



Trimester 1  
FONT Newsletter





# Prologue: Capture

By Sophie Shammass



My name is Autumn Rae Olivera, and I turned 12 only days ago. 6 days, 2 hours, 22 minutes, and 48 seconds, to be exact. It's 4:00 on a Friday. Halloween, actually. I'm sooo excited, I'm going trick-or-treating with my two best friends, Emelyn and Nya.

Emmie's dad is dropping her and Nya over here at 6, then we get free roam around the neighborhood to gather as much candy as possible.

I'm lying on my bed, staring up at the ceiling fan. Mom says dinner's ready in 20 minutes, and I have nothing to do!

I stuck a piece of wintergreen gum on one of the blades of the fan so I can track how many times it goes around, even though both Mom and Dad said no. It makes 27.5 spins before I decide to cross check the data of my candy hotspot map.

I use this site some kids at school make every year that says how much and what candy each house gives out. I make my map each year based on my, Emmie's, and Nya's favorite candies. I roll off my bed to standing—practiced that for days till I got it perfect—and grab my candy map notebook off my bookshelf.

I sit at my desk, open my computer to the site, and start checking.

5 minutes later, I've checked every house on the map, all perfectly done.

Uuugh, I'm bored!

My phone dings.

CRAZYNarwhale\_27: hey

CRAZYNarwhale\_27: what's up?

FallCoolKid\_244: nothing much. u?

CRAZYNarwhale\_27: can i come trick or treating w/u tonight?

FallCoolKid\_244: i would like that

FallCoolKid\_244: just have to check with Emelyn + Nya

CRAZYNarwhale\_27: OFC

FallCoolKid\_244: will check w/the gals

FallCoolKid\_244: bye

CRAZYNarwhale\_27: bye

EEEE! CRAZYNarwhale\_27, aka Kaysen, aka my crush who also likes me back, wants to go trick or treating with me! Okay. Breath, Autumn. Breath. I got this.

FallCoolKid\_244: AAAAAAHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!! 🤪 😊

EmKingOnWheels: WHAT??

NyaEatsCats48: Huh? WHAT'S HAPPENING???

FallCoolKid\_244: Calm down, calm down. (Don't calm down.) Kays just texted ASKING TO TRICK-OR-TREAT WITH US!!!!!!

NyaEatsCats48: OF COURSE!



EmKingOnWheels: Def!

NyaEatsCats48: Do u want us not to come?

FallCoolKid\_244: No, u can come

EmKingOnWheels: K, but if you change your mind, tell us

FallCoolKid\_244: K, bye

I put my phone back on my nightstand and scream into my pillow. Great, now the 2 hours until trick-or-treating time will feel like 1,000!

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After forever, Mom calls up to me saying dinner's ready. I scarf it down then rush back up to my room.

Finally, Mom calls me down saying the girls are here.

I rush down the stairs and we all hug.

We hop in Emmie's dad's car, then he says, "Okay, We'll go pick up Kaysen, then you guys can roam free for 2 hours, good?"

We all nod. 5 minutes later, Kaysen hops in the car. The girls are glancing at me excitedly the whole ride to prime territory.

We hop out of the car and Kaysen asks, "So how good's this haul we're getting? I mean I came for the best."

"Well what do you like?" I reply. How am I not screaming my head off??

He lists his favorite candies and I confirm the abundance of them along the route.

"Okay, let's do this," Kaysen says excitedly, shaking his chocolate hair out of his eyes. So cute!

We walk for a while, filling our baskets more and more, then I say, "Wait, stop."

What is it?" Em asks.

I put up a finger for her to wait, turning the map around and around, "None of these houses are on the route?"

"Lemme see," Nya says.

I hand her the map, and she says, "Yeah, you're right."

"Woah woah woah, we lost?" Kaysen asks.

"Maybe?" I reply nervously.

"Adds to the fun!" Kaysen sees the nervousness in my voice.

"Maybe we should try getting into a house so we can use their phone?" Emmie suggests.

I nod, still ab-solut-ly terr-i-fied!

We go around, trying every house with their lights on, but no one answers. Now there's only one house left on this street. Of course, it's the creepy one.

"Why don't we try another street?" Nya suggests.

"No, if my dad has any chance of finding us, we should stay on one street," Emmie counters.

"Creepy house?" Kaysen suggests.

"Creepy house," All three of us give in.

We trek up the hill and make it to the steps. All of us look at each other, nod, and start up the steps. 57 steps later (I counted), we reach the top.

A bush rustles and we all scream.

"Relax," a boy says, popping out of the bush, "What are you doing here? Everyone knows this place is haunted."

"Then why are you here?" Kaysen asks.

"I . . Live here," he says, looking disappointed. "My name is Oliver. My parents own this place and make a haunted house here every year for halloween. They do it so well, everyone thinks it's haunted. I've tried looking for ghosts and stuff, and trust me, there are plenty."

"Oh, Oliver, well I think that's really cool," I say, and Oliver's eyes go wide, "Look, me and my friends were trick or treating and we're lost. We were wondering if we could come in to like use your phone?"



“Oh, sure,” he says, happier-seeming now that he knows we think it’s cool—minus the haunted part. Oliver leads us inside the house and we scream when the door slams shut even though Oliver warns us about it. It’s drafty inside the house. Does look like it’s haunted. Finally we arrive at what looks like a kitchen. Oliver makes us snacks, says he’s getting his phone, and goes off.

“Mmmh, this is good,” I say.

“A little too good,” Emmie says, with her thinking face on.

“Cut it out, Emmie!” I exclaim.

“Sorry—”

But I keep going, “This nice boy lets us into his house, and that’s how you repay him?! By being mean?”

