ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...

2019 Scary Writing Contest

Sponsored by EPL Friends of the Library
Once upon a time there were pumpkins staring out the window looking for witches because the witches had frozen them and the pumpkins wanted to turn into little kids. So one day the witches came and turned the pumpkins into little kids by saying the magic words, “potion potion.” And then you know what happened? The witches turned into pumpkins. Then there were no more witches. The End.

Lila M. Grade K

Once upon a time there was a very creepy ghost. But really he was a very good ghost. The best ghost in the whole world! But when he saw someone, even other ghosts, he started doing his scary ghost dance. Everyone was scared of him! Then he met a scary vampire bat that actually turned out to be nice - just looked scary. The ghost knew the vampire bat wasn't bad because he didn't act bad. The ghost stopped doing his scary dance when he saw people and they weren't scared anymore.

Evan S., Grade K

Honorable Mention

Once there lived a girl who was in a castle. Her name was Olliven. She had a sister and her name was Alexia. She had a brother and her mom and dad were the Queen and King. The King and Queen were happy with their family.

So one day, Olliven asked to go on a walk. She walked into the country and she saw a dark castle made out of bricks and wood. She opened the steep doors and she heard a sound and saw something flying around. Behind her there was a ghost with a red nose and lips and one arm. But it's eyes were closed. The ghost only had one arm because he lost his other arm to another ghost in a fight.

The ghost was scared and Olliven was scared. The ghost flew upstairs and Olliven followed it into a really dark bedroom. They were not harming each other and so the ghost and Olliven asked each other to be friends. They both said yes. They played but then Olliven asked to go home because it was her bedtime.

When she went out the door there was a beautiful prince. They kissed each other. Then they had a wedding and they lived happily ever after in the dark castle with the ghost friend.

Dark Castle

by Violet P. Grade K
Once upon a time there was a zombie. He ate many brains. The zombie lived at a haunted house. He ate brains because he wanted to take over the world and be the smartest person in the world. Then the zombie turned really green and he ate people alive. The zombie was so scary everyone was scared of the zombie. Also the zombie was really mean and said some people were stupid dumb and said shut up. When ever anybody was called that name they cried. Now the zombie was the smartest, scariest, and meanist person in the world. Then the zombie was hypnotized and was made to go to a mansion. Then zombie saw vampires, goblins, abominable snowman, witches, ghosts, werewolfs, and monsters. At the mansion the monsters, werewolfs, vampires, abominable snowman, ghosts, witches, and the goblins told the zombie to not be a bully to other people and put a spell on the zombies hands, legs, face, stomach, armpits, back and everything else on his body. Now zombie is light skinned and he was not mean anymore and he wasn’t smart anymore and he wasn’t scary anymore. When the zombie was nice he made awesome outstanding friends. The End.

A Lady Who Had No Head
Violet M. Grade 2

They say that in the graveyard a headless girl stood there. This is the story. Once there was a lady that ate her head. But then she ate her blood once she left the graveyard, and nobody knew she was Evil. She had a pet spider and when she went by a person she ate them. The next day, her arms were gone. She could not drink her blood any more. Now she wished had she not eaten her head and ghosts in the air.

