortune by returning a fake Uncle Fester. The Addams (who are still sad about losing Uncle Fester) get a big surprise when they find out Uncle Fester may have come back and the Addams are thrilled. The fake Fester finally comes home, but Wednesday (a family member of the Addams family) has big suspicions about this guy being the real deal. Will the doctor carry out her evil plans to steal the Addams family's fortune? Or will the Addams family figure out the sad truth? Watch this amazing movie to find out...

### 3. HOCUS POCUS

This fun family friendly movie is about a teenager named Max, his little sister Danny, Max's crush Allison, and a bunch of evil witches who were brought back to life by Max. When Max lights a cursed candle, the witches bodies, which



were under a curse, are brought back to life. The witches target Danny, Max and Binkes (Which was a boy turned into a cat 300 years ago and is eager to get revenge). The children have to go on an adventure to save the lives of all the children in Salem. Will the children save the children in Salem or will the witches carry out their evil plans? Watch this amazing movie to find out what'll happen...

### 4. HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (1)



Hotel Transylvania is a humorous and thrilling movie that is great for a family friendly movie night. This movie is about an overprotective vampire father Dracula who built a hotel in the safety of an unknown world to give all monsters a safe environment. Problem is, Mavis's dream is to leave the hotel to see what the world is like. So, when Mavis gets the opportunity to leave the hotel, she agrees without a second thought. Dracula is scared that his daughter will not be safe after what happened to his wife.

Dracula's trick backfires when a human gets into the hotel and is now dressed as Frankenstein's right arm's cousin. Dracula may have gone in ove

## 5. TWITCHES

Twin witches, Artemis and Apolla (Camryn and Alex ) were separated at birth and adopted by two separate families. On their 21st birthday the separated twins meet for the first time. As they get to know each other, they find their way back to the place they were born and realize that there was an evil darkness attempting for the second time to take over Coventry. On the first attempt, Artemis and Apolla's father had saved them by giving the twins every ounce of power he had, dying in the process. It was just like the first time, only, this time their father wasn't there to save them. Will the evil darkness take over the world? Or will the powerful twins that barely know each other save the world?...



*We hope you enjoy these movies as much as we did.*



## Creative Corner - Poetry and Short Stories

### The Magmolia House

By Reagan Pascoe, Seventh Grade



*They say if you visit the Magmolia house,*

*Get tapped on your shoulder three times,*

*The rocking chair is rocking,*

*You stand in the back of the line,*

*You'll be cursed forever.*

*A scary story you can tell kindergarteners indeed.*

*It's a story about another kindergartener as well.*

*Before it became a great tourist attraction for Peace Lutheran*

*Catholic School,*

*It was home to the Magmolia's.*

*Father, mother, sister, brother*

*It's a pretty normal family.*

*Until the sister was found murdered bleeding on her bed.*

*Three stab wounds in her chest.*

*She was only five.*

*The father had a rocking chair.*

*He was always on it.*

*So it was obvious who killed his daughter when they opened the side cabinet.*

*They never found out why he did it,*

*Because the mother killed him when they found it.*

*Now the father and daughter fight forever,*

*But they need hosts to do it.*

*So when I saw the chair rocking,*

*Was the last on in line*

*And felt the slow...*

*Tap, Tap, Tap*

*I became known as the youngest*

**Mass murderer.**

**Background:** When I was in kindergarten I went to a Catholic school called Peace Lutheran and every year we went to an old house to tour. Because it was boring we came up with this little myth to make the place more exciting. Also if you got cursed you wouldn't become a mass muder - your hair dryer would attack you.



# THE DISAPPEARANCE AT OAKLAND JUNIOR HIGH

By Haylee Arabia and Aena Sinton, Eighth Grade

The music faded as the high school teenagers burst through the old door and sprinted around the block. It was late, dark, and the cops were only several minutes from arriving. The Halloween party had slowly turned to chaos and everyone needed to leave. The five of them ran down the street out of breath, trying to take turns that would take them the furthest away from the house. They hadn't intended on joining a track race but after a mile it was looking like they were surely capable.

"Did we lose them?" Austin asked, slowing himself to a stop.

"Possibly," his girlfriend replied. She bent down to catch her breath. Running had always been Austin's thing, not hers. They turned over their shoulders in time to see Odessa, Nile and Daniel laughing and panting along the road. In the distance they could faintly see the red and blue lights flickering at the house at the beginning of the neighborhood.

"Hey, where are we?" Daniel looked around, unsure of his surroundings.

"What time is it?" Odessa ignored him.

"I don't know." Austin answered in one sentence, but it answered both of their questions. They had no idea where they were, or how they would get back.

"I think I left my phone at the party." Nile said, patting himself down to find it.

"Just great, mine's dead!" Odessa added, groaning in frustration. "Do you have yours Ari?"

"You know I don't. If I had brought it my mother would've tracked me down."

"Maybe that would have been a good idea, if we had known we'd end up here." Austin added, to which Ari gave him a fierce look.

The clueless teenagers scanned their surroundings, trying to find a trace of where they were.

"We should keep walking." Daniel said. "And see if we find any familiar landmarks"

The others nodded and began following Daniel. Perhaps if it was daytime they could have been able to easily find their way back to at least one of their homes, but in the shadows of the midnight sky they were totally lost.

