

THE VOICE OF PINE HILL MIDDLE'S STUDENTS

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## New Panther Principal Brings Pride to Pine Hill!

by Jasmine Joubert



As a new school year dawned Pine Hill Middle students discovered that we would have a new principal! We are all very curious about him and everybody wants to know more about our new principal. The Panther's Eye listened and decided to tell our principal's story to our eager readers.

We sat down with our new principal, Mr. Carl Robinson III, to get the scoop. When asked how he feels about being our new principal, Mr. Robinson said, "It is a tremendous honor and a privilege to be the principal of Pine Hill Middle!"

Mr. Robinson had always heard about Pine Hill Middle and now that he is at the school he is proud to be here. We are super proud to have you too Mr. Robinson!

Since Mr. Robinson has been with us, students have noticed many positive changes. He has brought Panther Pride to new levels by making the school look nicer (just look at our

new paint job and panther art on the walls) and cleaner.

Many students and teachers have noticed how Mr. Robinson takes the time to clean up the cafeteria. He leads by example and this motivates students to do more around the cafeteria and the school.

Some might be wondering what else does Mr. Robinson do around the school? Or more specifically what exactly does a principal do? Mr. Robinson shared that the principal's main job is solving problems.

A principal is like a firefighter, a counselor, and a coach all rolled into one. Mr. Robinson said that the hardest part of his job is solving problems to where most people involved would agree to the solutions he offers. He has to be both fair and firm so that people will agree to compromise.

To Mr. Robinson, the best part of his job is seeing the growth that is produced as he deals with the

various problems that may arise during the day. His vision for the school is that it become more like a productive and happy family within the school. That would certainly be awesome Mr. Robinson!

Our principal has three main goals to accomplish this school year. The first goal is to increase literacy on all grades. The second goal is to increase all math scores across all grade levels. His third goal is to improve the school culture or family.

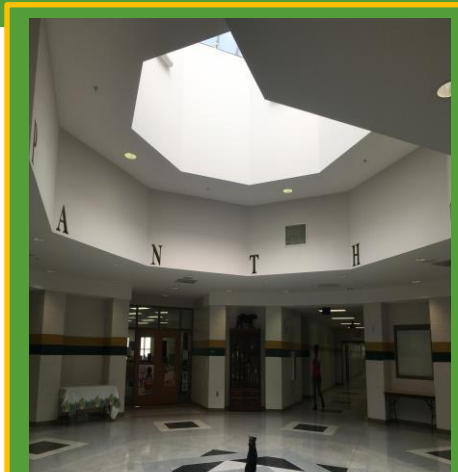


Our Beloved Principal Carl Robinson III

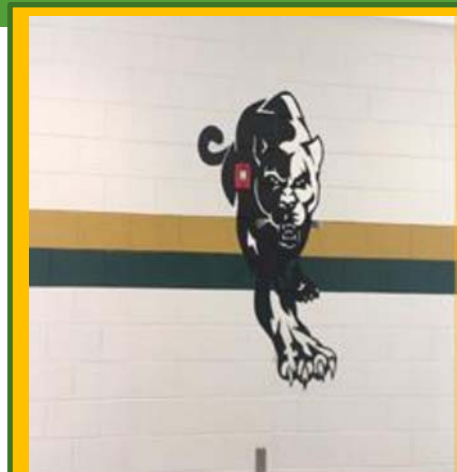


Mr. Robinson plans to accomplish this goal by getting everyone to cooperate and work together like a family.

Mr. Robinson has high expectations and goals for the school and its students. He believes in his students and that they can succeed. We believe in you too Mr. Robinson and we are happy that you became our new principal! We know you will lead us to success!



Mr. Robinson has gone on a campaign to not only make the school look nicer, but to spread school spirit. Special Thanks to Mrs. Myles for making our Panther letters!



We are the Green and Gold house! The school is representing our colors in the hallway thanks to Mr. Robinson!

