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"The liberty of the press is essential to the security of the state."

Unami Club Spotlights

Pacey Herman, Mufazzal Khan, and Ebrahim Haroon

The first club under the spotlight is... Soup Club!

Sponsor: Mrs. Ericsson

Location: Room 113



Soup Club gives a chance for cooking geeks to come together and use food donations to help people in need. It is a fantastic place for learning culinary skills and making new friends. This activity is open all year long and open to all! Want to help the community and enrich your life? Then Soup Club is for you!

The second club under the spotlight is... PRISM!

Sponsors: Mrs. Kline & Ms. Spatafora.

Location: Room 274A



PRISM is a safe space for LGBTGIA+ students and allies who wish to come together to discuss important topics. This club is full of supportive community members who feel comfortable sharing stories, experiences, and advice. Members will also support LGBTQIA+ charities. All members of PRISM should feel safe and happy. LGBTQIA+ students who want a place to be comfortable, join PRISM!

The third club under the spotlight is... STEM Club!

Sponsor: Ms. Spera

Location: Room 238



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) has many mini-STEM challenges such as Robotics and coding. This will occur on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month between 3:30-3:45. This Club will start in October. Members will be able to compete in the Bucks County IU (K'nex) and Technology Expo (Pete & C). Extend your STEM learning and join STEM Club!

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Unami Club Spotlights (continued)

Pacey Herman, Mufazzal Khan, and Ebrahim Haroon

The fourth club under the spotlight is...iTeam!

Sponsor: Ms. Spatafora

Location: Desk outside STEM Lab

The iTeam is a club for helping students around the building with technology issues. This club is open to all grades. It provides technical support to students at the help desk located outside the STEM Lab at the front entrance doors during your Resource period. Tech geeks, put your expertise to work in the iTeam!

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Unami Community News

More Than Just Wearing Pink

Cecilia Marques

Along with this month being spooky season, it's also breast cancer awareness month or BCAM. Breast cancer awareness month is dedicated to those who have been affected by breast cancer. It is also a time to spread knowledge and understanding about the preventive procedures and early signs or symptoms of breast cancer. Annual awareness and promotion of breast cancer reminds its target audience about what they need to know about the disease and how they can help support those who have impacted by it. This awareness is a key contributor to raising money and funding to advance in treatment and eventually cure the disease. It also makes those who have the disease feel more recognized and hopeful. It's crucial for society to make people who have experienced things like cancer comfortable to open up about what they're going through. Things like BCAM open your eyes to the reality of having to go about your daily life and live with something like breast cancer. It gives us a chance to fully take in the struggles and hardships people are unfortunately living with.

Unami and Community News

More Than Just Wearing Pink (continued)

Cecilia Marques

How can I help to make a positive impact on your life? Is the question passionate supporters and donors of BCAM ask when they are eager to help those who need it. People throughout the nation, especially those who have shared the experience, get involved with charity events such as the infamous pink out to try and educate and spread love within the cause. It's heavily encouraged to participate in organizations and non-profit events to support impactful causes. Participation can be as little as purchasing a pink out shirt or wearing pink when you can during October. Celebrating those who have survived and offering comfort to those still fighting is the

Unami Community News

Unami Fall Dance

Adiva Gafarova and Delia Bucci

Halloween is just around the corner, but the fall fun doesn't stop then! Below is more information about our fall dance!

Where? Unami Middle School in gymnasium

When? November 4th, 2022, from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Theme: Semi-casual (Not too fancy, but not too casual).

Attire: Anything from a simple dress/dress shirt to nice jeans or just a nice sweater.

Admission: Pre-dance tickets are \$3.00 each, but on-site tickets are \$5.00 each. Get your tickets after school in the front lobby from October 24-28th. Pre-dance ticket sales end at 2:45.

Snacks: Most snacks are \$0.50-\$1.00 each, and we will try our best to offer allergen free options. Some snack and food options may include water, fruit punch, pizza, hoagies, lemonade, and/or chips.

***DJ will be included! ***

We hope to see you there!

Unami Community News

Get to Know Your New Principal & Vice Principal

Megha Rao, Sophie Nghiem, and Sarah Phillips

This school year, we had a major change. We have both a new Principal and Vice Principal. Over the course of the past 2 months, Principal Loving and Vice Principal Powell have done an amazing job keeping the school running well and meeting all the students and teachers. But I'm sure all the student's favorite appearance of them is on the Friday Show. But even through all this there is still so much left to learn about them. We started the interview with some standard questions that everyone wants to know about people. Use this to see how much you have in common with your principals! Starting with the most basic question there is, what is their favorite color? Mr. Loving said blue, and Mr. Powell said green. Eagles green to be specific.

