

# OWL NATION NEWS

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HALLOWEEN EDITION

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## Aloha Dance by: Hanah Moses

We had the first dance of the year on October 11. The theme was Hawaiian, and there were professional Hawaiian dancers. People had different opinions about the DJ, with some kids saying that the DJ didn't take any of their music suggestions, to some saying that he played one song twice. Mr. Leddy, Mr. Newberry, Ms. Wu, Mrs. Galanis, and Kiria Maria did Hawaiian dancing with the coconuts and skirts. Some kids said "it was very funny" and others said it was "very embarrassing". The food was soda, punch, fruit cups, popcorn, and ice cream. There was also a competition for Sour Patch Kids, and Angela Yan from 6th grade won.



## Stuck 4 A Buck by: Mary Montgomery

In a fun fundraiser our PE teachers were taped to a wall. They were questioned before and after the event, the questions and their answers are listed below.

### Before:

1. **How do you feel about getting taped to the wall?** Mr. Pearl - Nervous but excited Mr. Bogar - Anxious and excited.
2. **Did you volunteer for this, or were you told?** Mr. Pearl - Was told, but don't mind. Mr. Bogar - Was told to by Mrs. Taft
3. **Have you made any mental of physical preparations?** Mr. Pearl - Wondered what to wear, will it hurt? Mr. Bogar - What to wear?
3. **Will you be seeking revenge on those who taped you?** Mr. Pearl - No comment. Mr. Bogar - No!

4. **Do you feel honored to be a part of this fund raiser?** Mr. Pearl - Yes, anything for Socrates! Mr. Bogar - No, he feels singled out by 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

### After:

1. **How did it feel to get taped to the wall?** Mr. Pearl - Hot, and tape was heavy. Mr. Bogar - Claustrophobic.
2. **Do you feel differently about being told to do this now?** Mr. Pearl - No, he enjoyed helping the school. Mr. Bogar - It was harder than he thought.

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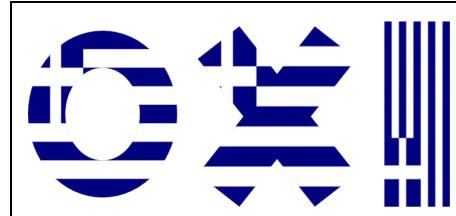
## OXI Day by: Paige Bergeron

OXI day is a national Greek holiday that is celebrated on October 28th. It started on October 28th, 1940, with just one word: no. This day is when the Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini, sent an ultimatum to the Greek prime minister, Ioannis Metaxas. Metaxas wrote this one word, OXI, which means No in English. This one small word started a war.

Italy had soldiers from Germany and Japan to help conquer Greece, but on April 23rd, 1941, the Italians failed to do so. Now Greece is an independent country.

Today OXI day is celebrated by decorating homes with Greek flags. The military and scholars parade down the streets of Greece. Many Greek churches provide special services. People buy a wreath at the monument dedicated to the war to show their passion to the soldiers who fought in the war.

At our school, Socrates Academy, we celebrate OXI day by decorating the gym building with wreaths, Greek flags, we put up a banner that says OXI and students sing Greek songs and perform Greek dances. Επέτειος του Οχι!



## Odyssey Of the Mind

by: Arielle Trent

It's creative. It's all over the nation. It's not only hard to compete against other teams, but also hard to get into. "What is it?" you ask. Well, it's Odyssey of the Mind, where teams are made up of only seven out of the box thinkers and tryouts are held to find them. People from 6-8th grade competed for a chance to be on one of the members of the seven- person team.

O.M. was founded by Dr. Samuel Mickus in 1978. He was a college teacher, who experimented with creative problems in his classes and often rewarded the risk takers, who even if their ideas didn't work, thought outside the box. His classes quickly grew in popularity and soon got media attention. in 1978, the first competition was held in New Jersey with 28 high schools.

O.M. is a competition based on creativity, thinking out of the box, and spontaneous responses. The teams design and present a skit based on a given theme. There's a limit to the amount of money you can spend, you can't have any outside help, and your presentation has to be under 8 minutes. Students are judged on their long-term solution to the problem, style (the elaboration of that solution for the skit) and how creatively they solve a spontaneous problem. They get points for each section and (you guessed it) the team with the highest number of points at the end wins.