## Pine Hill Panthers Lend a Helping Hand to Those in Need by Alyssa Dukes



In August of this year an awful hurricane swept through many of our southern and coastal states. This hurricane was, of course, hurricane Dorian.

As Dorian moved closer to Savannah and Florida, people had to evacuate immediately and go to cities in Georgia farther away from the coasts. A few schools in the Richmond County School System took in evacuees. Proudly, Pine Hill Middle School was one of them.

There were lots of children, adults, and teachers involved in helping the evacuees get settled. Our very own principal Mr. Robinson, counselor Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Myles, and several other teachers and adults played an important role in helping the evacuees by doing such tasks as volunteering in the kitchen, setting up cots, and gathering blankets.

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Pine Hill Received an Excellence in Service Award for our Participation in the Evacuee Assistance Effort

volunteer.

“My heart went out to the children that came. It was great to see them get some comfort after all that they have been through. Some of them got toys and treats from the volunteers to help them cheer up. It was sweet”, said another volunteer.

The Red Cross partnered with our school and brought in emergency items as well to make the evacuees feel comfortable. Lots of items were donated to the schools for the evacuees by teachers, students, and Pine Hill employees. When the evacuees left, we all hoped that they made it back safe to a home or shelter.

The Panther’s Eye is very proud of all of the Panthers that took the time to help out people in need! It was a selfless act and one that was not expected or required. Way to go Pine Hill Panthers. To all that helped keep up the good work! You make the school proud!





## Arts & Entertainment



### Virtual Reality is Virtually Here, but Where did it Come From?!

By Andrew Seago

We have all heard of virtual reality or VR, but have you ever wondered how it has evolved into what is today? It's amazing to put on a VR headset, move your head, and have the image move so instantaneously that it feels like you're looking around in the real world! You feel a real sense of presence. Yet, the technology has not always been at the level that it is now. It had to evolve.

In 1968 Ivan Sutherland and his student Bob Sproull created the first VR/AR head mounted display (Sword of Damocles) that was connected to a computer and not a camera. It was a large and scary looking contraption that was too heavy for any user to comfortably wear and was suspended from the ceiling (hence its name). This eventually developed into the View-Master, patented in 1939 and still produced today.

Virtual reality seems to be the next big thing after the advent of the internet. This is because it has virtually changed (no pun intended!) the way business is done with its numerous applications. It is like every top app development company keeps thinking of new ways to apply the VR technology with their apps.

Over the course of thirty years, virtual reality has changed in many ways. The main way it has changed is with compatibility. The first mobile headset was used with a phone and you couldn't play games. You would have to download an app that is VR compatible.

It was in 1990, that VR games had their first big moment with the introduction of *Virtuality*, a VR HMD-powered gaming experience for high-end video arcades. Players sat in a chair, put on the headset, and were treated to the first ever virtual reality games as we know them today.

Today's virtual reality technologies build upon ideas that date back to the 1800s. Developing alongside other visual technology and can be traced all the way back to the beginning of photography! In 1838, the first stereoscope was invented, using twin mirrors to project a single image. This also happened to be necessary for the invention of virtual reality.

Though virtual reality is still far from mainstream, 2015 was a big year for the industry as new headsets were introduced—some fully-featured and powerful, some simple and portable—and companies announced new ways to control and capture VR imagery, too.

Throughout the years since 2005, investors have poured money into companies developing the technology, content creators figured out how to make everything from films to advertisements in VR, and millions of Americans experienced virtual-reality technology for the very first time.



With all that has happened, it is clear that before we know it virtual reality will be a part of everyday life. Soon a day will come where we all have virtual assistants, go to virtual concerts featuring long dead artists, and even check out at the grocery store with a virtual cashier!



Virtual Reality has, among many other things, taken game playing to another level!







## Borderlands 3: The Wait is Over!

by David Morris

Robots, guns, multiple planets, vault guarding aliens, loot, explosions, and much more! You guessed it Borderlands 3 is here. For newcomers to the series you may be wondering what it is. Borderlands 3 is the fourth entry in the borderlands franchise created by Gearbox studios which has had a large gap of about five years between its release and that of the last main entry of this franchise.

