

Knightly NEWSpaper

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Hispanic Heritage Month Written By Samantha Tokarz

How OSM celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month

In the month of October, many things have happened, but one of the main things were Mexican Heritage Month. In honor of this month, different grades did many different ways to celebrate. In 6th grade, they went to the Mexican Art Museum, and studied about the arts, food, traditions, holidays, and how they honor people who have passed. Another thing OSM did was, put a big ofrenda on the first floor, to honor people who were important in our lives.

Why we honor Hispanic Heritage Month

We honor this culture's month, to learn about the many ways they celebrate, remember loved ones, traditions, and what they do. We love seeing and talking about new cultures. There are many traditions Hispanics do in this month. Some examples are festivals, creating traditional recipes, doing dances and much more. There is also one important tradition. It's called ofrenda. Ofrendas are altars to honor loved ones like a grave, but more festive. We create ofrendas for Dia de los Muertos. On the ofrendas we put favorite foods, flowers, candles, pictures, and more. To make it colorful. This is just one of the many fun traditions they have.



Indigenous People's Day!

By: Marko Zafirovski

Did you know that Native Americans weren't granted citizenship until 1924? Four millennia after with Christopher Columbus and his crew, landed in the Americas. I am here to tell you about the history behind Indigenous People's Day, and why it was renamed. First off, Christopher Columbus landed on an island in the Bahamas. Unfortunately, he enslaved many people and started the great conquest for many empires to come and conquer this "free" land. Because of this reason, many thought he was good person that brought new life to this continent. As experts dug deeper into the true things that he did, they started to question whether we should be honoring this person. Like I said earlier, he enslaved many innocent people that he sent back to Spain to get sold into slavery. Also, he brought a lot of disease over that infected many native americans. Evidence shows that in 1492 there was about 60 million indigenous people, while there are only about 6 million indigenous people now. Since Columbus committed all of these things, they recently changed the name. Regardless, many countries still name the holiday Columbus Day.

I think that the name better fits what we want to represent as a country. What do you think? Nevertheless, the indigenous people still went through a lot that needs to be addressed.

Fun Facts about Candy

By: William Johnigan

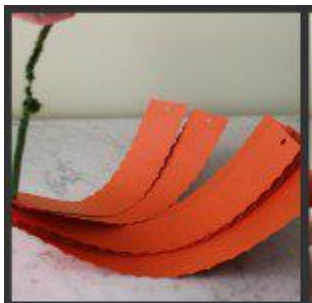
The first candy was made over 2,000 years ago in ancient Egypt, where they used honey and fruit to create a type of hard candy. The world's largest chocolate bar weighed in at over 12,000 pounds and was created by Lindt & Sprüngli in Italy in November 2014. The first chocolate bar was invented in 1847 by Joseph Fry, who mixed cocoa powder with sugar and melted it down to create a moldable chocolate paste. The average person in the United States eats about 24 pounds of candy per year. The first lollipop machine was invented in 1908 by George Smith. The first gummy candies were made in Germany in 1922.



Crafts

Paper Pumpkins

By: Fiona Dollear



First, tie a knot at the bottom of your pipe cleaner. Then, cut 10 strips of paper, all equal sizes. Tie a knot on the top of the pipe cleaner and stack them all on the pipe cleaner.



After you have stacked all the paper, tie a second knot of the slips of paper, securing them there.



Twirl the top of the pipe cleaner to be a spiral and you have your pumpkin!



Spread out the paper gently and space the strips out as much as you please!

Supplies needed:

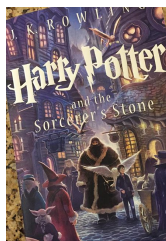
Pipe Cleaner

Paper

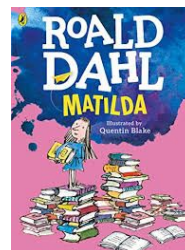
Scissors

Top Reads This Month!

By Brooklyn Bobb



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone



Matilda



Magic Tree House Time of the Turtle King

Grade Update: Preschool

By Emily Pienta

This month the Preschoolers went to the pumpkin patch. They went on Wednesday, October 11. They were able to pick out pumpkins and went on a hayride. They also went to an animal farm and saw pigs, chickens, bunnies, horses, and chicks. The preschoolers were able to hold the bunnies. Preschoolers were excited to go into the goat's pen and see the goats. The preschoolers made new memories at the pumpkin patch.

