



CTES



PUMPKIN FUN FOR EVERYONE

Dear Families,

CTES is getting into the fall spirit by having a book character pumpkin decorating contest. CTES families are invited to decorate a pumpkin as their favorite book character. It is easy and fun for the whole family! We are asking that families bring in their pumpkin on Friday, October 25th. These will proudly be displayed in the library and will be taken home on Friday, Nov. 1st.

Contest Rules:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS!** Carved pumpkins will rot and attract bugs. These will not last the displayed week. Carved pumpkins will not be entered into the contest and will be sent home. Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored, etc. Let your creativity shine! (Leave a small amount unpainted to allow the pumpkin to breathe!) Styrofoam or papier-mache pumpkins are also acceptable. This may be the best option, as they are lighter and easier to carry.
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite book character of a book we have in our library. You can check to see if the title is in our library by visiting destiny.bcps.org or checking during library time. On the entry form, you must write the title and author of the book and the character (or topic/event if a nonfiction book) you are depicting. **It is recommended to get the book information first, before even starting to decorate the pumpkin.
3. This is a **home project** and there is a limit of **one entry per family**. Students should work to complete a pumpkin as a "family."
4. Pumpkins may be transported on the bus, but they must fit inside a bag to ensure no runaway pumpkins on the bus!
5. **Do not write your name anywhere on the pumpkin.** When you bring your pumpkin and entry form into school, an adult will record the information so that each pumpkin can be properly identified.
6. Pumpkins will be judged according to the following categories:
 - **Best Pumpkin Depicting a Nonfiction Book**
 - **Best Pumpkin Depicting an Everybody Book Character (Picture Book)**
 - **Best Pumpkin Depicting A Fiction Book Character**
 - **Best Pumpkin Depicting A Graphic Novel**
7. Judging will be conducted by a panel of judges.
8. Prizes: One winner in each category will be chosen. Each winning pumpkin will receive a ribbon.
9. Pumpkins will be sent home on Friday, November 1st. Any pumpkins remaining will be discarded.

Please contact Mrs. Amrhine if you have any questions! aamrhine@bcps.org or Classdojo!

EXAMPLE OF A BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN:



CUT AND RETURN WITH YOUR PUMPKIN ENTRY



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BOOK TITLE: _____

AUTHOR: _____

CHARACTER/EVENT: _____

STUDENT(S) IN FAMILY

TEACHER'S NAME

For school use only: Pumpkin _____