Now you may be asking yourself what exactly is Borderlands? This question is more likely for those of you that may not be all that much into games. Borderlands was originally released in 2009 and was known as one of the first and one of the greatest entries in the shooter looter type of games.

Borderlands 3 requires you to choose from among four vault hunter characters. Your job is to help the Crimson Raiders find the Great Eridian Vaults before the COV (Children of the Vault) find them. Your task is to find the keys to and open said vaults. These vaults contain the secrets of a long dead species called the Eridians. These Eridians created these vaults to safe guard their secrets and treasures.

Why are people so excited about this game? Most would say that it has a lot to do with the fact that the last main entry came out about five years ago, and that people are hungry for more.

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The popularity of this game can be understood by considering that the game offers very distinct features such as its cooperation and coepetition modes. The cooperation mode is a feature that for the first time allowed the Borderlands series to introduced individual leveling of the enemies for each player. Coepetition is the opposite and instead of balancing the enemy to each player it balances the highest level players in the match.

No matter how many new or old features Borderlands 3 has it is still loved by all Borderlands fans or even newcomers to the series. This game is sure to be a revolution

in the gaming industry and it is highly encouraged that you pick up a copy for yourself! The next time you get the feeling like you want to try a new game check this one out. You won't be disappointed.



Out to save the galaxy in **Borderlands 3** are four all-new Vault Hunters, each more customizable than all their counterparts from previous games combined.



# Pine Hill Middle Sports



## Pine Hill's Football Pride!

By Jasmine Godbee

The green and gold house is overwhelmed with pride because our football team had an awesome season! They had two wins, two loses, and one tie. Our boys experienced a really strong start to the season, but as the season moved on they had a rocky middle. The good news is that our Panthers ended the season strong by defeating Hephzibah Middle.

The football team believes that a few things effected the overall success of the team. One of those factors was the loss of the team's star quarterback Deonte Singleton who was sorely missed by his team mates on this year. The whole team made a brave effort and pulled off a great season in spite of losing an important player.

They pulled through using team work and supporting each other on and off the field. The football players know that their coaches Mr. Bing, Mr. Beard, and Mr. Dukes expect them to perform on and off the field. It takes more to be a football player than just scoring goals, they have to maintain good grades and good behavior. They have to be good role models.

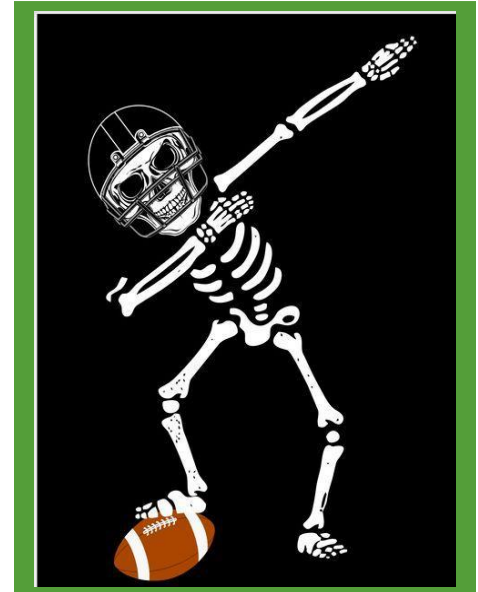
What does team mean to our Panther football players? Team means helping each other out when needed.

Team means supporting each other even if they don't win, team means to work together and move as one, team means being a family.

Together as a "family" our football team had a great season. They practiced hard and played hard. They can walk away from the season proud with no regrets. Our boys are already thinking about how to improve their game for next year. They are not giving up on their goal to win a championship.

One of the team captains Jaylen Thompkins shared, "if football has taught me anything it has taught me that you can overcome anything if and only if you love something enough."

It is that kind of passion and dedication that will surely lead to victory. We all look forward to seeing what is in store for our talented football players! From behalf of the school and the Panther's Eye keep up the effort and good work!