“Well. . . No,” she gives in, now guilty. Good.

We sit in silence for a bit, before a girl with blue eyes and blond hair waltzes in like she owns the place, “What are strangers doing in my house?”

“Uh. . . Who are you?” Nya asks.

“Oliver,” she says his name with disgust, “’s sister, sadly.”

“Ok, well he let us in to use the phone cuz we got lost trick-or-treating,” Emmie answers.

“Uugh! He’s always letting randos in!” Oliver’s sister says, “Anyways, I’m Norah, what are your names?”

We all introduce ourselves, then Oliver comes back.

“Kay, I got the phone guys,” Oliver says, walking towards me.

“Thanks,” I say as he hands me the phone, but then his hand morphs into a slimy mush of red and black tentacles, drops the phone and lets it crack on the ground, wraps the tentacles around my arm, and pulls me to the ground.

I cry out, partly because of fear, and partly because Oliver, or whoever—whatever he is— is squeezing my arm extremely hard.

I see Nya and Emmie jump out of their seats to help, but then another tentacled hand covers my eyes. I feel myself being dragged somewhere.

I hear Nya and Emmie yelling for me, and then at Norah for not trying to help. Their voices slowly fade away and Oliver hoists me up onto something, probably one of those carts maintenance people use to transport boxes places.







# The True Story of the Salem Witch Trials

by Leena Ahmad

Witches are viewed today as old women with warts, pointy hats and bubbling cauldrons, or wizards with long cloaks who attend Hogwarts. They are the inspiration for countless books and movies as well as a very overused and popular halloween costume. But in medieval and early modern times thousands of people were accused of being witches.

From 1692 to 1693 the Salem witch trials took place. 200 men and women were accused of witchcraft. King William's war, a continuation of the 9 years also known as the French and Indian war, put a strain on Salem's resources because of refugees. This reignited rivalries between the rich and poor.

The puritans were very religious and believed the arguments between the rich and poor were the work of the devil. The Puritans believed people should live simply and dedicate their lives to the bible. They were prosecuted in England for their opinions, so in 1630 they sailed to America and founded the Massachusetts Bay colony. The puritans also believed that the devil could give people the power to harm others in return for their loyalty.

The trouble started when Elizabeth age 9, and Abigail Williams age 11 started having fits. The same happened to Anna Putnam. To this day no one knows exactly what happened to them. At the time it was blamed on three women; Tituba, Sarah Good, and Sarah Osborne. They were accused of witchcraft. This event began the Salem witch trials. Imagine being a widow or a poor woman living on streets and on top of everything else you had to worry someone would accuse you of witchcraft. The jails they were kept in were filthy people accused, waited months there before trial. They were often tortured with lack of sleep, little food, physical harm and were searched for witch marks.

Among the 200 accused, 20 of them were executed. Many of those held in jail were treated badly or tortured. Even those who were pardoned after jail time were never the same. In 1711 some accused witches were pardoned and their families compensated.



## Thanksgiving history and Lies



Thanksgiving has been an annual holiday in America and Canada celebrated since 1578, though Canada celebrates it the second Monday of October and America celebrates it the third Thursday of November. For the colonizers it was a day of celebration, feast, and later on military victories, when Abraham Lincon announced it an official holiday to celebrate the end of the civil war. But, for the indigenous people of America, it was a less joyful holiday. Many people today believe that thanksgiving was a peaceful day for both colonizers and indigenous people but that is a lie. The famed first thanksgiving happened in 1637 when colonizers massacred a Pequot village and then celebrated their victory (Sherman).

While thanksgiving has a terrible violent history, there are still ways we can celebrate respectfully. Sean Sherman founder and CEO of the *Sioux Chef* says, “We can focus simply on values that apply to everybody: togetherness, generosity and gratitude.” He speaks about how some Native Americans he knows choose to ignore the holiday saying that is disrespects their ancestors and history, but Sherman believes that we can still celebrate the holiday if we are able to recognize the violence that was done to Native Americans. We can still keep the meaning of the holiday, which is now meant to bring families together and share gratitude.

Thanksgiving is an important holiday that can help us look at history and recognize America's mistakes and violence, but still give us the chance to share gratitude with family and friends.

Peppin Benzak





# Halloween Movies to Check Out This Fall!



Julia Brier

Practical Magic (PG-13)

Gremlins (PG)

This movie has a witchy aesthetic with a 90s charm. The plot follows two magical sisters (Gillian and Sally Owens) who grew up resenting their powers. When Gillian's boyfriend, Jimmy, dies unexpectedly, the sisters decide to start learning magic to revive him. But, when the spell goes wrong, the girls have to fix it all before it's too late.



Hubie Halloween (PG-13)

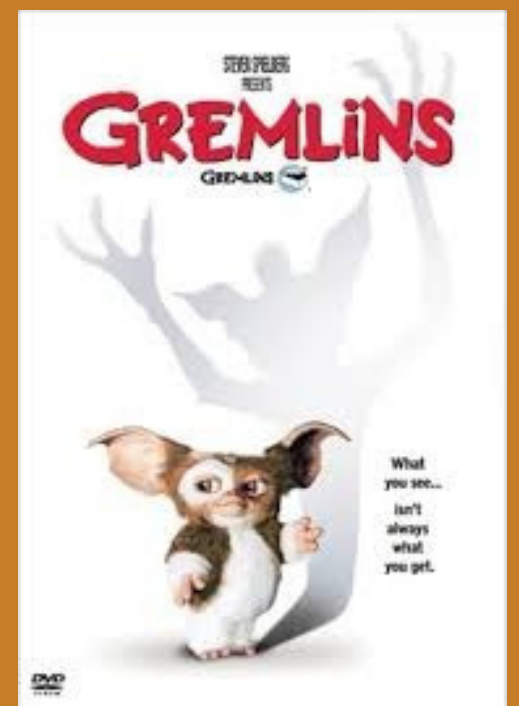
A more recent release with a comedic style and the right amount of spooky for your Halloween movie night with your family. The movie follows Hubie, a Halloween fanatic who isn't the most clever but quite dedicated to his job as the town's "Halloween Monitor." Hubie is often the victim of pranks, but then he gets himself dragged into an actual mystery with revenge and accusations.