Once upon a time there was a pumpkin and he lived in a Pumpkin farm with other pumpkins. The pumpkin rolled into a trap. A witch pumpkin made the pumpkin fall in. He was so scared that he turned white! He didn’t like being white.... A little girl took the pumpkin home because she liked the white pumpkin. Now he feels super good. Happy Halloween!
It was a dark and scary night. Well, not to the ghost and skeleton - they didn't find it scary. They lived in an old house. This house always creaked and squeaked and made ghostly sounds and they loved it. No child ever wanted to walk past it. But on, the 31st of October or Halloween night, one child decided to go in. No one knows what made her decide to walk up the squeaking front steps, push open the creaking door, and step inside. When the ghost saw the front door open he said, "Oh, we've got another ghost!" The skeleton said while trembling, "No. We've got a GIRL!" There was the girl, in her terrifying pink princess costume. She sang, "La,la,la" while sucking a lollipop. "Trick or Treat," she said. Then she stopped and looked around. Suddenly her smile faded and she dropped her lollipop and let out a pleasant SCREAM!!!! She ran out of the house, while crying, "I'm never coming back!" This made the skeleton and the ghost very happy. They were also glad Halloween was over because nothing is scarier than a five year old girl in a pink princess costume.
Allie Norman was a normal person who lived in a normal house in a normal town. But unfortunately Allie was a big loner. Ever since Allie was a little girl she would love to go for strolls in the woods by herself. Now, Allie was 34 years old and she still had the same feeling. When Allie would have time, she would grab her dog, Sniffer, and take him on long walks in the trees. But this day was gonna be different. It started out normal. Allie fed the chickens, milked the cows, and cleaned the pigs. Allie was so busy that she had no time to go for a hike and that bugged her out. That night Allie heard Sniffer bark. “Shut it Sniff,” Allie groaned. All of a sudden Allie heard whispering. She could not hear what was being said but, she could make out some words. She repeated the whispers as she heard them. “Switch” muttered Allie quietly. “Ellen.” “Body.” She stopped. The whispers were done. She was confused but was tired and went to sleep. The next morning Allie choked back a scream. There lying on the ground was the dead body of Sniffers. Allie dug a grave for Sniffers, tears running down her cheek. “How did he die?” she thought. That night Allie heard the whispers again but this time she knew exactly what they were saying. “As I Ellen Beaker switch the body of Allie Norman let Norman’s soul burn to the grave!” A pale shriek of laughter rose louder than the whispers. Allie’s eyes popped open. Standing in her room was an old woman. “WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?” screamed Allie. “I,” started the old woman, “am the Watching Witch. I watch to see what type of people I’m taking bodies from and it’s your turn!” “Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo,” Allie screamed.

Ellen Beaker is a normal person who lives in a normal house in a normal town.

It’s the Hikers!!!
Nathan C. Grade 3

One day twins Jeff and Bill were hiking but little did they know it would change their lives forever...
One day the twins Jeff and Bill were on a hike when they encountered a hungry mountain lion, but they didn't stick around to observe it. They fell off the mountain they screamed 'aaaaaaahhhhhhh' together, but they were prepared for this. They had parachutes they tugged on the strap they landed safely. When they landed, they were on scary Halloween island. They found a storm drain but pennywise the clown was in it so they left that alone they were okay on the island because they had infinite food and water and cold root beer. So 20 days later they were found! Dead because 5 days earlier they tried to let pennywise out of the storm drain to help them when he killed them and escaped the storm drain.
Julia L. Grade 3

Last summer, when I was at camp with my BFFS, something very peculiar happened... Me and my friends Savannah and Eve tiptoed into the dark cave very, very quietly. Eve was trying to be very quick so she could get out soon, and tripped with a loud BANG! “Eve, you might want to slow down,” I said pulling her up by her arm. Eve smiled weakly. “Yeah, I guess it’s no use anyway. We don’t know how long this tunnel is or how.” She didn’t finish her sentence because we began to hear chomping noises...: *gobble, smack, gobble, smack* “AH!” We both screamed, hugging each other hard. “Guys, it’s fine,” Savannah said. She waved a bag of Cheetos in the air. “Phew.” Eve said, sighing. We slowly let go of each other. Then we continued to tiptoe. “Is there a restroom in here somewhere?” I asked. Eve and Savannah exchanged a look. “Ariana. We TOLD you to go before we came in!” I squirmed. I hated it when I was wrong. “Sorry. I should have listened to you. But.. Well, I didn’t.”