2018-2019 Pine Hill Middle Football Team





## Dear Abby Advice Column

**Note:** Some details and names have been omitted or changed in order to protect the identity of the students writing in. The heart of the problem remains the same so the person can get an answer to their problem.

### The Problem:

Hi Abby, I am writing in because I have got a problem. I like someone but I know they don't like me back. A while back we went out and the person liked me then a lot. One day he said he dint feel the same and just wanted to be friends. Now we are friends but I still like this person. It hurts a lot that he likes someone else. He has got a new girlfriend.

Although, we are close friends I wish we could be together. Sometimes he acts like he still likes me but then when I try to see if we can get back together and he acts like he does not want to. I am thinking it might just be better for me to stop being his friend because I hurt all the time.

I feel very sad because he is a very good friend to me. Actually, he really has my back like no one else. I could count on him for anything and I know it. He has done things for me my own brother would not. Please help. I need advice.

### Abby's Advice:

In situations like this sometimes you have to be friends from a distance. Always remember that you have to look out for yourself and your feelings. It may hurt at first, but if he is a true friend he will totally understand.

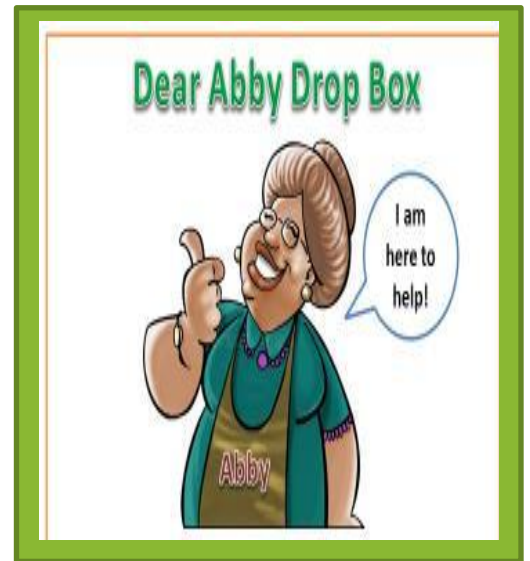
It is really hard to be friends with someone that you have feelings for. Anything he or she may do will upset you and put you in your emotions. So I think taking a break you're your friendship will help you out.

During this time focus on making yourself the best you, you can be. It might be a good idea to open yourself up to finding someone new that would feel the same way about you. Do things that would help you feel better about yourself and your situation.

Who knows, while you are busy taking care of you he might just realize that you are someone special to him and decide he has had a change of

heart. The important thing is to make sure that you value yourself enough to remove yourself from a painful situation.

Do you have a problem or a situation that you could use some good advice on? Then consider taking your problem to The Panther's Eye Dear Abby! Abby is wise and kind and wants to help you! Write today and get an answer in the next issue of The Panther's Eye!



# OCTOBER Trends

## Most Popular Halloween Costumes

1. Princess
2. Super hero
3. Spider-Man
4. Avengers character (excluding Spider-Man)
5. Batman.
6. Witch
7. Ghost
8. Vampire
9. Frozen (Elsa, Anna)
10. Pirate



## Most Popular Halloween Candies 2019

1. Skittles
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
3. M&M's
4. Snickers
5. Starburst
6. Candy Corn
7. Hot Tamales
8. Tootsie Pops
9. Sour Patch Kids
10. Hershey



## ★ Movies to Check Out

1. Adams Family
2. Maleficent
3. Abominable
4. Joker

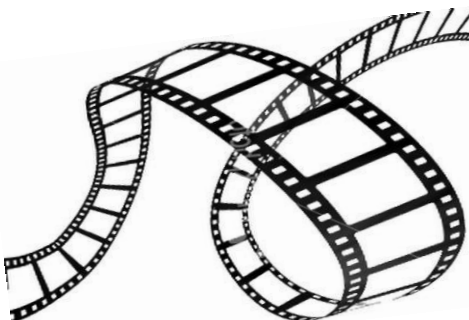


Adams Family 2019



## In Music

1. Truth Hurts by Lizzo
2. Senorita by Shawn Mendes
3. Someone You Loved by Lewis Capaldi
4. Circles by Post Malone
5. No Guidance by Chris Brown