"Hey, who's that?" Odessa pointed to a mysterious figure that had begun walking behind them. The teens started walking faster but the figure quickly caught up. A shiver ran down Ari's back and she squeezed Austin's hand.

"Hey, calm down Ari," His voice was shaky, and although he was trying to assure Ari this person was from the party, he was also trying to reassure himself. Nodding, the rest of the group walked ahead



and caught up to a flickering streetlight. Their palms were sweaty, and their eyes were wide open, just right before they shut.

The teens were blindfolded, and fast asleep. They had no memory of being picked up and taken away from the street they last walked on.

The door creaked open. They were inside. Their eyes began to flutter as they regained consciousness. None of them uttered a word, but they were all thinking the same thing. *What had just happened?*

“I’ll be back,” was heard from the mysterious figure’s voice. His footsteps faded into the distance.

“What’s happening?” Daniel whispered, but his voice was filled with panic. They were all shaking in fright.

“Our parents will be angry beyond measure if we don’t return home. They’ll know I snuck out. I’ll be grounded for life!”

“Ari!” Austin whisper-screamed. “Ari you’re gonna be okay.”

There was much chatter from everyone there except for Odessa, who had seemingly been walking around the building.

“Guys, I think...we’re at our middle school.” She stated, which silenced them all.

“Oakland Junior High?” Nile asked. “Why?”

“I don’t know. But look, there are lockers, but like the green ones. Not the blue ones we have now.”

They all looked around, and then back at each other. Odessa was right. The more they walked around, the more they saw from their former school.

“HEY!” A new voice screamed which startled them all. Suddenly a young, glowing girl appeared in front of them. She was young, no older than 12, and had glowing brown hair and eyes.

“Who are you?” Austin was the first to speak.

“You don’t remember me?” The girl started to levitate off the ground! “That’s just too bad!”

This time it was Daniel’s turn to stay silent. The girl had seemed awfully familiar to him, but he couldn’t quite place him. Suddenly a mass force of air kept blowing behind them, as if saying, walk! Walk forward! So the teenagers began to walk forward. Daniel, a few steps behind the others suddenly stopped walking. He wanted to move and he couldn’t. He couldn’t scream, he couldn’t walk, and none of the others had realized. Daniel sunk into the floor.

“This is so totally weird.” Ari broke the silence. Yet none of the others responded. The lights flickered. The teenagers were scared out of their minds. They had never experienced such loneliness and uncertainty before.

“Hey, where’s Daniel?” Nile suddenly noticed his absence.

“Oh god.” Ari replied.

“What?” added Odessa.

“We’ve lost Daniel!”

They tried to turn and walk back but the heavy wind kept pushing them forwards. They would have to carry on without their friend.

“I’ve got your back pack!” Cried out a shaky voice from the walls.

“That’s for bumping into me in the hallway!” yelled another.

The voices felt familiar to them.

“Please don’t hurt me!” recoiled another voice. Alas, another ghostly, glowing image appeared on the wall in front of them. They stopped to watch. The scene depicted the five of them as middle schoolers themselves, making fun of, and hurting other kids. Except for Daniel, who was leaning against the walls with his eyes shut. The four of them gasped in horror at the sight. They hadn’t realized they were so cruel to those kids. Suddenly the ghost shape shifted. A new image was seen. It was Daniel, and the first glowing girl they had met.

*“I’m sorry they’re so mean to you.”* Daniel told her.

*“Why do you hang out with them? If they’re so mean?”* The girl looked up at him, wide eyed and crying.

*“Because they’re the only friends I’ve ever had.”*

The girl in the video nodded, and the glowing imagery vanished. The teenagers looked at each other.

“We were so horrible to them. That must be why we’re trapped here. They’re trying to tell us something.” Odessa whispered.

“Do you think Daniel’s with that girl we saw?” Austin asked.

“Would be my best guess.” Nile told him. Ari just wanted to leave. Her heart was racing.

“Ghosts, if you can hear us, we’re sorry!”

“Don’t try to talk to them, Ari!”

“No, she did the right thing.” A new voice spoke. The owner of the voice suddenly walked out from the walls, with Daniel at her side. She was an older version of the glowing girl in the video. She was beautiful, they all agreed. They had made fun of her braces but she had the prettiest smile any of them had ever seen.

Daniel was the first to speak.

“This is Phoebe.”

The teenagers were simply drawn aback. The night had started off with party games and had gone to apologizing to ghosts in the middle of an empty school hallway.

“This is so stupid. This isn’t a movie.” Nile added.

“We’re probably just dreaming.” Austin added. He couldn’t believe what had just happened. Phoebe was still standing there, holding hands with Daniel. The two of them started walking away, leaving the others stuck to the floor.

“Hey, wait! Take us with you!” Nile called out. Ari screamed, but the two didn’t even flinch. The lights fully blacked out and the teens were left alone in the hallway. None of them spoke, and none of them moved.



Days passed. Children bussed in and out of the building. None of them saw the teenagers vaporizing into the air. They were soon forgotten about. Each day they were forced to watch the happy little children live the lives they had dreamt of. Until the day they had fully disappeared into the walls, ready to haunt whomever came next year.

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