A cult classic 80s movie with the iconic creatures that would fill your watch party with laughs at the creature's antics. The movie follows Billy, the son of an inventor, as he obtains a mysterious creature named "Gizmo." He is told to follow three rules for caring: Don't let it see sunlight or it'll die, don't let it come in contact with water, and the most known rule; Don't feed it after midnight. But when dozens of copies of Gizmo start to appear and when Billy breaks one of the crucial rules, it's up to Billy, his mom, and his girlfriend to end the chaos the gremlins inflict onto their town.



Coraline (PG)



One of my favorite Halloween movies at the moment, this children's stopmotion movie follows an 11 year old Coraline, as she moves to a new house. To her dismay, she finds a tunnel to an alternate reality with caring button-eyed versions of her neglectful parents and other supernatural and odd characters. As she keeps coming back to this world, her "Other-Mother" makes an offer for her to stay, but Coraline realizes this paradise isn't what it seems. I would recommend this movie to those who enjoy movies with high-stakes and an interest in whimsy.





## Fred and Terrence; The Secret Helpers

Arlo Dennen



Hi! My name is Fred. I was born (unluckily) a black cat. I'll walk around the street and everyone will run away because they are scared of bad luck! I have long fur and green eyes. I pride myself on my purr. It sounds like a loud motor. I'm quite soft, not like anyone will ever pet me, sigh. Well that's me, the soft, cute, cursed black cat that no one will ever love.

Right now I'm sitting in an alleyway and I see my friend Terrance gliding up in the sky. I call, MEOW. He sees me and flies down. He once was a very clean and fresh sheet. But now, after many days in haunted houses and scary dark alleys, he has become a dirty and patched ghost.

"Hey! Wanna ride my back!?! " He says, I don't understand how he can be so happy when the whole world fears us.

"Hi. I'm just not in the mood right now. Two times I tried to meet a new person, this lady on a bench and a man at a coffee stand. They both just ran away scared of the bad luck I bring." I say and then I deeply sigh.

"Fred, you know that we are never going to find somebody who loves us or at least likes us, give up. You should fly around with me and help people without them noticing. I watered this girl's plant today and she just kept on drawing like nothing happened." Unlike me, Terrance has given up trying to find somebody to love him. He knows he is only an old sheet now.

"Alright, let's go." I say softly.

"Great, let's do kind things for absolutely nothing!!" He says, overly sarcastic.

I jump onto his back gracefully and he folds himself into a cat bed for me. Off into the sky we fly following the stars. I point out a little house with all the lights turned on. We float inside and realize that the owner is on vacation. We turn off all the lights and float back out the window. In that 30 seconds we managed to save a random lady's electricity from going out. That is how we will continue our lives, helping people without them noticing, because if they notice us, they will run away. We are cursed, no one will ever love us, unless you will...





# **Top 10 Best Dad Jokes of All Time**

by George Jacobs

**We promise that these hilarious puns and witty jokes will definitely make you laugh your socks off when you read them.**

1. What do you call a bear with no teeth? A Gummy Bear!
2. Why did the coach put the frog in the outfield?  
Because they were really good at catching flies.
3. Which is the worst sport to play? Bad-minton!!!!!!
4. How did the pirate get his ship for so cheap?  
Because it was on sail.
5. Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use a honeycomb.
6. What do you call a French man in sandals?  
Phillippe Philloppe.
7. How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.
8. What happens when a snowman throws a tantrum? He has a meltdown.
9. What did the T-Rex use to cut wood? A dino-saw.  
And last but not least the funniest one of all...
1. Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one!!



