

First Issue and Halloween
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Paxton Center School Presents...

The Monthly Panther

The Story of The Monthly Panther

Hello everyone! This is the first issue of The Monthly Panther! I hope you like it. There are many people I'd like to thank for helping with this, including our voluntary writers, the 5th grade teachers, Mrs. Killeen and Mrs. Mell, Ms. McCollum and Mrs. French.

This month, we are starting the

newspaper with a Halloween style. There are some special articles, including a poll for the most popular candies.

One last note, take this only if you want it. We would like you to put it back if you don't want it or recycle it if you can't put it back (you're in class, at home, etc.)

Once again, thank you for who helped us with this and you for taking and reading it. Let's make this the first successful school paper!

By Sam, the Editor
(my codename)

Halloween

Halloween is the time of the year, when people of all ages dress up in different costumes. There is lots of candy, parties to go to, and trick or treating galore. At the school's bonfire, there's

warm apple cider and candy. If you like scary things, then go on the haunted walk. During Halloween, some people paint pumpkins and carve into them. Kids and teenagers go out

with family and friends for Trick or Treating.

Halloween is fun for all so it's too bad it's only around once a year.

By Allissa

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Student Council and The People Who Make It

Every year four accomplished students are elected to represent the student body as officers on Paxton Center School's Student Council. This year, the four students are Tori Brown, president, Rachel Ayotte, Vice-President, Aibhlin Hannigan, Secretary and Joey Dawson, Treasurer. "I am very excited to be president, and I think we can accomplish a lot this year" says Tori Brown. "I like student council because it is mostly run by students" says Joey Dawson. "It's cool because if we do a good job on something, it's

probably because the students worked well together, not because the adults did our work for us".

Our student council is known for holding successful annual events such as the Semi-Formal Dance, the Senior Brunch and the Penny Drive. This would not be possible without the guidance of Mrs. Susanne Ekberg, student council advisor. Mrs. Ekberg wanted to be the advisor to Student Council because she "wanted to work with students outside of the classroom".

Another very important part of the Student Council is the two representatives from each class in grades 5 - 8. "I think the grades that student council includes are good because, as an 8th grader, we have a good perspective on what things (good or bad) are happening in the 5th - 7th grades, and the 5th graders get a chance to start getting involved in planning school events. I think kids in grades 4 and below are a little too young to help plan things but that Student Council should start running an activity or two for them",

states Joey Dawson. Homeroom representatives participate by gathering ideas from their classmates and presenting them at the Student Council meetings. "I think it's great to have a student council for the purpose of getting everybody's opinion and ideas. If we didn't have a student council, the students would not have a place and time to express their ideas." says Rachel Ayotte. The representatives also work at the Student Council run events and service projects and ask for their class's input on upcoming decisions

to be made.

"I think that we have great people on Student Council, from the 8th graders I have known for years to the 5th graders I just met. I think that everyone is eager to make this a great school year", says Tori Brown.

I hope this inspires you to either run for Student Council or encourage a fellow classmate to run. I can tell you from personal experience, it won't be a waste!

By Hallie Brown

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Top Ten Candies

Here are the ten most wanted candies you want in your Halloween candy bags when you go Trick or Treating! They are ... gum, Skittles, Snickers, candy corn,

caramel, Tootsie Roll, licorice, Hershey's chocolate, Hershey's Kiss and Gummy Bears. I hope you get at least



Some Hershey's Kisses. Yum!

one of your favorites.

By Jocelyn Nace

What Are the Grades Learning About?

Have you ever wondered what the other grades at Paxton Center School have been learning about? Well, if you have, this column is the right thing to read. This column tells you what the grades are currently learning. We went around to a student in each grade and asked them what they were learning about in each subject. These are our results.

What are the 8th Graders Learning about?

Math- Algebra and pre Algebra

Science- DNA and Pun net squares

Social Studies- Ancient civilizations, veterans, and war

French- Learning new words

SciTech- Ecology and organizations

ELA-narrative poems

History-Muslims slams

What are the 7th Graders learning about?