Drum Roll Please... the results are in! The 6-8th grade winners for the Odyssey of the Mind Team 2019-2020 are Benjamin Eggleston, Shayne Goldstein, Nicholas Hawa,, Purab Jain, Cora Mussay, Hayley Nachsh and Christina Seeley, Congratulations!

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**3. Have your feelings towards some students changed?** Mr. Pearl- Absolutely! Mr. Bogar - NO!

**4. Do you think the fundraiser was successful?** Mr. Pearl- Yeah. Mr. Bogar- It's better than nothing, so, yes.

## Owl Outs

\*Shout out to Taft for all the great work she has done this year! We love you!  
\*Shout out to 8th grade for their work with Project Linus! #8thGradeStrong  
\*Shout out to Colvin for doing middle school carpool all alone! #CallingNames #DoneBefore4PM #Rockstar  
\*Happy Birthday, Dina Pittman! Have a great one!  
\*Shout out to Joe. Who is Joe? Joe Mama.  
\*Demi D. I know where you live.  
\*Shout out to Dina Pittman for making brownies.  
\*Shout out to Melat Goitom for being a good friend  
\*Shout Out to Camp Thunderbird-#hotmilkshake, #harveyjane, #californis, #americanninjawarrior and #putthephoneawaybeforethrowitinthelake



## Save the Date!

Hey, hey, hey, don't forget these dates.....

November 1 - No School  
November 4-8 - Outreach Week  
November 4/5 - Middle School Girls Basketball Tryouts (4pm)  
November 6/7 - Middle School Boys Basketball Tryouts (4pm)  
November 9 - Belk sale  
November 11 - No school  
November 13 - Picture retakes  
November 15/16 - School play (6pm/8pm)  
November 16 - 8th grade car wash (10-2)  
November 18-22 - Scholastic Fall Book Fair  
November 22 - Terrific Kid Ceremony (8:30 am)  
November 22 - Spelling Bee (9am, GO MIDDLE SCHOOL!)  
November 26 - Turkey Trot (2pm)  
November 27-29 - No school because of Thanksgiving

# GRAVEYARD GAMES + MORE

by Mary Montgomery

## HALLOWEEN RIDDLES

1. Why don't skeletons like parties?
2. What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter?
3. What happened when the ghost got lost in the fog?
4. What do you call a goblin with a broken leg?
5. What is a mummy's favorite music?