# **Guide for Having the Best Halloween**

## **Lia Contreras**

**Prep the night before**

**(Make sure to lay out your costume, basket, and any other necessary items you'll need)**

**Decorate**

**(Create a spooky atmosphere with dim lighting, cobwebs, and scary music)**

**Themed food**

**(Eat some Halloween themed snacks to give energy for trick or treating!)**

**Activities**

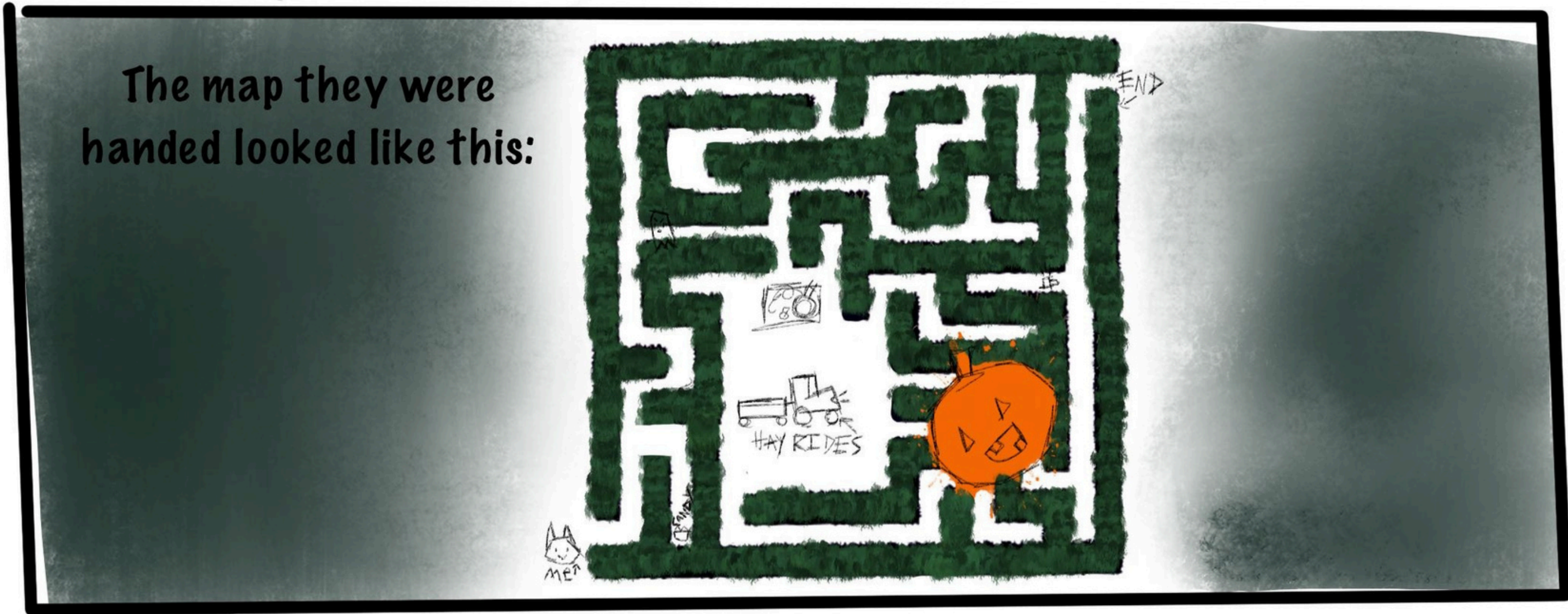
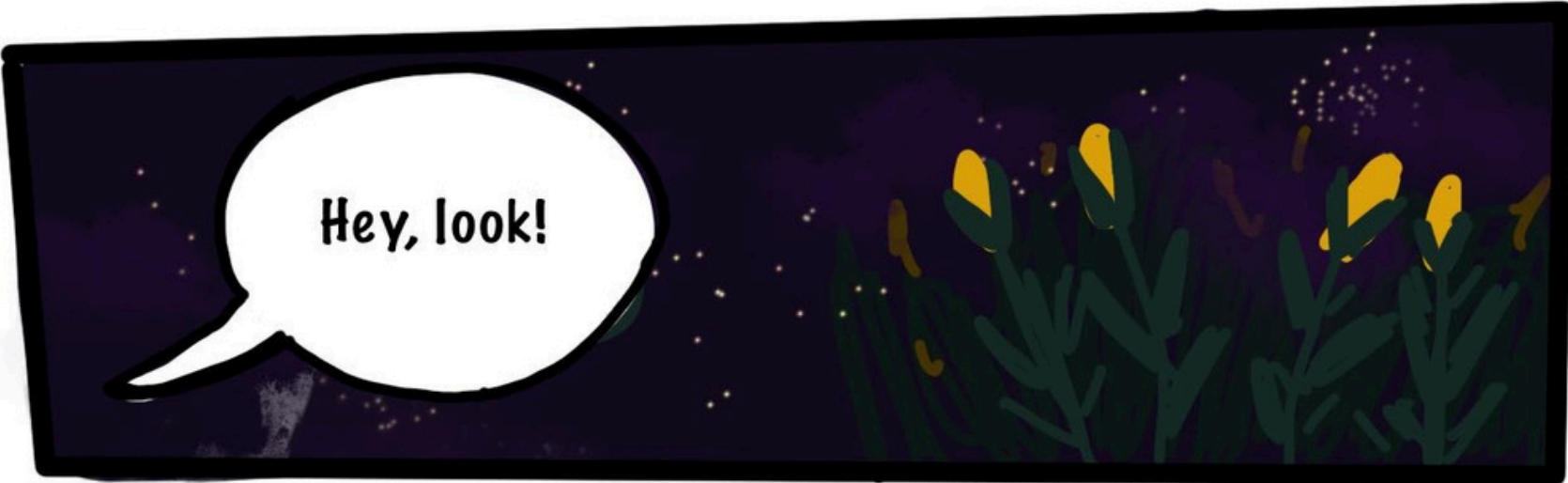
**(Play spooky games or have a photoshoot before trick-or-treating)**

**Music and movies**

**(Movies and music add a special atmosphere to the spooky vibe)**

**Make sure to have fun and enjoy!**







This maze was more than a maze, though.



There was even hot chocolate, to their surprise.



AHH! BOO!



Soon the two friends thought they were lost.



However, they reached the end eventually.