STUDENT COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE:

A look back on the month and what the S.C. has done!

By Gabriel Morales

STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY AT OSM!

Student Council this month posted signs letting students know that Monday, October 9th, was Indigenous People's Day. It is very important for all of us to celebrate other cultures as a part of our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion standards in our lovely, diverse community.



STUDENT COUNCIL BEGINS STUDENT NEWSPAPER!

This is quite obvious for this update, but look at this! Student Council, for the first time in Old St. Mary's history, has a Student Newspaper! This will be published every month and will bring you more Knightly fun! Check the rest of the update for more reminders!



At the time of writing, the Halloween House Walk had not occurred. It'll be covered next month's newspaper.

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EXTRA REMINDERS:

- **OSM'S 20th Anniversary is this year and Student Council is planning some fun stuff coming soon! In the meantime, be sure to be your best Knight!**
- **Nicky the Knight applications have been sent off through email!
If you're interested, submit by today, 11/3/2023!**
- **Shoes and warm outerwear are needed for the migrants and homeless in this nation. If you have shoes and warm outerwear, please bring them to the Church Commons or front desk. See the poster in your classroom for more details!**



GO KNIGHTS!

Monthly Riddle!

By Sebastian Sandoval

**Here is a good riddle that will trick
you!**

What has to be broken before you can use it?

Here's a hint, it's three letters!

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***Be sure to check the next newspaper for the
next monthly riddle!***

An Egg!

OSM Debate

By Will Kent and Brady Murphy

Osm debate team had a strong showing in their first tournament. In Novice speaker results, Maya Manglavil won tenth speaker award out of 66 speakers.

In Varsity team results Aiden Emmanuel and Aiden Rego earned a championship round and took sixth place out of 22 teams.

This month, four of our debaters participated in the university of michigan high school debate tournament. In the highly challenging 3-day debate tournament. The JV team of Brooklyn Bobb and Kian Connolly won two preliminary rounds. The Novice team of Matty Manglavil and Patrick Quinn won four preliminary rounds, moving onto championship rounds and becoming Octofinalists. Congratulations to our hard working debate team. Our knights are proud of you.



OSM Sports!

By Will Kent and Brady Murphy

OSM Football

The OSM football team made their first playoff appearance ever! Unfortunately, in a hard fought game, OSM lost in overtime to Saint Clement in the semi-finals. This game capped off an amazing season for the team.



OSM Cross Country

We congratulate OSM for succeeding at state this year! The girls did great and the boys finished 8th place overall!



OSM Volleyball

The OSM girls volleyball team ended the season on a high note, winning the championship game against FXW on Saturday. Winning in two straight sets, it was a thrilling end to a great season!



Way to go Knights! Looking forward to our next season with basketball coming up. Have any sports updates or pictures? Send them to Will Kent(wkent24@osmschool.com) and Brady Murphy (bmurphy24@osmschool.com)



Current Events

Part I: The House in Chaos

By Hank Pensinger



The past month of October has been filled with current events, from war in the middle east to chaos in congress. Let's first start by addressing the news here at home. On October 3rd, 2023 the House of Representatives voted to remove its speaker, Kevin Mccarthy, from office. This marked the first time in American history that such a drastic step had been taken and it quickly sent shockwaves across the country. Immediately following the vote to remove, North Carolina representative, Patrick McHenry was appointed interim speaker until a new one could be elected. In the following days, house Republicans gathered behind closed doors to discuss a possible replacement for Mccarthy. Eventually they settled on Louisiana representative, Steve Scalise. Scalise, despite being popular amongst house republicans, still lacked the votes needed to become speaker, and on Thursday, October 12 announced that he would withdraw from the race.



The U.S. Capitol

The next day, Republicans gathered again and this time nominated conservative firebrand and former Scalise opponent, Jim Jordan. Over the next four days, Jordan scrambled to lock down republican votes.



Mccarthy after being ousted

Going into the October 17th vote, Democrats were united behind their preferred candidate, Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries. Jeffries, who helped to secure Mccarthy's downfall just two weeks earlier, presented republican disunity as an example of their inability to lead. On the first ballot, Jordan was defeated, taking a mere 200 votes. By contrast, the Democrat, Hakeem Jeffries, received 212 votes with 20 representatives voting for non declared candidates.