We tiptoed yet again, and I was starting to feel really sick. “It’s an EMERGENCY!!” I said urgently. “WE’RE IN A BIGGER EMERGENCY NOW!!” they both yelled. “..Girls?” a voice asked. “You are looking for something?” Eve shrieked. Savannah froze. I just hugged them tight. “Please, leave us alone,” I begged. “I promise, we’re just innocent little girls who are playing around and weren’t paying good attention to their camp counselor. We’re sorry, really sorry.” My besties mumbled their apologies, too. “Oh, girls.” the voice laughed. “It’s just Counselor Katie. I was sent to check here because last year four boys came down here.” I exhaled with relief. “Thank you, thank you!!” I exclaimed. “There’s only one thing I want to ask you, Counselor.” Counselor Katie asked, “And what is that?” I took a deep breath and said, “Where’s the restroom?!!?”

And that’s the story of my very weird summer at camp last year.

Cecilia S. Grade 2

Once upon a time, an invisible woman snuck into Elle Pedraza’s room looking for a pirate’s treasure chest. At 12:00 midnight, she walked around knocking everything down by accident. Elle didn’t hear anything until the invisible woman left the room. Then Elle was scared, and she woke up and went downstairs. Elle saw everything out of place and called her mom and dad. They said their friend’s friend made a magic light that turns people invisible. After that, the invisible woman came back every night until she found the treasure.
On Halloween Night all around the world, the shine of the moon gives children magic powers to use. Long ago on Halloween three children went walking in the Whispering Forest. The Whispering Forest was haunted and tricksy, and home to an ancient monster called Bacoldenor who could only live underground. Bacoldenor had three triangular yellow eyes on his bald head, which could spin around all the way. His skin was rough and blue and woven together like a basket. Bacoldenor trapped children and ate them. The three children played and climbed the trees of the Whispering Forest, when they decided it was time to go back home, suddenly the branches whipped and thrashed. The kids started to scream and the branches wrapped around their legs and dangled them upside down. Falling, falling the tree branches threw the kids into a hidden underground tunnel. Waiting for them below was the three-eyed monster, Bacoldenor. With one eye in the back of his head, one eye on the side of his head and one eye in the front of his head they knew they could not run away. Bacoldenor opened his horrible mouth and his poisonous green tongue shot out from behind his razor-sharp teeth and grabbed one of the children. The captured child clapped his hands together and slid out of the disgusting tongue’s grip. Suddenly the shine of the moon was bright through the tunnel and magic words came to the children from the powers of the moon. All together the children raised their hands and said “Hiya ouyaka sentu hiya!” Bacoldenor’s tongue wrapped around himself and he exploded into a cloud of smoky green dust and shot into the sky where he could never hurt children again. When he was finally gone the three children escaped without a scratch and went home. We, the children, have defeated the monsters, so what will you do with your magic powers on Halloween Night?
One October day, a boy and a girl were dropped off at the library. There were dropped off at the library because their Mom and Dad had to go to work. Their names were Jack and Rose. As soon as they got there they were running around. But 5 minutes later they got lost. They tried looking for each other but 2 hours passed. They were still looking for each other. It was hard because their library was 13 stories high. It was the second tallest building in their state. 10 minutes later, a librarian said, "What are you doing?" Rose said "Nothing." "Come with me," said the librarian. Rose said "no" but the library worker dragged Rose by the hand. Rose screamed "Help!" really loud but then the library worker closed her mouth with her hand. The librarian put Rose in a room and locked the door. She turned off the lights. She tied her up with a rope. She tried to get out but she just couldn't. She was wondering what time it was and she was really cold. She was so tired she fell asleep. On another floor, Jack was wondering who screamed. He thought it was a baby. He was so tired. He thought to himself, *let me just lay her for 54 seconds then I will look for her.* A hours passed. He woke up. He looked at the clock. "Oh no!" screamed Jack. "I've been sleeping for 4 hours!" He began searching for Rose again. Rose woke up. She wondered what time it was. Then Rose heard a door open. Somebody was in the room with her. It was not a child because the person was very tall. She held her breath. A man said, "Is somebody in here?" The voice was getting louder every time. He kept repeating, "Is somebody in here?" She could tell that the man was getting closer and closer. She saw a key in his pocket. She thought, *that key is for the way out of this room.* Then she saw a table with scissors. The best part was she had a stick in her hand and it was very long. With her stick, she snagged the scissors. She cut the rope off of her but before she knew it, the man was standing in front of her. She snatched the key out of his pocket. She started running. She could not get through the door because the man was chasing her around the room. He chased her for 12 minutes. The man was so tired. He lay on the floor so she tiptoed to the door and unlocked it. The man got up and was running towards her. She ran out and closed the door so that man could not get out. Rose was sweating. Then she spotted Jack. She screamed, "Jack, it's me! Rose your sister!" Jack found Rose and they left the library. Rose and Jack agreed that they will never go back to the library again!
It was October 31st, Halloween too. As all the ghosts say, “I am coming for you.” From rising from the dead, there stood Beth. Beth headed to Halloween Street, where all of the kids planned to meet. But things went wrong when the day broke dawn. Children started to scream when Beth broke down a beam, on Halloween Street. Zombies rose when a kid picked his nose. Then, as everyone was screaming, Little John was beaming. When Beth saw, she called her zombies and all. They walked in John’s house and rose up the stairs as quiet as a mouse. They opened the door and laughed some more. Little John then turned around and fell to the ground. “Is he dead?” asked Beth. Maybe,” said her sidekick, Seth. “Quick,” said Beth, “John is probably dead.” “Get out!” Right after they left, Little John stood up with doubt. He jumped under the bed and covered his head. Soon everyone was dead— all persons covered in red. Then, the zombies started to look for John, but he was gone! Two years later, he was found dead in his bed, with a hole in his head.....
Duncan P. Grade 3