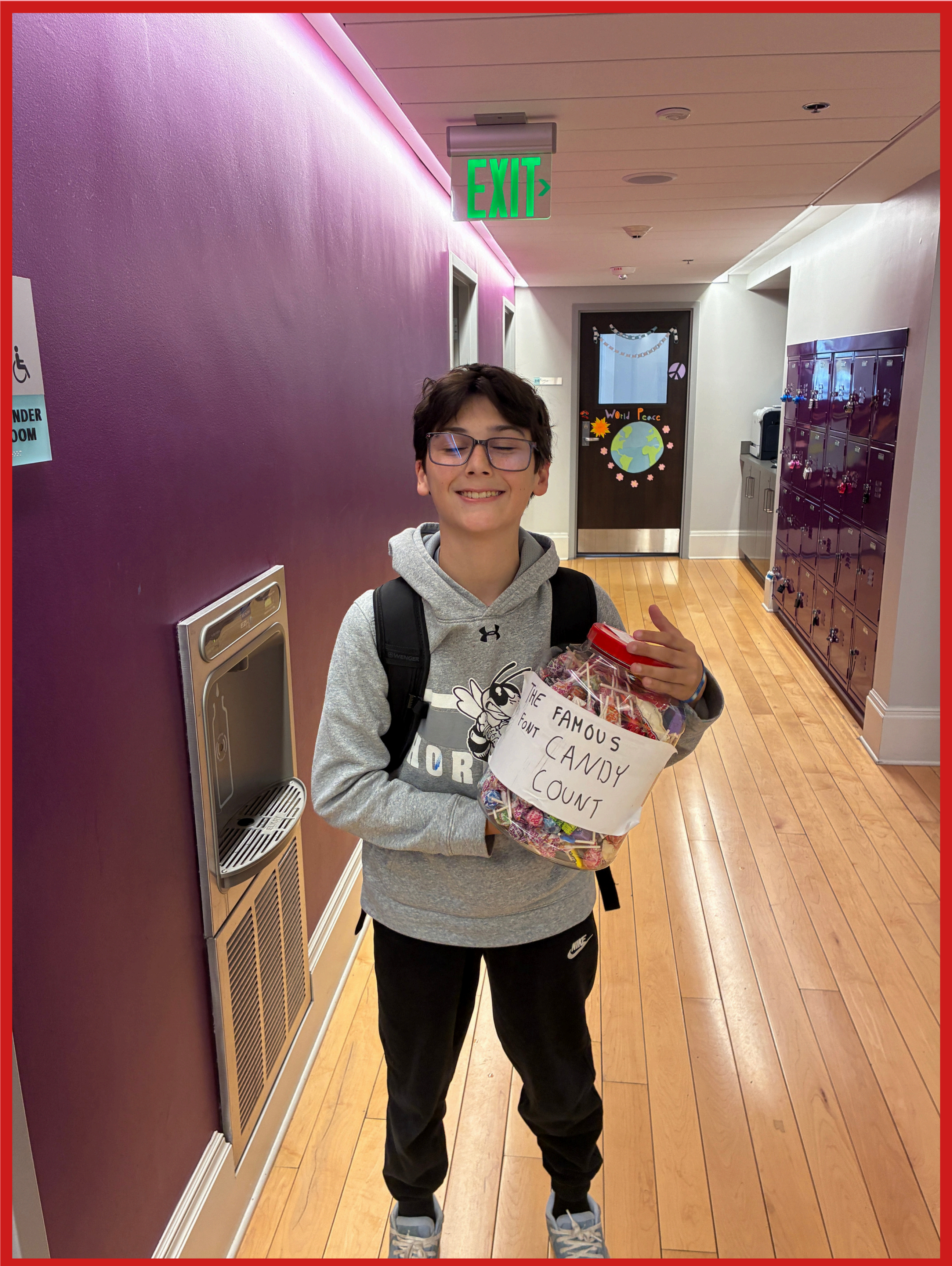




**Happy Halloween!**

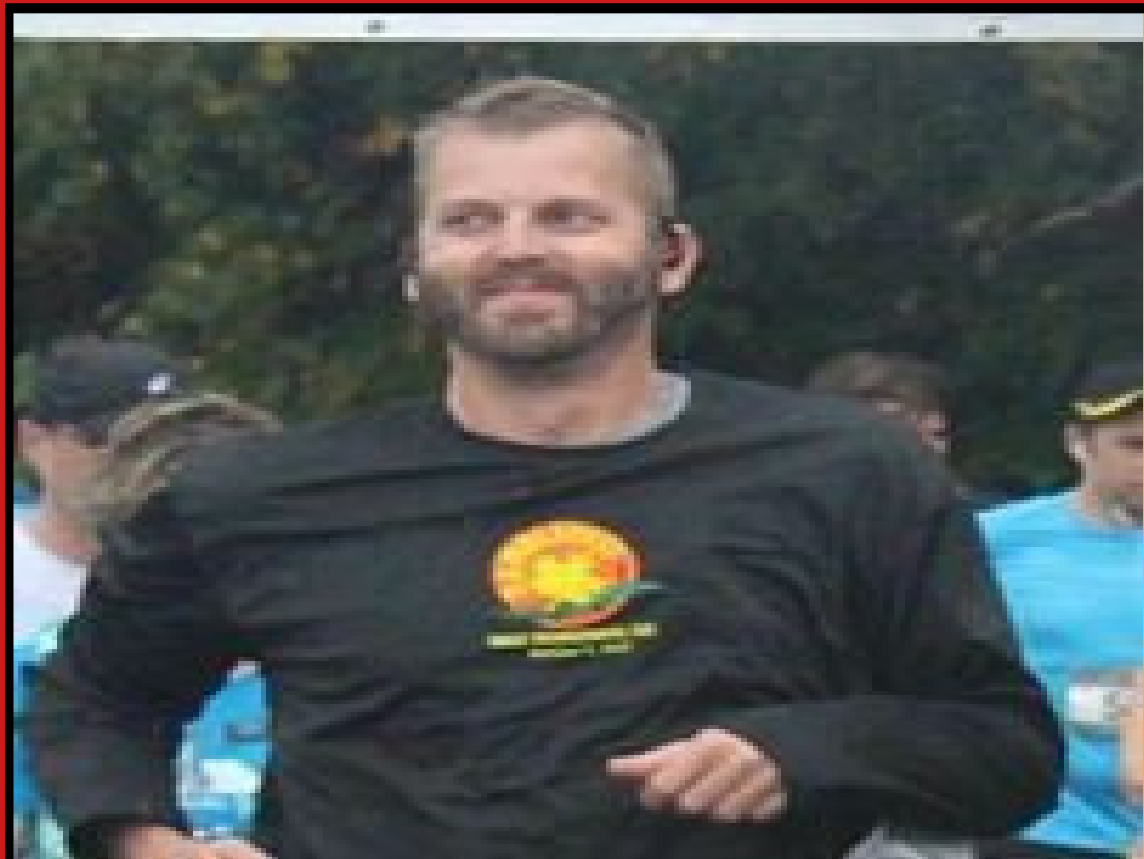