## Halloween History Corner



### The Origins of Halloween




Although it only became popular in America in the early 1900's, Halloween dates back almost 2,000 years when it marked the Celtic New Year. Originally known as Samhain, which means "summer's end" in Gaelic, many Halloween customs and traditions have roots in pagan beliefs and Irish folklore. These customs became popular in America when many Irish fled their country to escape the potato famine of 1846.

### Jack o' Lanterns

The meaning behind Jack o' Lanterns is a rather tragic tale. As the story goes, a drunken farmer named Stingy Jack was turned away from both heaven and hell. As Jack wandered the darkness of purgatory, he made a lantern out of a carved out turnip and a lump of coal to help light the way and guide his lost soul.

The Celts believed that placing Jack-o-Lanterns outside helped guide lost souls home as they wandered the streets during Samhain. The scary carved faces on each also served to scare evil spirits away. When the potato famine forced many families to flee to America they began using pumpkins as a substitute since they were much easier to come by.

### Trick-or-Treating in Costumes




Since Samhain marked the end of the old year and the beginning of the new one, the Celts believed the past and the present were closely linked during this time, allowing the lines between the living and dead to be blurred and the spirits of the deceased to mingle with the living.

They believed that visiting ghosts would disguise themselves in human form and knock on doors asking for money or food. If they were turned away empty-handed, the homeowner risked angering the spirit and being cursed or haunted. Over time the tradition evolved into handing out yummy candy!


Another Celtic myth was that dressing up as a ghoul or ghost would fool any evil spirits so that the spirits would not try to take their soul. This is where the whole idea for dressing up in spooky customs first evolved.

### Witches and Cauldrons



Celtic folklore dates witches at Halloween back to the pagan goddess known as "the crone" (also "the old one" or "Earth mother") who was honored during Samhain and symbolized wisdom and the changing of the season.

The Celts believed that when someone died, his or her soul went to the crone's cauldron, known as the Earth mother's womb, to await reincarnation. The crone stirred the cauldron to allow new spirits in and old spirits to be reborn.







# Announcements



## Spooktacular Scary Story Contest

What would Halloween be without a creepy story?  
Write your scary story and turn it in to Mrs. Majors.  
The winner will receive a Jack-O-Lantern full of  
candy and have their story read over the intercom on  
Halloween!

Congratulations to 7C's Blue Dolphins for Winning the 1<sup>st</sup> King of the Hill Battle!

### Blue Dolphins

**"We rise above the tide. We are 7C's pride"**

Congratulations to 7B's the Green and Gold Champions! For Winning King of the Hill!

### Congratulations!!!!

Student of the Month for August, 2019	
SPED	DonQuez Thomas
6A	Logan Heyward
6B	Dahlya Quinn
7A	Gerald Brown
7B	Mikayl Evans
8A	Lexis Covey
8B	Ayanna Morgan

Support Staff of the Month for August, 2019	
Carol Nimmons	

Teacher of the Month for August, 2019	
Joaquin Esquivel	

Congratulations to Mr. Esquivel for being named Teacher of the Month! Keep up the good work!

Do you know of someone or something that deserves recognition? Share with The Panther's Eye today! Let the school and the community know about that special someone or something! The community deserves to know about all the great things happening here at Pine Hill!

## Student Council Halloween Dance

Come and get your dance on this Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.! Get your tickets today!



## Student Council Hosts Amazing Spirit Week!

Thanks to our Amazing Student Council Our School Enjoyed an Awesome Spirit Week Full of Fun and Silliness! Yup, Student Council Made Us Feel Proud to be Panthers! Just Take a Look!