One day I went on a field trip. The people from Momacochy Elementary and I went to a museum. I had my checklist ready: 1. flashlight 2. sweatshirt 3. snack 4. cat 5. bird. You might be wondering why I had those animals. I had them because they help me fight. And then, out of nowhere came a ghost! I did not know how to fight it because ghosts are invincible! When the ghost started to fight me my friend started to come towards me. I decided to walk away and ignore it but it kept following me. I told the whole class and they were freaked out! And then when the teacher saw we went home to our homes. THE END

The Werewolves and Witches in Elmhurst
By Grace H. Grade 3

One night with a full moon, I stepped outside of my house. I looked around Elmhurst. It looked scary. There were werewolves and witches at my door. I screamed!
"AAAAAAAH!"
The werewolves said that they wanted to eat me.
I darted down the street. I passed many more werewolves, but they weren't fast enough to catch me.
For Halloween, I was dressed up as Pikachu. Pikachu has a special attack called "Quick attack" It makes you run really fast. So I used it to make me faster.
But then I got tired.
The werewolves had almost caught up to me!
So I headed to someone's house. I rang the doorbell.
"Ding, dong!"
Creeeeeeeeak went the door when someone opened it.

AAAAAAAH! It was one of the witches that was chasing me!
Wait! The witch said it didn't want to chase me. It wanted to give me candy!
I took a handful of candy from the basket. Then the werewolves were coming, and they didn't look happy.
I didn't run away this time. When they finally reached me, they said, "Trick or Treat!"
I was so relieved that I actually gave them candy.
And I said, "Those costumes scared me."
The Unfamous Zombie
By Anthony L. Grade 4

Once upon a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth. There was a zombie that wanted to be famous, so he went to the gathering area to ask how. But when he got there, everybody freaked out! He was so mad he started to attack people and even kill them. The next day there were rumors that there was a deadly zombie. The people thought it might have been the zombie that freaked them out. The next day, the people started to set traps and in about five hours the zombie fell for it. Everybody was happy except for the green blood everywhere.