Current Events - Continued

Despite the seemingly large vote totals, no candidate reached the required 218 votes that they would need to become speaker . Following his defeat, Jordan pushed voting to the next day, hoping to regroup and gain more votes. Despite his efforts, Jordan was again defeated on the second ballot. On this vote, the opposition to Jordan grew and he was met with calls to step down from members within his own party. The following day, Jordan threw the process into chaos, first supporting and then withdrawing his support from a proposal to grant more power to interim Speaker McHenry. After at one point vowing to take a vote to the floor that night, the congressman's officer later confirmed that the next speaker vote would take place the next day at 10 am eastern time. On Friday, Jordan took to the floor, seemingly confident in his chances. Kevin Mccarthy, the Ohio congressman lost once again, this time by larger margins.



Jim Jordan on the house floor

Kevin Mccarthy, the Ohio congressman lost once again, this time by larger margins. In response, the Republican Conference voted behind closed doors to knife Jordan and withdraw their nomination from him. In his absence, a number of prominent house republicans announced their candidacy for Speaker of the House. On October 24, Majority Whip Tom Emmer was elected the third republican nominee. Just hours after receiving the nomination, Emmer dropped out of the race. This move once again threw the house GOP into chaos. Desperate to find a candidate that could win, republicans, via anonymous ballot, nominated lesser-known representative, Mike Johnson. Johnson, seen as the least divisive alternative, was victorious, being elected the 56th Speaker of the House of Representatives and ending the weeks long process. The election of Johnson was a surprise with foreign diplomats and even some politicians here at home seemingly unaware of the Louisiana representative. Johnson's election is the final word in what has been a chaotic and extraordinary chapter in our nation's history.

Current Events - Continued

Part II: Israel-Hamas War

Important

Gaza Strip: Main area where Israel-Hamas war is taking place

Meanwhile, in the Middle East war rages. The terrorist group Hamas attacked Israel on Saturday, October 7th sparking a brutal war between the two factions. The human cost of the Hamas attacks were horrific. At the Supernova Music Festival in the Negev Desert, Hamas militants slaughtered a reported 260 attendees, kidnapping many more. However, that was not the extent of the Hamas attacks with the group launching an onslaught of missiles against Israel and brutally murdering those seeking refuge in bomb shelters. According to witnesses, the group made full use of hang gliders, motorcycles and other vehicles during their assault. Reports from the ground also suggest the terrorists acted indiscriminately when dealing with women and children, showing them no mercy.

Enraged by the senseless butchering of its people, the Israeli government declared war on Hamas and launched its own brutal counterattack. According to the United Nations, many innocent civilians caught in the crossfire have been killed in the Gaza Strip. The conflict has also sparked fears that other neighboring countries such as Lebanon and Egypt, who have historically fought against Israel, may enter the mix. In short, all of these actions have greatly destabilized the entire Middle East and threaten any semblance of peace in the region. Even as this is being written, Israel and Hamas are deflecting blame over an attack that led to the destruction of a hospital and the death of many innocent civilians. In short, the Israel-Hamas war is a brutal and devastating conflict that unfortunately, does not appear to be heading towards a resolution any time soon.

Current Events - Continued (for the last time)

Israel is fueled mostly by its outrage over the Hamas attacks and has vowed to wipe out every last cell of the terrorist group, no matter the cost. Hamas believes that they are fighting for the rights of Palestinians. They see Israel's actions against their people as abhorrent and are willing to use whatever means necessary to exact their revenge. With neither side willing to give ground and the terrorist group Hezbollah making advances towards the Israeli border, officials fear that the war may drag on for many months to come.



The Gaza Strip after heavy shelling



Israeli rockets striking the Gaza Strip

The situation in the Middle East remains ongoing

Fall Recipe

By Cate Crowley

Caramel apple dump cake is super easy to make, and it's a seasonal delight that tastes just like fall on a plate. In this recipe, tender apples and soft caramel candies create the ultimate warm feeling, combining for a dessert that people with a sweet tooth are sure to love!

How To Make Apple Dump Cake:

Step 1. Lightly coat a baking pan with cooking spray, and set it aside.