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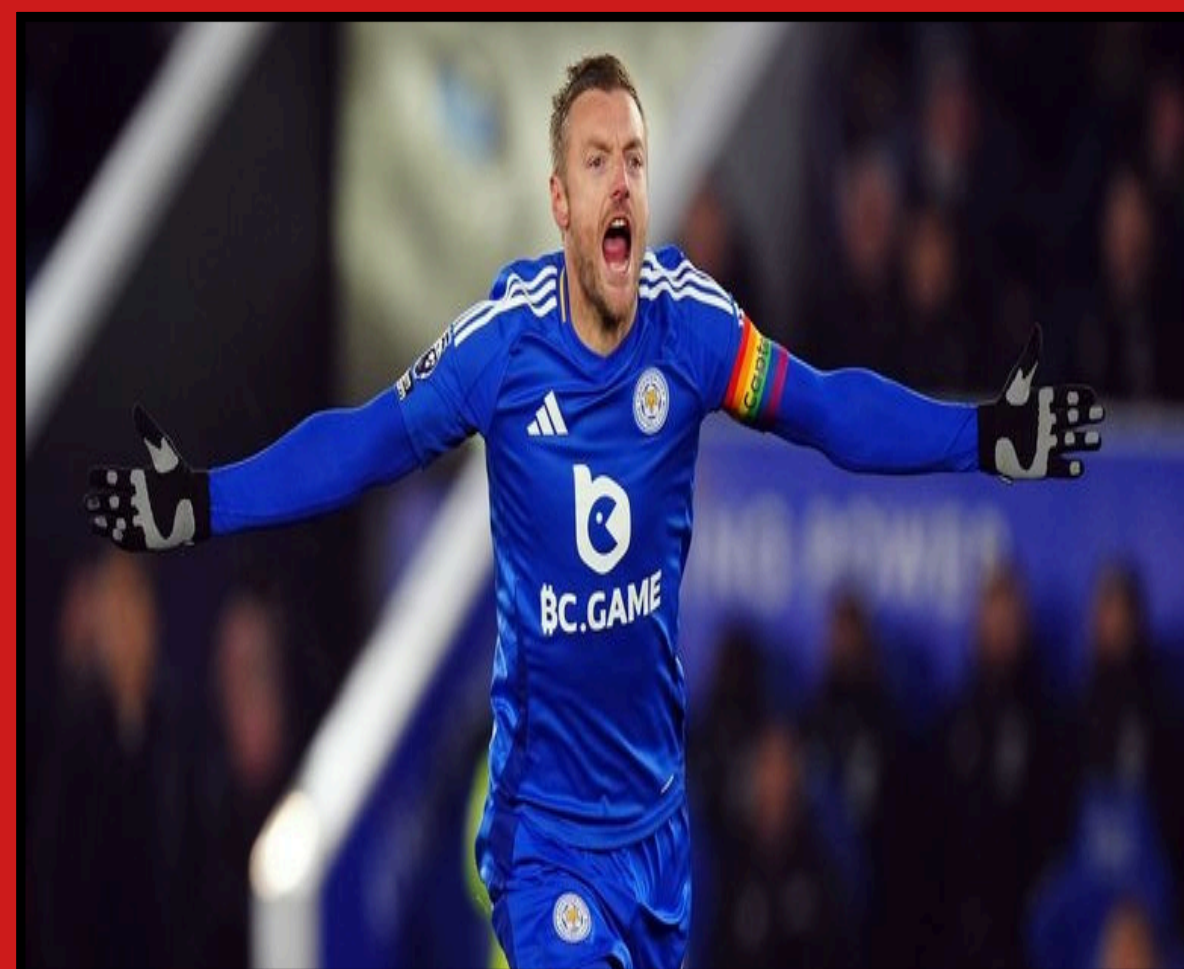