The Witch Child
By Ainsley L. Grade 4

It was 1999 Halloween around all joyful, in a small abandoned house and crew bag which live there. She was slowly turning her pot of poison. She despises children do you want he was concocting up toys and to all the children away the other potion she had played out could make her turn into a child herself so she could have a disguise to wipe them all away and take them to her house. After that she would make them going to the pot of poison and then they will disintegrate into dust. She laughed at her evil plan. The next hour she was a full witch she got into her witch costume and went out. Kids everywhere were saying “trick or treat.” She chose her victim very carefully and it was a kid Superman costume and his name was Brinkley Light. She went for him and she did what most kids would do she shoved the drink down his throat and he fell to the ground asleep. He was never to be seen again.

Monica S. Grade 3

A day before the Lincoln Halloween carnival, a mummy came up to me and asked in a wonderful British accent “Excuse me but I need a choreographer for the dance off. Do you know anyone?”

“Of course! I am a two year member of a competitive dance team! I can do it.” I say. After I walk home I choose a song and think of great moves for it. Then I hear a *ding dong!* I race my sister to the door and beat her. I open it up to find Mummy at the door! He stays to work on the dance. Around midnight, he leaves. I hear a howl. I go get into my bed and fall asleep.

The next day I rush to school and when I get home, I put on my costume. I get on my bike to pedal to Lincoln. When I arrive I check the time, Oh no! The dance off is in one minute! I rush to the gym and find a seat. There is a ton of great dances but when it’s mummy’s turn he gets into position and the song “Thriller” begins. I cheer as loud as possible! Once it’s over, mummy wins and gets a trophy. Then we do cake walk and head home.

When I get there, I tell mom that we won and she is so happy that we were able to pull it off.

The end!!
The Scary School Day
By Ava J. Grade 4

One day at York High school Katie (a 10th grader) was being tutored by her math teacher. “So what is 20x10?” she asked. “Um, 200” Katie replied, “And may I go to the bathroom?” “Sure but be quick! I’ll get the next problem ready.” When she was walking down the hallway she heard footsteps thumping towards the gym. “Oh it’s probably just the janitor” she said to herself. Thump, bump, plump! The sound was getting louder and louder. Katie a few steps away from the bathroom door when she saw a zombie running down the hall! “AAAAH!” she screamed. “Go to home.” the zombie mumbled. He had huge hands and was covered in dirt. Without thinking Katie ran back to the classroom and told the teacher about the zombie. “I think he was just trying to find a place to stay.” the teacher answered. “We should help him!” They decided to make the school garage cozier and bring some snacks. When the showed the zombie he smiled and said, “Thank you!” He was very pleased with the new house.

The Ghostly Halloween
By Aubrey H. Grade 4

Crackle, Crackle that was the fire crackling. It was a Halloween night. “It was Halloween!” Mia was putting on her Halloween costume, her costume was a clown. She was about to leave but her mom called her and said, “you need to stay home tonight because dad is not coming home till midnight honey… NOOO! I was going to the rich side of town this Halloween sorry honey you can't Mia got so mad she opened the closet door that her parents forbid her to open! Out went the ghost out the door! Her mom disappeared in a flash the ghosts caught her! She followed the ghosts all the way to a building. The Queen ghosts had 3 heads! "My mom is trapped in a cage but Ma was brave and used her bravery to make the queen ghosts disappear in a flash she was gone where did she go? I do not know but she is gone for good! 

A Ghost Mystery by Devin H. Grade 4

Hello ghost speaking I’ve been having a pretty rough day today. First I fell off my bike. Next let’s get to the point I’m going to the York football game with my friend mummy and I’m happy to see him, I haven't seen him in many years so I’m really happy to see him. Now were at the game and were getting are seats were sitting right at the 50 yard line I’m going to get a snack I said to mummy and when I got there I didn’t have my wallet and I said to myself were could have been did I drop it on the way here, did I leave it in the car, did it get STOLEN ok you don’t need to worry there is probably some reason why it is not there so me mummy and a football player went to go look for it I flew around to look for it and I saw it a guy was about to take it but I went down as fast as I can and surprisingly he gave it to me and said some stuff might be gone just to let you know and that’s the story of me losing my wallet.
The Pumpkin Story
By Leonardo M. Grade 4

Once upon a time there was a pumpkin that wanted to be a star cashier at the Yorktown Mall!! There was a pumpkin named Jeff. He worked at the Mall as a cashier. He wasn't very good at his job, well because he was a pumpkin. Also, people were scared of him. One day when Jeff came home from work, he asked his dad why he can't get a customer. His dad said that he’s a pumpkin you shouldn't expect everyone is going to be in your line. I know dad! Ok just saying Jeff, there's no need to overreact.