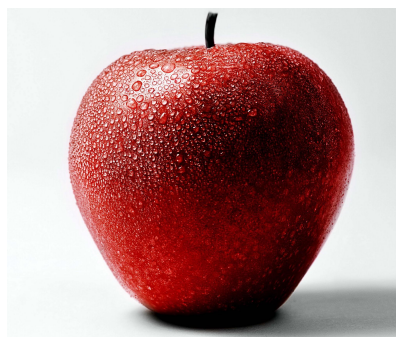
Step 2. Toss together the apples, brown sugar, apple pie spice, salt, and nutmeg to coat. Transfer the apple mixture to the prepared baking pan in an even layer, and top evenly with caramel candies. Sprinkle the cake mix evenly over the apple mixture.

Step 3. Place the butter slices evenly over the dry cake mix and bake in a 350°F oven until golden brown and a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool the cake in the baking pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes before serving.

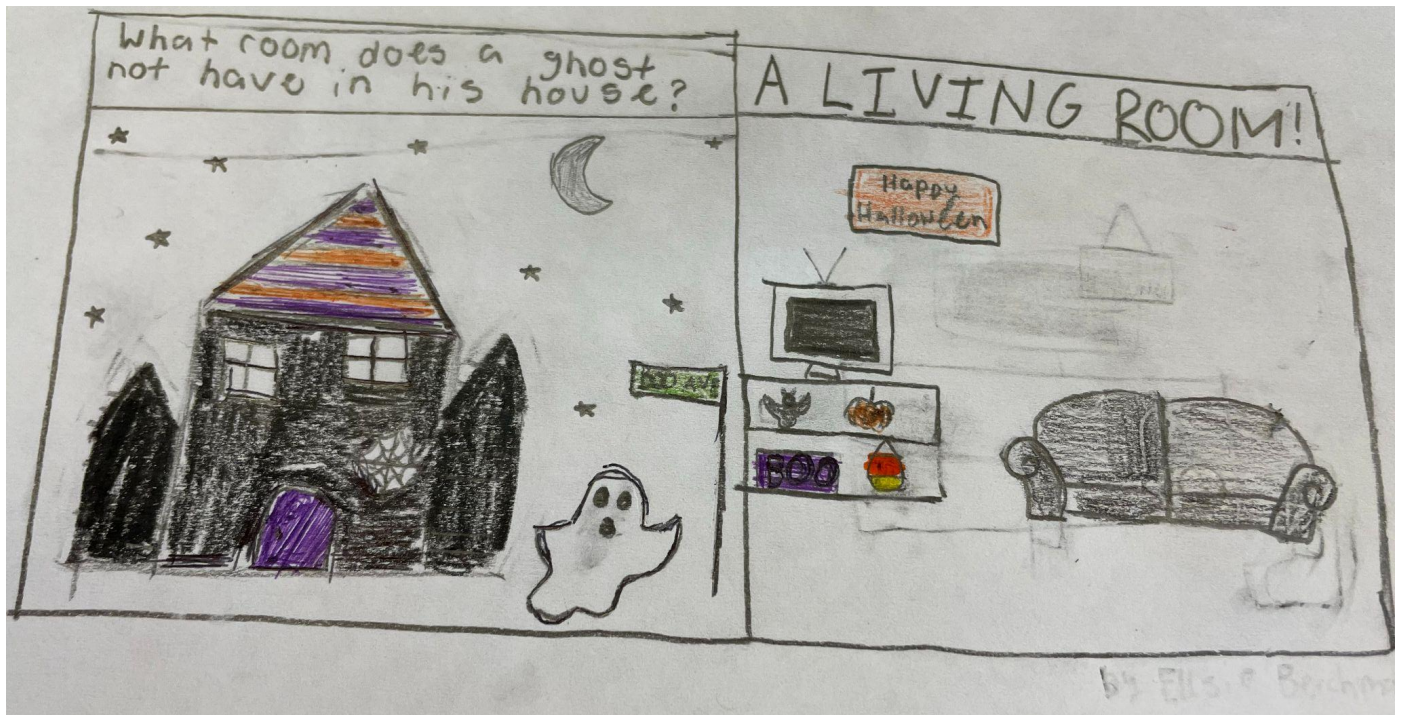
Active Time: 15 mins
Total Time: 1 hr 15 mins
Servings: 12

To make caramel apple dump cake, you'll need:

- large Gala apples
- light brown sugar
- apple pie spice
- kosher salt
- ground nutmeg
- caramel candies
- yellow cake mix
- unsalted butter
- cooking spray



Halloween Comic!