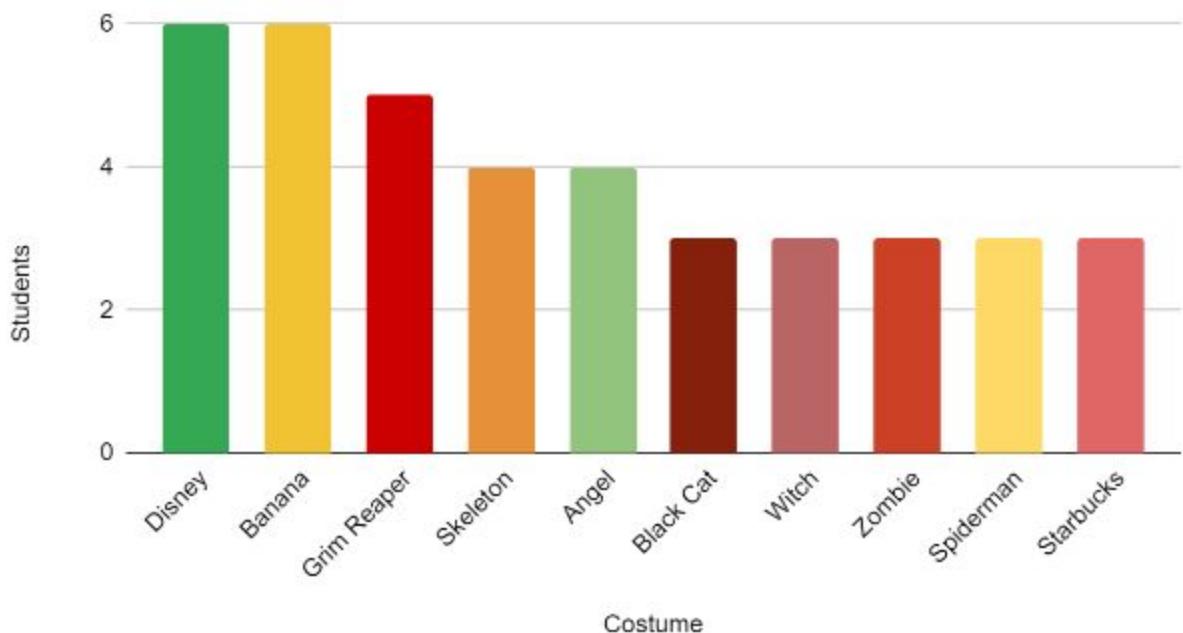
### Answers

1. They have no body to dance with 2. Pumpkin Pi 3. He was mist 4. A hobble goblin 5. Rap music

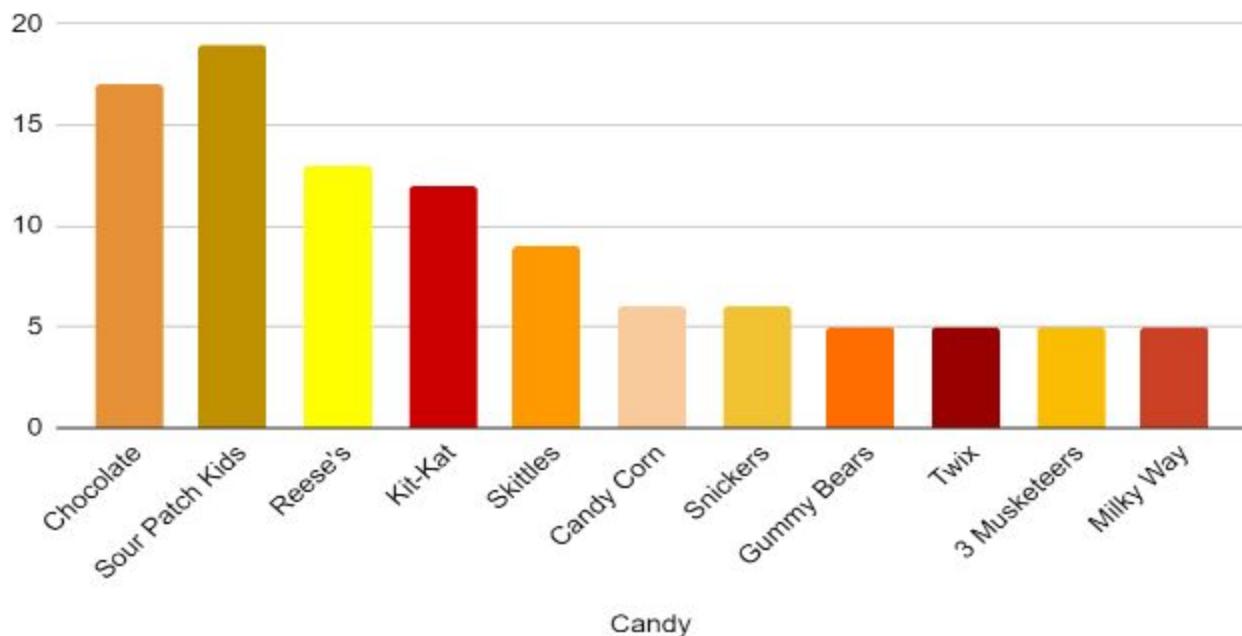
## HALLOWEEN FUN FACTS

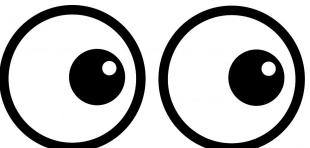
1. The first Jack-O-Lanterns were made out of turnips.
2. Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween
3. The fastest pumpkin carving was 24.03 seconds
4. Harry Houdini died on Halloween
5. If you are born on Halloween it is said that you will be able to talk to 'Spirits'

## Students Favorite Costume



## Student Favorite Candy



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