A New Secret Power By Delaney O. Grade 4

One stormy black halloween night at the Elmhurst Library downstairs in the makery there stand a mad scientist. You may be asking what was he doing down there? Well he was making a ghost project. There in front of him was a 3D printer. The room was so dark the only light was the 3D printer. The 3D printer glow up his face as he looked to see if it was done or close to being done. One hour later, he had finished with his project he picked it up and then suddenly...Poof poof!! There was no sign of him anywhere! Walking away slowly he had felt different. Holding the ghost tight in his hand all the way home. 15 minutes later he was home and saw his parents on the couch. “How was your day," he said. There the room was in sleleits. He asked more and more times but still got no answer. “Hello”? “MOM DAD”! Right in front of the tv he stud. Mom dad he said. His mom replied “that probably the phone.”NO”he said. I am right in front of the tv.”Fred”?!?! “What are you talking about ether I need glasses or, your INVISIBLE!!!” I have no idea what happened but please help me!”Tell me exactly what happened. “Ok, so I was at the Library makery section making my ghost project”. “When I finished making it I was holding it when I felt different. I thought I was sick so I ran super fast home. Then this happened to me”. “What should I do please tell me please.” We will go to the doctor right now”. “Lets go”!!! About 10 minutes later we had arrived...We went in this room I had never been in before. The room had chairs,cabinet,a sink, gloves, and lollipops.(Which I was so so so excited for because I love lollipops)! After about one hour later they had found out what was rough with me. I had some kind of thing on me that made me invisible! The doctor gave me medicon and told me to go home and take a warm bath and call him when I got out of the bath. Driving home I could see myself so I knew the medication had done something. It was 2:00 when I got home, I hopped right in the bath and when my dad came back up the stairs he had told me I was not invisible anymore. I was so glad not to be invisible!
The Envelope Mystery
By Dustin C. Grade 4

Hughhhh, Zach sighed. He was going to have his friend Alex over, but had nothing planned. "Knock, knock" Alex came in. "I thought you might need help" - But he did not have time to continue.
"Ring, RINGGG, RINGGG!!" Hello, Zach said. "I said GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!!", the caller said. Then an envelope flew in the chute. It read: "You better get out of MY house! It is mine. Get out or there will be trouble! From THE WATCHER!!"

Zach was stunned. He never went in someone else's house without asking. That Watcher was very mysterious.

Who could it be? "What should we do?", Asked Alex. Zach had no idea what to do. Suddenly...
"OOH CA LA CKHHAW SGJJ HBTHTESY XYU UCI HFUC KGHC HMKV KH LVIV!!!", A voice cold and dark said. "I know that language., said know it all Alex. It is Groselomik! It meant: Get out of my house you are invaded my house how dare you!

Groselomik has no spaces. Even if it shows spaces, there actually are none. The Voi -KIOO HBY HUB! "He said he is coming?!", said Alex, In a scared voice. Suddenly he showed. It was the..... Origami! The origami stuck his finger out. Sizzling hot fire spat out. Alex and Zach ran. The origami followed them quickly. The boys were scared more than ever. They finally stopped. The origami was gone. The boys sat down. "That was the Origami. He is scary. He once made my brother go to the hospital."

The Witch, The Wizard, & The Devil By Evelyn R. Grade 4

Dear Reader,
We all know the usual ways authors start a story, like “once upon a time” and “in a galaxy far, far away.” I am not a normal author. So...

