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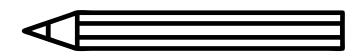


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Austin Kolakowski- I am a 5th grade student. Some of my hobbies include playing sports like basketball, football, baseball and lacrosse. I also enjoy drawing and listening to country music. My favorite subject in school is science. This year I am also in the play!

Clinton Drummond- I am a 6th grade student that loves being active in weird ways. I sometimes pretend to fall and get hurt or let my brother pretend that I am a horse and ride me. Life isn't easy with him, but that is a different story to tell. I love listening to older music like Queen and the Jackson 5.

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# Movie Review The ADDAMS FAMILY

By: Bayan



## The Addams Family

### **Movie Information**

Rated PG
Animation, Comedy, & Family
Length- 1:26

Release Date: 10/11/19

### **Themes:**

Don't judge a book by its cover BE KIND

### **Plot Summary**

After an angry Mob runs them out of town in the middle of their midnight wedding, Morticia and Gomez Addams moved into a new house in New Jersey. This wasn't just any house, it was a haunted insane asylum- the perfect fit for this mysterious family! There they have two kids, Wednesday and Pugsley. The family lived out their strange, gloomy lives for thirteen years until a town is constructed at the bottom of the hill where they reside. Reality TV show host and famous home renovator, Margaux Needler, is not happy when she soon discovers that this "kooky" and strange family is living right atop of her brand new village that she is planning to sell. The story turns ugly when Margaux and the townspeople attempt to remove the Addams family from their home. Do you think the Addams Family has the strength and teamwork to survive this home invasion? .....

### Should you watch it?

Yes! The Addam's Family is funny, weird, and joyful to watch with friends or family. The plot will keep you engaged and laughing the entire time. I would highly recommend seeing this film. The message "don't judge a book by its cover" is an important lesson to teach children of all ages.



### 13 Interesting Halloween Facts

- Fact I- New York City throws the biggest Halloween parade in the U.S.
- Fact 2–The most popular costumes for children are princesses and superheroes.
- Fact 3- Skittles are rated the top selling Halloween candy.
- Fact 4-Harry Houdini, one of the most famous magicians who ever lived, died from appendicitis on Halloween in 1926.
- Fact 5-Ireland is believed to be the originator of Halloween.
- Fact 6-Illinois produces up to 5 times more pumpkins than any other state.
- Fact 7- Halloween is the second largest commercial holiday in the country (Christmas is the first).
- Fact 8-The Guinness World Record for Heaviest Pumpkin is held by Mathias
- Willemijns from Belgium. He grew a pumpkin that weighted 2,624.6 pounds!
- Fact 9-Some animal shelters won't allow the adoption of black cats around
- Halloween for fear they'll be sacrificed.
- Fact 10-Trick or treating has existed since Medieval times when it was first called "guising."
- Fact II- Halloween is thought to have originated around 4000 B.C. This means
- Halloween has been around for over 6,000 years!
- Fact 12– Jack-o'-lanterns were once made out of turnips, beets and potatoes rather than pumpkins.
- Fact 13- Stephen Clarke holds the world record for the fastest pumpkin carving time- 24.03 seconds. His pumpkin included eyes, ears, nose and a mouth.

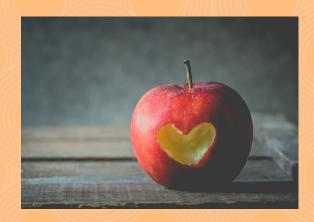
CHECK OUT THIS LINK TO WATCH -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrK\_lzXJXsO





# FALL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT MS. KESSLER INTERVIEWED BY: ADDISON & AUSTIN





Question: What is the most frustrating thing about being a guidance counselor? Answer: "I'll tell you what the most frustrating thing about my job is, and it's kind of sad. I teach students how to get along. When I have a bullying report (HIB) it's very frustrating because it means that a student wasn't paying attention during my classes. I'm teaching them how to be a person of character. There shouldn't be any bullying in school."

Question: How many years have you been teaching in Green Brook?

Answer: "This is my twenty-first year."

Question: Why did you want to become a guidance counselor?
Answer: "I was teaching fifth grade for ten years. While I was teaching, I realized that students needed help beyond academics, so I decided to go to graduate

school. I resigned from my fifth-grade job and they hired me here."

Question: What college did you attend?

Answer: "I graduated from La Salle University in Philadelphia. I spent a lot of

time on my masters degree while there."

Question: What are some of your hobbies?

Answer: "I have a lot of hobbies. If you've ever been to my office, you can tell that I love to decorate and make floral arrangements. I love to read and practice yoga. I love to bake. For Halloween, I made cookies with decorations like medallions, bats and ghosts."

## FALL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT MS. KESSLER

Question: What is your favorite school event that you run?