# Celebrity-Teacher Lookalikes



**Mr. Charlesworth**  
**Math Teacher**



**Jamie Vardy**  
**Football Player**



**Mr. Mancini**  
**Substitute Teacher**



**Elijah Benjamin**  
**Famous Music Artist**





**Ms. De Los Reyes**  
**Cityside teacher**



**Rosie Perez**  
**Actress**



**Ms Tatlock**  
**History Teacher**

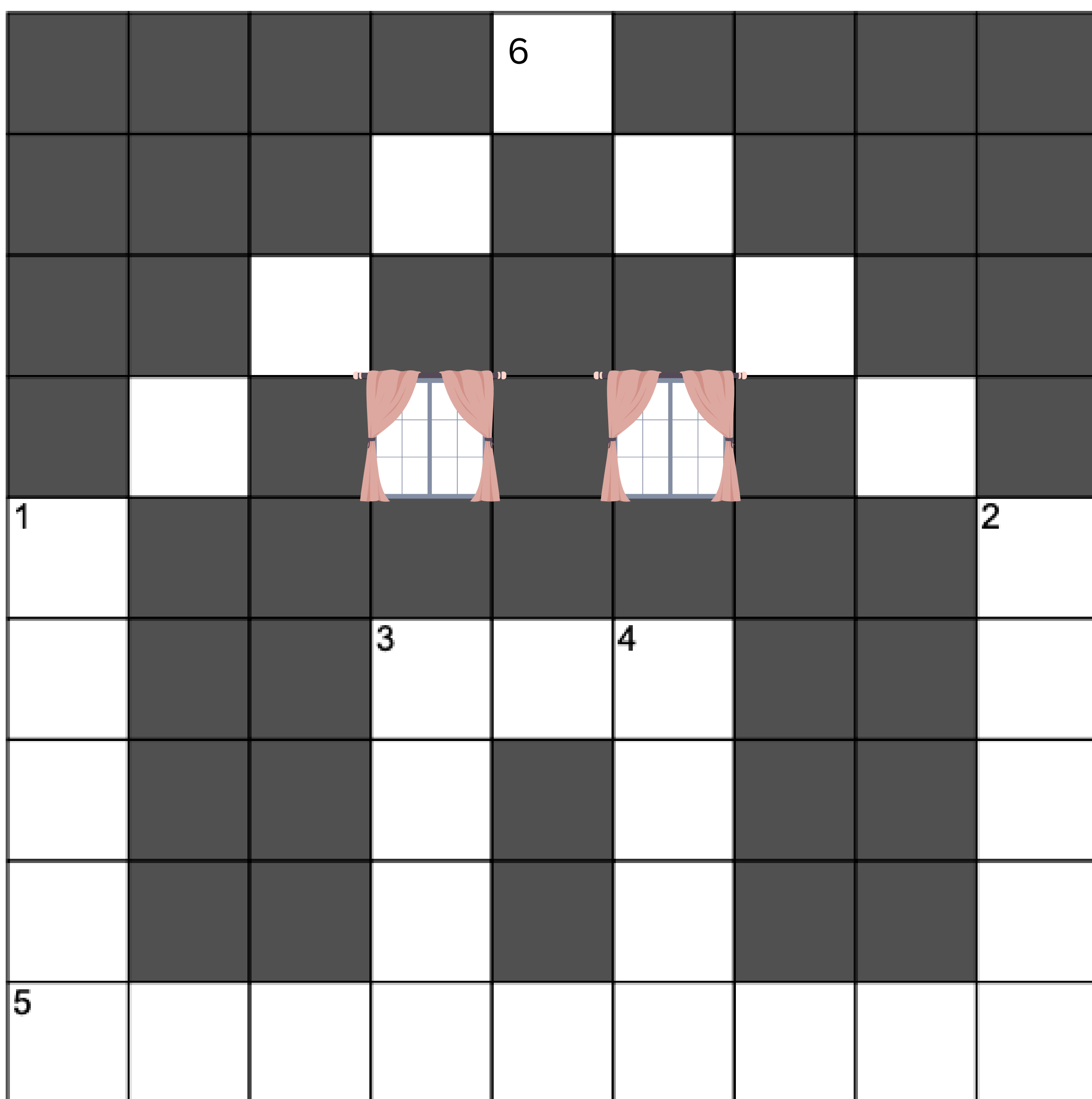


**Tamra Davis Music**  
**Video Director**

After tireless research and comparison we found these celebrities that look like some of our favorite teachers!

Teachers reading this let us know if you'd like yo be next :)





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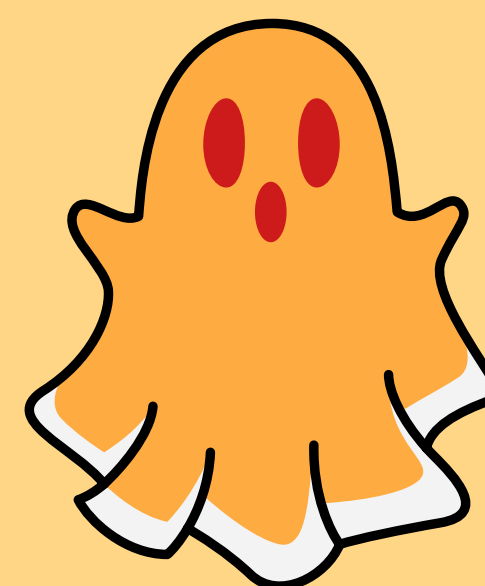
- 3 Sharpay's tagline - "I want \_\_," abbreviated.  
 5 Spooky fall holiday.