Math- algebraic expressions

French-learning new words

ELA- new words

Science Technology- technology through the ages

Social studies- early humans

Language Arts-fiction

Science- volume and mass

6th Grade is learning about...

Math- multiplying, subtracting, adding, and dividing decimals

Geography- time zone/ geography Olympics and different cultures

Science/ physic science- life science

5th grade is learning about...

Science-Earth's layers all about Earth, and rocks and mineral studies

Language Arts- suffix's, subjects, predicates, compound sentences, and simple subjects and predicates

Writing- personal narratives

Read aloud- Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Math-angles, decimals, and estimation

4th grade is learning about ...

Wordly wise-lessons 1-7

Read aloud-The Witches by Roald Dahl

Math-place value

What is third grade learning about?

Spelling- challenge and regular lists and tests

Math-subtraction and addition number stories/estimation

Read aloud-Dinner With Dracula and Ramona Quimby Age Eight

Reading- reading logs

Reading-reading logs, questioning, predicting, and mental imagery

What is second grade learning about?

Spelling –spelling lists and tests

Math-telling time

Read aloud-They are reading their own books
Reading-retelling

1st Grade is Learning About...

Math-telling time and counting money

Read aloud-Johnny Appleseed

Crafts-pumpkins

What is kindergarten learning about?

Math-learning new numbers

Spelling-learning the alphabet

Crafts-making us, they make a picture of their selves.

Read aloud-In the Big Blue Sea and other BIG books

By Shanna and Amelia

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learning about?

Ask Ryan

Hello fellow readers of The Monthly Panther. This is an advice column where you submit questions. Say, if you are having trouble studying, you would send in a questions and hope for it to be in

my column.

1. Write a question on a piece of paper
2. Bring it to class 5K.
3. Be sure 1) it has your name and 2) make sure its done by the 19.

By Ryan



Asking questions is good!!!



Joke of the Month

Mad Add Joke: Orange bear

+ Ghost

Winnie the Boo By Ben

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The Monthly Panther is a non-profit newspaper exclusively for the school of Paxton Center School. We do not accept money, though (I think) funding for the paper is coming from the school's fundraisers. So if you want this paper to continue, please help out and raise some \$\$\$! Speaking of which, good job with them already! We've raised \$15,000+!

Another way you can help us is to send in some articles. And please, no comics and personal (or disturbing) articles. We can accept some illustrations from time to time, though you might want to not newspaper prints in black and white. And gray. And dark gray. You get the point.

Well, thank you for reading this paper, and until November, see you later!

Worcester Animal Rescue League

Worcester Animal Rescue League is a very popular place to get a pet. Many animals are rescued and brought there. These animals need to be cared for daily. They need food, toys, bedding, etc., to make the animals happy and feel at home. Often times, the animals were either injured or people who c

ot afford to keep them and brought them there. There is no charge for some of the animals but they do suggest a donation, so they can keep the remaining animals clean and healthy. PLEASE! If you want a pet or to

Behind The Janitor's Office

Last week we interviewed our janitor, Peter Heaney. In the janitor's opinion, the students in the PCS lunch room are wasting too much food. They are throwing their lunch away after only eating parts of it. Another issue is that students have been throwing food away but missing the trash can. So as the friends of the janitor, please do your part and be responsible. We ask you to finish your food before you throw it away and

make sure it gets in the basket. The janitor would very much appreciate it.

By Alex



Even this newspaper has a janitor!

foster one go to the Worcester Animal Rescue League! They will also take donations, even if you don't want a pet!

Wendy is a three month old pup who is looking for a home! She is playful and needs a family who has time to take her for walks and teach her basic obedience. Wendy is also working on house training. She's a wonderful pup who deserves a second chance at a permanent, loving home. Come down and meet her today!

Lucky is a cute med-long all black playful boy. He is appx. 1 year old. He was brought to the shelter by his owner who thought that he was too active for his home. He's a beautiful boy. He's sweet and enjoys getting pet and he hopes you choose him! By Kailen and Rebecca