Answer: "My favorite activity that I'm involved in is Wellness Day. I love the

positive response that I got from the students and staff."

Question: What do you want students to take away from your learning? Answer: "Anger management and learning how to cope with difficult and stressful situations."

Question: What is the most rewarding thing about your job?
Answer: "I really love what I do but it is most rewarding when a student benefits from something I taught. Also, sometimes I bump into a student years later and it's very gratifying when they tell me they remember me and the life lessons that I taught them."

Question: How do you approach different problems students have?

Answer: "Each student is different but the student is the key focus during the moment. If a student is very upset or angry, being calm is the key. This helps me deescalate the situation."



## HAUNTED CITIES IN AMERICA BY: CLINTON

1. Charlotte, N.C.
Charlotte has ghosts that haunt restaurants all over the city. One restaurant, the Cajun Queen, was converted from a house in 1985.
Supposedly, the bar is built over the lady of the house's bedroom, and she haunts the customers.



2. Boston, Massachusetts.
Ghosts still linger from the
Revolutionary War. Also, the first
person persecuted as a witch,
Margaret Jones, was from Boston. She
was prosecuted In 1648.



3. Charleston, S.C.
The haunted sights in Charleston dates back to 300 years ago. In particular, the White Point Garden is a very famous scary place to visit. In the 1700s, the gardens hosted the killing of 50 pirates and has been haunted ever since.



### **HOW TO MAKE GLAZED DONUTS**

BY: BAYAN & ADDISON



Prep Time: 30 Minutes Cooking Time: 1 Hour

### **Ingredients**

**FOR THE DONUTS** 

1 1/4 cups whole milk
2 1/4 teaspoon instant (quick-rise) yeast
2 large eggs

8 tablespoons unsalted butter - melted and cooled 1/4 cup granulated sugar 1 teaspoon salt

4 1/4 cups bread flour oil (for frying)

FOR THE GLAZE
4 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 pinch salt

### **Cooking Instructions**

Step 1:Heat the milk in the microwave for about 45 seconds until it is warm.

Step 2: Add in the yeast and gently stir. Let the mixture sit until there is a foam formed on top. This takes about 5 minutes.

Step 3: Use a mixer to beat together the yeast, eggs, butter, sugar and salt. Then, add in the rest of the flour until it is all combined. Cover the bowl with a kitchen towel until the yeast rises (this takes an hour).

Step 4: When the dough is done rising, roll it to 1/2 inch thickness. Make sure you do this on a flat surface that is coated with flour.

Then, cut the donuts with a donut cutter.

Step 5: After cutting, put the donuts on parchment paper and place a warm towel over them. Let them rise for another 45 minutes.

Step 6: About 15 minutes before the donuts are done rising, heat the oil in a deep-fryer (375 degrees) and line plates with paper towels to help soak up the grease.

Step 7: When the oil is hot and donuts are ready, add the donuts to the oil and cook on each side until golden brown.

Step 8- Make the glaze by mixing together the sugar, milk and salt until smooth. ENJOY!

# HOW TO MAKE PEANUT BUTTER BLOSSOM COOKIES BY: MAXIMUS

RECIPE CONTAINS PEANUTS



### **Ingredients:**

1 cup white sugar
1 cup peanut butter
1 egg
18 milk chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped

#### **Instructions:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
Combine sugar, peanut butter and egg into a large bowl
Shape into 1 inch balls and place on a non-greased cookie sheet.

NOTE: If dough is too sticky, refrigerate 1/2 hour

Bake for 10 minutes

Remove cookies from oven

Press a chocolate kiss into the center of each warm cookie. Let cool and Enjoy!

# FALL SPIRIT WEEK OCTOBER 28TH- NOVEMBER 1

Fall was in the air and inside our school for this year's spirit week. Another amazing schedule was constructed by the Peer Leaders, Ms. Sweeney and Mrs. Ferrara. The week consisted of a variety of fun, fall-themed activities including a pumpkin painting contest, door decorating competition and the Student v. Faculty Soccer Game. The teachers won! Everyone had an exciting week dressing in fall colors, grade level colors and even matching a friend. During the pep rally on Friday, we were able to show off our Bengal Pride Spirit with our grade level!

#### **Costume Contest Winners**

5th -Liam Dziedzic & Nick DiGeronimo 6th - Jayden Brown Denny 7th- Josh Koral 8th - Adrian Hago

#### **Door Decorating Winners**

5th/6th Grade 1st - Ms. Gallagher 2nd - Ms. Sweeney 3rd - Mr. Zuckerman

> 7th/8th Grade 1st- Ms. Dally 2nd- Mr. Smith 3rd- Mr. Weeks



### HALLOWEEN AT GBMS





**Teacher Halloween Theme- Holidays!** 





Students hard at work door decorating!

### **HALLOWEEN AT GBMS**

Check out these amazing costumes!