Twin Day



Twin Day



Wear Your Jersey



*Math Challenge!*

Halloween Coloring Fun

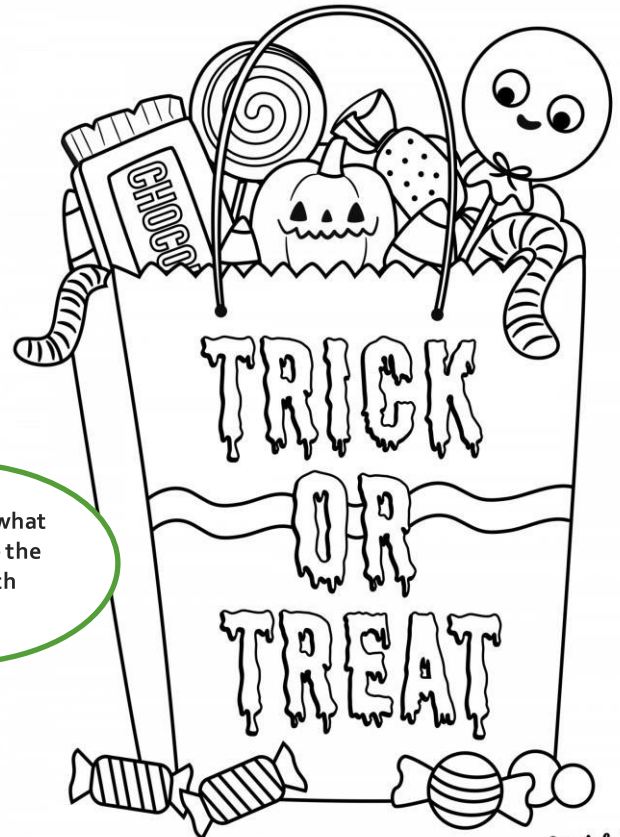
### MATH CHALLENGE

+ = 20  
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 18 = +   
 + - = ?

Be the first to figure this Math Challenge out and you will be crowned the new Math Whiz and be featured in the next Panther's Eye and receive a prize!




Do you have what it takes to be the PHMS Math Whiz?





**Panther Fun!**

Can You Spot All 12 Differences? 

- 1. The Great Leaf Hunt Challenge:** How many leaves are featured in this issue?
- 2. Brain Teaser Challenge:** A man was born in 1955, how is it today is his 18th birthday?

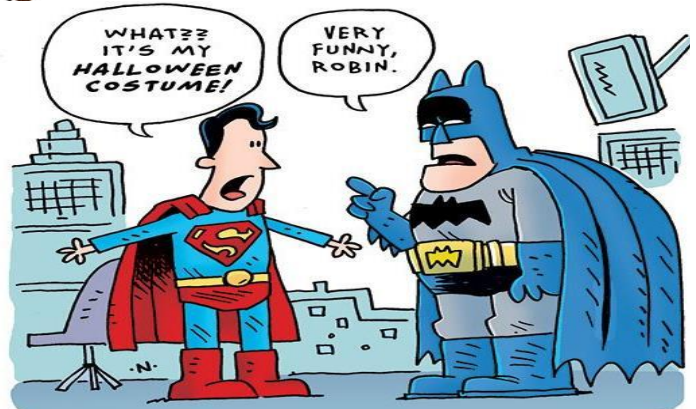
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| GAMES     | GHOSTS   | Goblin   |
| HALLOWEEN | MASK     | MUMMY    |
| PARTY     | PUMPKINS | SKELETON |
| SPOOKY    | TRICK    | TREAT    |
| WITCH     |          |          |



Fall Funnies



WHAT?? IT'S MY HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

VERY FUNNY, ROBIN.