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Get to Know Your New Principal & Vice Principal (continued)

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For the second question, what is their favorite food, Mr. Loving said pizza. His favorite topping is mushrooms. Mr. Powell answered that his favorite food is Baked Penne, which Mr. Loving found to be amusing. We then asked them what their favorite sport is, both to watch and to play. Mr. Loving said that his favorite sport to play is baseball. His favorite team is the Phillies, and his favorite player is Steve Carlton. Mr. Powell, on the other hand said his favorite sport to play was golf. Both Mr. Loving and Mr. Powell said the same sport to watch down to their favorite team and player. They both love to watch football. The Eagles are their favorite team, and their favorite player is Brian Dawkins. The next question they also had in common. When asked about their dream vacation spot, they both responded with Hawaii. Following this question, we asked them what their favorite hobby is. Mr. Loving's answer was travelling. His favorite place to travel to is Montana. Mr. Powell's answer was cooking. His favorite food to cook is pasta with meatballs. Which once again, Mr. Loving laughed at. Mr. Loving is married and has 3 kids. The youngest attends school in CBSD. Our final small question was what university they attended and what they majored in. Mr. Loving attended Penn State and majored in education and Mr. Powell attended Shippensburg University, majored in business and added a K-12 Teaching Certification.

After this, we asked a few questions with more of a deeper response. We asked them what made them want to become a principal or vice principal. Mr. Loving replied that, "Well, I taught for a long, long time and then I always thought that the school could be better if the principal did this, or the principal did that, and I thought you know what it's time for me to try to do some of this and some of that". Mr. Powell replied that, "Well obviously I originally, I wanted to be a teacher and I loved the impact that I was able to make in my classroom as a teacher and so I felt as becoming an assistant principal I could continue to make that impact but on a larger scale." We then asked them what schools they worked or taught at before coming here. Mr. Loving answered that he taught at 2 schools as a high school math teacher and then worked as a principal at New Hope Solebury Middle School for 4 years. Mr. Powell answered that he started at the Norristown Area School District and worked there as a long-term sub for 6 months. Next, he worked at Franklin Town Charter High School and taught computer science courses for 5 years. Then, in 2017 he came to Central Bucks and taught Integrated Tech at Tohickon for 5 years. Additionally, he coached soccer, basketball and track and ran student council. Finally, we asked them what they want to share with the students and teachers here at Unami. Mr. Loving said that he plans to stay and help find a good path for the students and teachers to move forward. Mr. Powell said that he wants to create a community at Unami, and the best way to do that is to get students involved in after-school activities and sports.

Now that you know about your new principal Mr. Loving and vice principal Mr. Powell, you can see if your dream vacation spot is Hawaii too. More importantly you can see that we are lucky to have them at Unami



Opioid Crisis cost America \$1.5 Trillion during 2020, new Congressional Report Shows

Deborah Kim

America's unrelenting opioid crisis cost the nation \$1.5 trillion in 2020, a new congressional report from the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) shows.

The report of which was officially released to the public on September 28, 2022, uncovered the severity of the economic toll of the nationwide drug crisis, especially during the peak year of the Covid-19 pandemic. The cost it entailed, proved to be a \$487 billion increase from the \$1.13 trillion that the contingency had demanded from the nation's reserves in 2019. However, with the considerable rise of opioid deaths throughout 2021, the report projects that governmental spending towards this issue will only increase in the near future.



Opioid-related fatalities soared during the pandemic, especially from the illicit synthetic painkiller fentanyl, that fueled the drug crisis significantly. The opiate, lethal in doses as seemingly trifling as two milligrams, comprised approximately 75% of the 107,000 drug overdose deaths in 2021. This derives from the collected data of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which also made another finding that since 2017, the cost of the opioid crisis on the U.S. has risen by 37%.

The JEC's statement also asserts that the main reason for the pandemic's exacerbation of the drug emergency, stood from the major reasons of the individual social and economic stress it inflicted on people, as well as the disruption in the functioning of the U.S. healthcare system. The account details that the pandemic lessened the availability of drug treatment mechanisms and since virtual healthcare was prevalent, more individuals tended to turn towards stronger opioids, as a substitute for prescribed painkillers. Relapses into drug use were also more common during this time, many of which were caused by the isolation and social shock that the epidemic created on the individual level.