By Elsie Berchman

Halloween History

By Ben Kepler

The Beginning

One night, the day turned into night, and the Samhain were thinking that the border between the living and the dead was close to nothing. But who were the Samhain? The Samhain were old Celtic people, living in what is now known as Ireland. They were named after the tradition of day turning into night, and spirits roaming free, which we now know as Halloween. Costumes originally were just disguises to look like an evil spirit to ward off any other evil spirit. They may have hated the evil spirits, but they loved their ancestral spirits. Many gifts were given to them. Candy didn't exist, so everyone gathered around bonfires and would roast meat. Food would be left over for their ancestors, and the bones of the animals would be thrown into the fire.



How has it changed?

What are you going to be for halloween? I'm sure that whatever it is, it probably is not what costumes looked like in the old days. What originally was cloaks and carved masks has turned into fun, exciting costumes without masks and sometimes makeup. We have turned spooky to funny, natural materials to plastic, and masks to makeup. Maybe in the future costumes will go back to spooky, but who knows? Now, let's move on. I personally love to trick or treat, and that's because of the candy! As we run around, going to each house, and taking candy, we don't realize that others never even got candy. Back then, some meat or bread would be a perfect gift to hand out to children. So, let's remember, always say thank you, or else you may get a trick!



Guess the movie!

By Patrick O'Kelley

Can you guess what movie each character is from?



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2



3



4



5



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Answers on the word search page!

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

By Mackenzie Sullivan

a	m	g	l	s	d	p	h	b	o
k	c	d	s	j	p	u	a	o	c
s	a	f	p	a	k	m	l	n	t
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o	d	u	o	l	h	k	o	s	b
t	y	q	k	t	v	i	w	h	e
i	j	l	y	k	m	n	e	d	r
o	f	g	l	m	g	h	e	s	t
n	z	e	q	z	o	r	n	d	k
l	x	o	r	a	n	g	e	z	w

PUMPKIN
ORANGE
POTION

CANDY
GHOST
BONES

SPOOKY
OCTOBER
HALLOWEEN

Answers to Guess the Movie!

1. Moana - 2. Harry Potter - 3. Encanto
4. Thor Ragnarok - 5. Up - 6. Shrek

Did you get them all?

Saint Isaac Hecker

Today, we'll be talking all about the orange house's Saint Isaac Hecker. Born in New York City on December 18, 1819, Saint Isaac Hecker was the third and youngest son of the Hecker family. He was ordained a priest in 1849, when he was 30 years old. On July 7, 1858, he founded the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle in New York. Saint Hecker founded this missionary so that he and his fellow priests could preach the word of God to both believers and non-believers. His ultimate goal was to convert North America to the Roman-Catholic church. One way that he preached was by founding a newspaper just like this one! He called it "The Catholic World" and it was published in 1865. Sadly, Saint Hecker suffered from a weak heart and leukemia. Although he was very sick, Saint Hecker still stayed true to his faith.



Saintly Statement

“God is now visiting me with the profoundest desolation of spirit. Yet I never knew that God would permit me to come so near to Him and love Him as I have.”

Hidden Figures

What to find:



I'm a jack o lantern!

And I'm Nicky the Knight!



Can you spot all the hidden figures?

Bonus: Can you spot Nicky the Knight?

November Events:

Wednesday, November 1st- All Saints Day, as well as start of Day of the Dead

Thursday, November 2nd, Day of the Dead

Friday, November 10th, No School

Saturday, November 11th, Veterans Day

Sunday, November 12, Diwali

Friday, November 17th, House Pep Rally-Color War

Tuesday, November 21, Founders Day /Lip Sync Battle grades 4-8 /
Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Wednesday, November 22-26, Thanksgiving Break

Written By Jackson Brown

5 Funny Halloween Jokes

1. *What do ghosts serve for dessert?*

I-scream

2. *What kind of music do mummies listen to?*

Wrap music

3. *Why do skeletons have low self-esteem?*

They have no-body to love.

4. *What do birds say on Halloween night?*

Trick or tweet!

5. *How do you fix a broken pumpkin?*

With a pumpkin patch.