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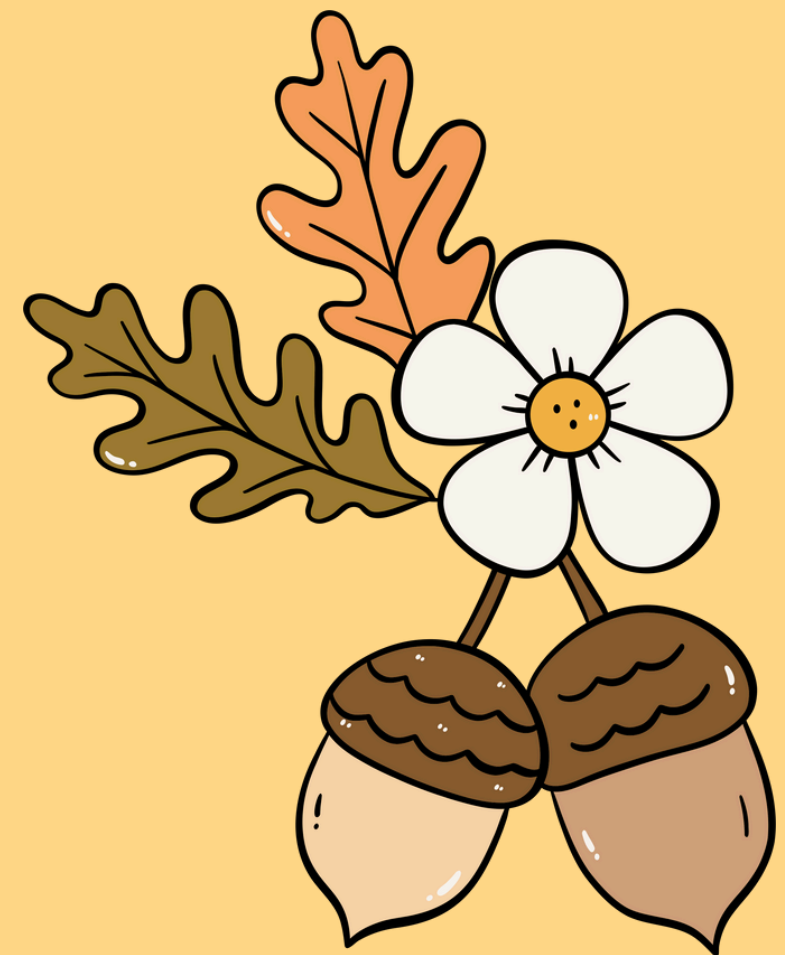
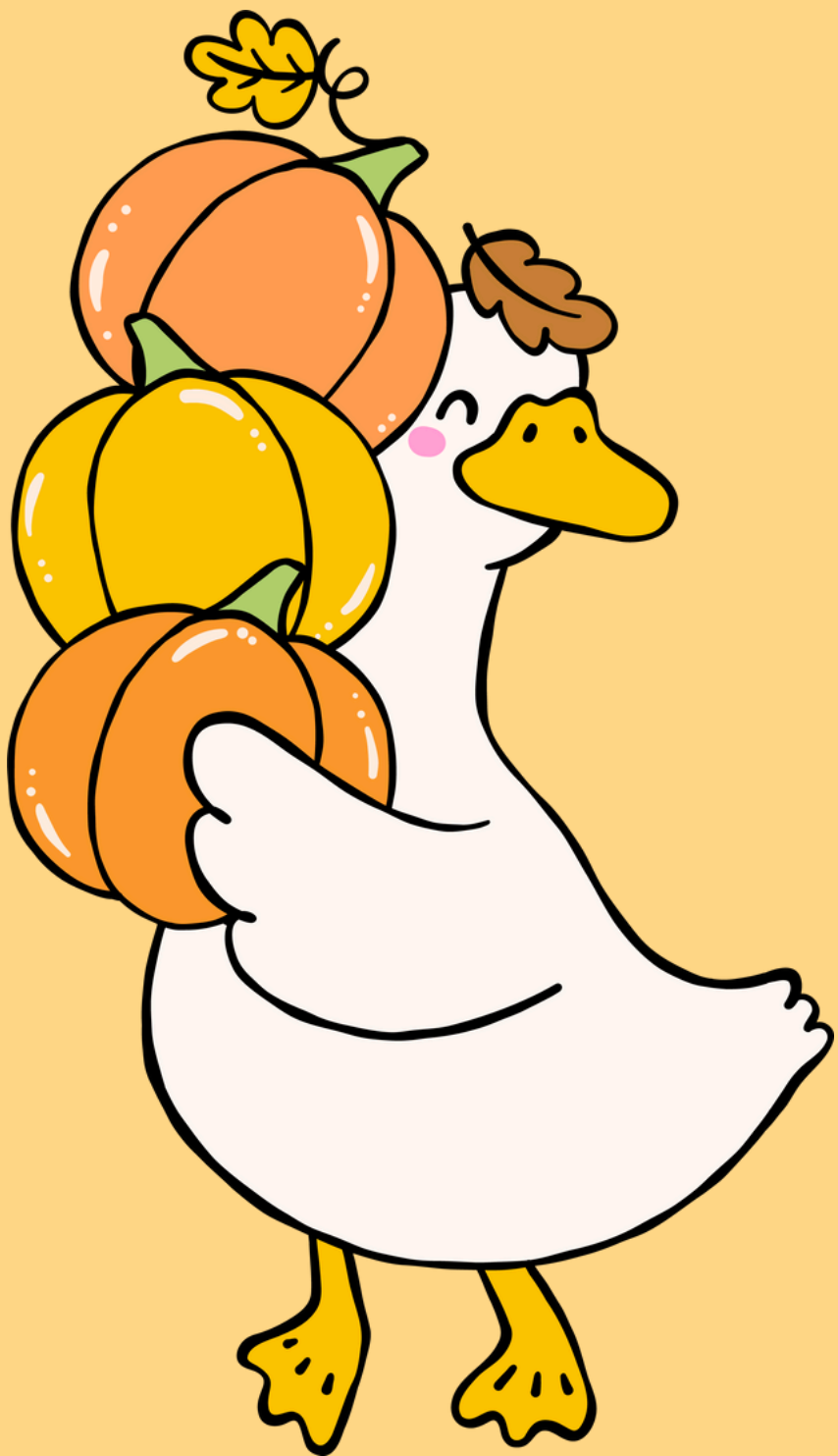
- 1 Providence Farmer's Market Organization, \_\_\_ Fresh RI.  
 2 An oak tree grows from it.  
 3 The current season / what leaves do this time of year.  
 4 What a witch might do with a potion.

### DIAGONAL

- Light that burns on the darkest nights.  
 6 Phrase for a class that's easy to pass / 2010 teen comedy starring Emma Stone.







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