The consequences of opioid overdose however, as stated by JEC member Rep. David Trone, consist of a "loss of productivity, folks in the job force", and an accumulation of medical costs that will only rise with the spread of drug addiction.

On Friday September 30, two days after the shocking release of the report, President Joe Biden announced that a \$1.5 billion package would be spent towards the cause of increasing the accessibility of medications for overdose treatment, imposing sanctions on drug traffickers, and towards the provisioning of more resources towards law enforcement agencies.

"[Multi-jurisdictional investigation results in major fentanyl seizure](#)" by [BC Gov Photos](#) is licensed under [CC BY-NC-ND 2.0](#).

Sources:, [Opioid Crisis Cost America \\$1.5 Trillion During Year Of Pandemic And Lockdowns | The Daily Caller](#)

[Opioid crisis cost U.S. nearly \\$1.5 trillion in 2020 -congressional report | Reuters](#)

Chaos on the Borders

Hari Kasibhotla

Russia's brutal war in Ukraine has been going on since February, and it doesn't show any signs of stopping soon. However, in August, Ukraine launched a counterattack east, that recaptured many villages, such as Kherson, one of the most strategically important cities in Eastern Ukraine. The odds are showing very much in Ukraine's favor. In response to this, on September 21, President Vladimir Putin of Russia ordered a draft for 300,000 Russian men. As of September 29, More than 200,000 have fled Russia, with many more on the way most definitely. In Kazakhstan and Georgia, countries south of Russia, the influx has sent hotel rates and home rents soaring. This is causing heightened tension with locals, as many tenants are being evicted for not being able to pay up the heightened prices. A quiet Norwegian border post north of the Arctic Circle has been rammed by five times its usual traffic, and narrow roads high up in the Caucasus mountains in southwestern Russia are full for days at a time. In-fact, there are so many people trying to flee, that drivers in traffic jams sleep at the wheel, only occasionally looking up to drive forward a few feet. Some take to social media to explain the horrible conditions in traffic jams. "Ran out of food, please help." and "I just don't want to die in Russia." are among the messages. According to the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense, the amount of Russians fleeing is much larger than the number of Russian soldiers who fought in the war back in February. Airplane tickets to countries who have visa agreements with Russia are selling out quickly, and Private jet seat prices going up into the thousands. And with many calling for Putin's removal from office back at home, it's safe to say that Russia 's not in the most amazing spot. If you would like to support Ukraine with donations, please visit [Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund - GlobalGiving](#).



(Picture Source: [Number of Russians Fleeing Draft Bigger Than First Invasion Force: UK \(businessinsider.com\)](#))

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[Russian Borders Swamped as Putin's Draft Order Sparks Exodus - WSJ](#)

[Number of Russians Fleeing Draft Bigger Than First Invasion Force: UK \(businessinsider.com\)](#)

Reviews

Halloween Movie Ratings

Amritha Sakamuri and Ainslie Kieschnick

Hubie Halloween (PG-13)

Rating: 6/10

Hubie Halloween is set in Salem Massachusetts. Unusual events occur all throughout Halloween Night. These events all have one thing in common, Hubie. Hubie is the loveable innocent main character who loves [a good](#) soup and gets scared easily. The cast includes Adam Sandler, Karan Brar, Noah Schnapp, Paris Berlec, Julie Bowen, and many other ex-Disney stars. The Movie was enjoyable and fun but sometimes a little hard to track. A lot of the scenes move quickly [and](#) have a lot of information in them.

Hocus Pocus (PG)

Rating: 5/10

Hocus Pocus is a Classic Halloween Movie that is also set in Salem, Massachusetts. The main antagonists are the Sanderson sisters who are witches, whose goal is to be young and live forever. As the movie progresses viewers track the sisters' progress while also indulging in the struggles of the main character, a teenage boy. [Many find this movie to be a must watch during spooky season. As an outsider to the Hocus Pocus Fandom this movie's plot seems to be thrown together in a strange way. There are a lot of random side quests, the characters are annoying and,](#) the movie in general is just boring.

Edward Scissor Hands (PG-13)

Rating: 9/10

Edward Scissor Hands is a great movie that stars Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder and is directed by Tim Burton. Johnny Depp plays a shy, lonely, and disconnected from society young man named Edward. Edward lives at the top of a colorful and uniform town in a dark and spooky mansion that contradicts the town's mood. This movie follows Edward and a family that takes him in as he connects to people his age and attempts to be accepted by their society. This movie was the best out of all the movies that we watched. I would give it a 10/10 except for the fact that it really didn't have Halloween or anything that scary in it. Edward Scissor Hands is a good movie to watch in fall because it is weird, strange [and](#), a little spooky (you can always expect those three from Tim Burton).