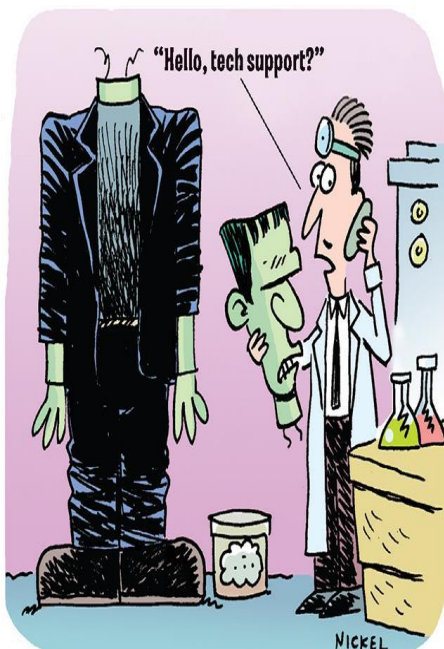
I WANT TO GO TO A GOOD HOME BUT I'M NOT GOING TO START GETTING ALL DESPERATE AND— ARE YOU WEARING COLOGNE?

"PUMPKIN SPICE." TOO MUCH?

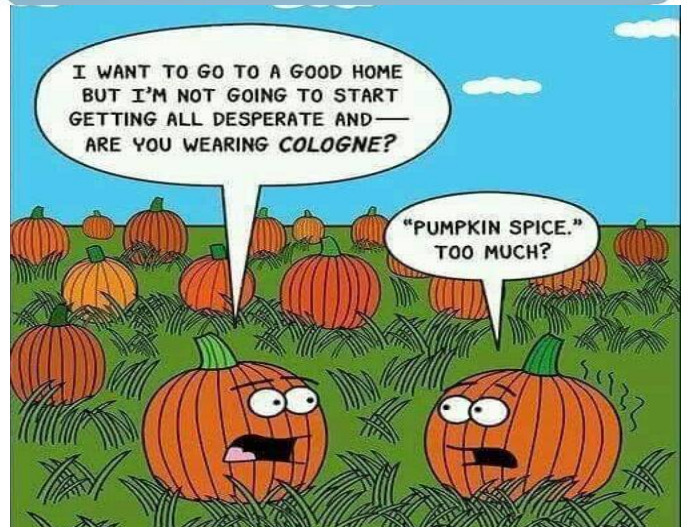
JACK, IS THAT YOU?!



DON'T ROLL YOUR EYES AT ME!!



"Hello, tech support?"





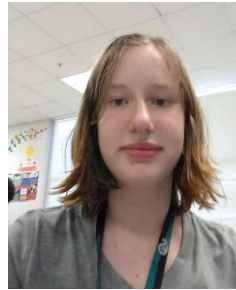
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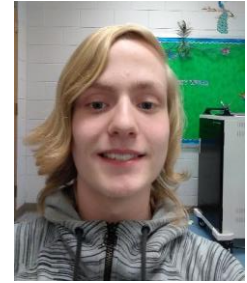
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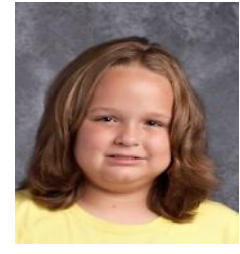
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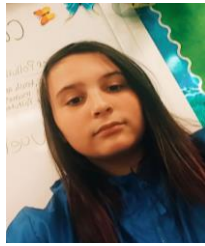
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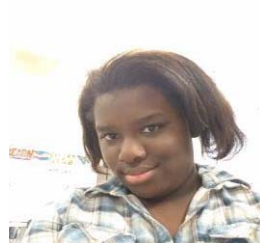
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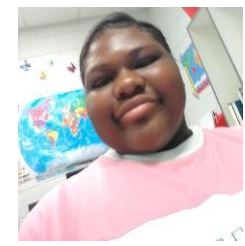
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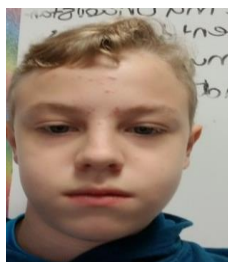
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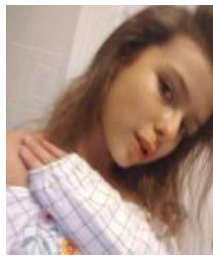
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