Spookley The square pumpkins (G)

Rating: 8/10

Spookley the square pumpkin is a great movie to watch with family. It is extremely easy to follow. Spookley is a square shaped pumpkin that is often left out of pumpkin activities due to his shape. Spookley still accepts these challenges and tries his best even with his unique shape. Spookley decides to compete in a pumpkin race and must deal with negative comments from the other pumpkins. When stricken with bad weather it is up to Spookley to save the other pumpkins. It has lots of songs and interactive scenes that will keep anyone entertained. I rated it an 8/10 because certain scenes were just simply boring. The target audience is younger compared to the other movies and it shows. This movie is perfect for kids but if you're looking for a thrill-seeking scary movie, this is not for you.

Reviews

Halloween Movie Ratings (continued)

Amritha Sakamuri and Ainslie Kieschnick

Nightmare before Christmas (PG)

Rating: 8.5/10

Nightmare before Christmas is the second movie that we watched directed by Tim Burton. It fits the Halloween theme and deserves a watch during October. Anyone and everyone will be entertained by this movie because of its creative script and great songs. If you're not one for musicals this movie may not be your cup of tea because the characters tend to break out into song for a lot of the movie. The reason I didn't give it a higher rating is because Nightmare Before Christmas isn't that exciting, it has a predictable plot arch and not a lot of suspense. If you are looking for an easy watch for the whole family, pick this movie, but if you are searching for something scary with an exciting plot, look elsewhere.

Creative Writing

Last Minute Halloween Costumes

Ashlee Ranes

As Halloween approaches, the pressure increases to find costume ideas for spooky season events. In order to enjoy the holiday, there are lots of methods to take the stress out of last-minute costume preparation.

If you do not have enough time to pick an elaborate idea, a variety of nostalgic TV shows and movies feature easy outfits to recreate using items that you might already have. Popular examples include Clueless, Friends, Twilight, and Legally Blonde. To enhance the spookiness of a costume, makeup goes a long way, adding a whole new dimension to a simple idea.

If you do not want to spend on your costume, there are infinite outcomes to one singular clothing item: a t-shirt with a logo. Every year, people dress up as social media platforms, fast food brands, and more. These can be as complicated or simple as you would like it to be, so it is a timesaver and a perfect blank slate.

This Halloween, hopefully you will be able to work smarter not harder with the infinite choices for costumes. In all likelihood, the items necessary to participate and dress up are already in your reach.

Creative Writing

Animal Royalties

Adiva Gafarova

It is a wonderful day, and an exciting time to visit Cat Bay. Cat Bay was voted the happiest continent in the world. There are forty-five countries in Cat Bay, but three were especially well known. Tyron Land, Ninja Bay, and Chonkia, also known as the one of the biggest countries on planet Animal Island. It was Cat Bay Day; a day where everyone celebrates the continent of Cat Bay and all its animal inhabitants, and the founding of the continent.

Creative Writing

Animal Royalties (continued)

Adiva Gafarova

The day is full of food, snacks, drinks, music, and a huge parade. The parade lasts the whole entire day because of the number of countries, and there are many rulers and cats. But the one terrible thing about this year's Cat Bay Day, was that it was raining. That only happened three times in the past two hundred years.

The presidents of the countries knew this year would be different, due to rain. Terrible things have happened on the rainy Cat Bay Day. But this rainy Cat Bay Day, all cats had hope, rain on Cat Bay Day, is exceedingly rare, and rare in general for Cat Bay.

The three presidents, King Markiz, the president, king, and lord of Chonkia, which is a country for cats that are stout, Lady Bella, the president, lady and queen of Ninja Bay, which is a country for people that are feisty and oddballs, and Lord Tyron, the president, king, and lord of Tyron Land, a very royal country than other countries, in fact the most royal country on planet Animal Island.

Lady Bella's assistant, Violet, comes to Bella's bedroom to wake her up for her big day. "Lady Bella!" Violet shouts, with excitement.

Lady Bella yawns, "What?" Lady Bella says, annoyed.

"Today, is the big day, quit being mad at me, you were excited about this day, in fact, you have been talking about it for the past 3 weeks." Violet says, furiously.

"Sorry," Lady Bella says, getting out of her bed. "I didn't get enough sleep last night." Said Lady Bella.

"Oh, my goodness, it is raining hard." Violet says, looking at the window, in shock.

"Oh no, not on Cat Bay Day." Lady Bella says, anxiously.

"This hasn't happened for sixty-five years." Violet says, in shock.

King Markiz's alarm rings, he gets up and jumps with excitement. He checks his schedule for the day, "Wow, a lot of things to do," King Markiz says, he then gets cut off, with the sight of rain. "Oh no," Markiz says, anxiously. "Not rain." King Markiz says, in shock.

Lord Tyron wakes up, to a big window full of rain. "Rain? On Cat Bay Day?" Lord Tyron says, in shock. "This can't be happening." Lord Tyron says, anxiously. Lord Tyron runs out of his bedroom and knocks on his royal assistant, Matthew's bedroom door. "Matthew," Tyron says, frightened.

Matthew opens the door, all dressed and ready for the day. "Good morning, Lord Tyron, how may I be of service today?" Matthew says, as if there is not a worry in the world.

"Look at your window!" Lord Tyron says, agitated.

"Oh, my goodness, this cannot be happening." Matthew says, he starts to sweat, he gets anxious.

"Calm down, maybe it won't be as bad as we think." Lord Tyron says, optimistically.

"Maybe," Matthew says. "Would you like some breakfast to start off this day?" Matthew says, happily.

Creative Writing

Animal Royalties (continued)

Adiva Gafarova

“Yes, but after breakfast we must get to Celebration Island.” Lord Tyron says, with a serious face.

It is hours later; everyone is finally at the Cat Bay Day celebration. This event is so huge, dogs, monkeys, koalas and so much more animals come and celebrate. Zana, the beautiful big white ragamuffin cat, the big boss, the boss of all assistants of the presidents, and event managing, and is a ruler of her country, Zani Rock Islands. Zana makes an entrance at the parade, the rain made the entrances look good, even though it was a gloomy day.

A little while after the parades have started, and King Markiz, Lord Tyron, and Lady Bella made their entrances, the parade paused for a while. This was the time to socialize, have food, drinks, and dance to the music playing.

“So, Lord Tyron, how do you think the parade is going so far?” Zana says, excitedly.

Tyron sips his water, “I think overall, this day is going great, especially with the rain.” Tyron says, optimistically.

Lady Bella and King Markiz join in the conversation. “Hello Tyron, how have you been?” Lady Bella says with a big smile.

“I have been great, and what about you?” Lord Tyron said.

“I have been good as well.” Lady Bella, said.

“Run.” King Markiz said.

“What do you mean run?” Zana said.

“Yeah, what do you mean?” Lord Tyron says, confused.

“I MEAN, RUN, WE ARE IN DANGER.” King Markiz, says, and starts to run, fast.

“RUN!” Lady Bella, says in panic, she starts to run.

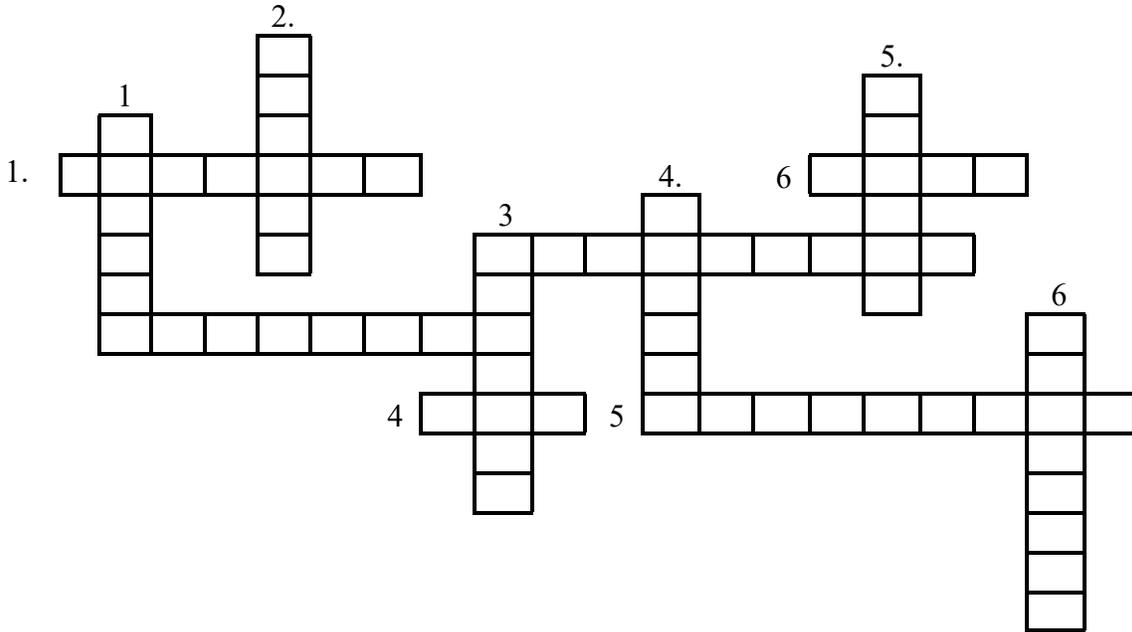
The ground starts to crack, water begins to rise like a wave. The water keeps rising, forming a tsunami, or was it really a tsunami?

End of Chapter I

Fall Crossword

Anastasiya Starastenska

Fall Crossword



Vertical

- The season that comes before winter
- A common Thanksgiving food
- The process of gathering crops
- Water vapor
- They turn a different color in fall
- One of the most popular sports in America

Horizontal

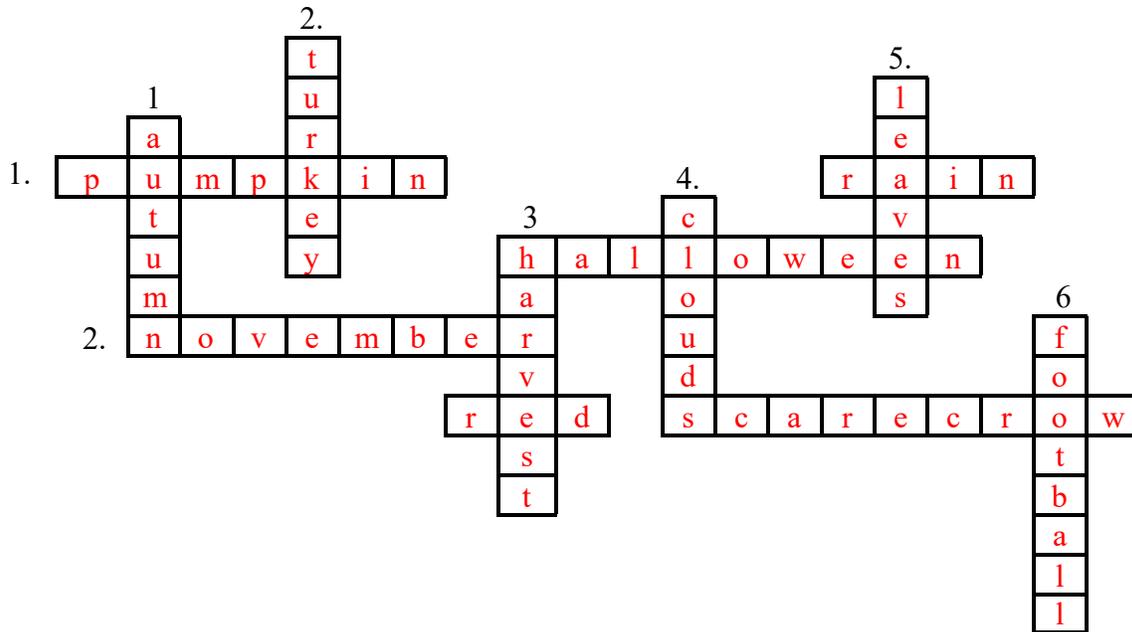
- Orange squash
- 2nd month of fall
- The holiday in which children receive a lot of candy
- One of the primary colors
- Is used to scare birds on the fields
- Liquid precipitation

Games / Riddles / Puzzles

Fall Crossword Answers

Anastasiya Starastenska

Fall Crossword Answer Key



Vertical

Autumn
Turkey
Harvest
Clouds
Leaves
Football

Horizontal

Pumpkin
November
Halloween
Red
Scarecrow
Rain

Jokes of the Season

Delia Bucci and Adiva Gafarova

Are you looking for some fall fun? Share these Halloween jokes with your family and friends!

What is a skeleton's favorite instrument? A trombone.

What do you give a broken squash? A pumpkin patch!

Why don't mummies go on vacation? They're afraid to unwind!

Who can jump higher, a pumpkin or a scarecrow? Neither of them can jump!