In a land of ghosts and goblins, there was a witch named Mary Witchworth. In the town right next to Mary, there was a town called “Whizzpop.” In Whizzpop, the most famous wizard there was named “Loki the Potion Master,” or just “Loki” for short. As you may know, Loki is a potion master, but in Mary’s town, which is called “Childrenex”, they think and she thinks she makes better potions than Loki. From that moment on, they hated each other for eternity. This story is how all that changed. Also, if you are wondering when the devil will come, that will happen later in the story.

Mary was walking one day, and Loki saw her. He fell instantly in love. Then in the corner of Mary’s eyes she saw Loki, and she fell in love, too. Three months after that, Loki proposed to Mary, and she said “Yes!” When they had their first baby, it was a cute little DEVIL.

From, Mary Witchworth
Once on a bright and sunny day, a Ghost had lost his sunglasses at the mall. He searched for help, but no help could be found. But then a sport store guy (named Bob) asked if he needed help. “Oh yes! Thank you. If you don’t help me my eyes might burn right off!” Said the Ghost. “Well then let’s find those sunglasses!” Said Bob. So, they looked and looked, and looked. But they were nowhere to be found. They were really tired, so they decided to take a little break, and sit on the edge of the fountain. They started to chat and chat, soon the Ghost was hungry. So, he went to get pizza. But when he got back... Bob was gone! An evil teddy bear mascot from build-a-bear had kidnapped him because he was jealous that he got so much more customers than him. So the Ghost bought new sunglasses and found Bob in the woods scared and alone. The Ghost helped him up and they had a dance party!

Have you ever lived in a mansion? I have. I live in a mansion. I think it is haunted, but my mom says it’s not. I have heard creepy noises and seen strange things, I knew it was hunted. By the way, my name is Sarah. I have an ordinary life. Not it is bedtime. I climbed into my bed. Then, two hours later I heard footsteps outside. THUMP! THUMP! THUMP! I looked out my window. Guess what I saw?! I saw a vampire! The next thing I knew, it broke into my house! I hid under my bed. The vampire came closer and closer. Soon it was right in front of me! Then it pointed it’s finger at me and chanted something. All of a sudden I was a spider! I was very tiny. I knew I had to get out of there. I ran. Being a spider is very hard. First it tried to step on me. Then it tried again and again. Next, I crawled up the vampire. It had an ugly face. Then, I bit it. Before I knew it, he EXPLODED!!!! I turned back into a human. I was overjoyed!
Once upon a dreadful time, there was a little girl named Edith Shard. She lived in a haunted mansion full of bats and brooms. Every Day at 11:30 pm and 3:00 Am, she swept. The floor cracked and crumbled as she swept the Haunted floor. One fine evening at 11:30 pm, Edith woke up to the sound of the ceiling rattling. She grabbed the ladder as she walked up to get a broom. There was a broom with dust on the stick and cactus bristles. Edith picked it up. A dirty brown bat landed on the ground. She swept at it with a sigh. "Itty Bitty, not again!" Edith saw the broom high in the air. It dropped down about two feet. She touched the bristles that gave red marks. It smelled of blood. She jumped on the broom. She fell off with a loud thunk. Her nose bled into her heart. She wiped off the blood and found out where she actually was. "A graveyard?" Edith wondered as she passed Maureen D. Nelson, Mother, Daughter, Wife, and Cousin of thirteen. Best and most welcoming friend. Edith was wearing her nightgown and slippers, for it was nearly midnight. She heard a whoosh. She hid behind a burning bush. When she found out it was on fire, she ran as fast as her legs could take her. The crows were dancing above the trees. She heard another whoosh. Edith saw the ghost of Grandfather Steven E. Shard. "Edith Shard oooh Ediiiiith!!" He said in a spooky voice. "Go to a fox, orange as melon, turn on the road..." There was no noise. Edith began looking for a fox. When she saw one, she looked at the street she was on. "Spiderwitch, Kookyville, South Fang Road, Blood sucker, Mithrill..." until she found Lennon. "Lennon! Oh dear, now I must find the fox." She searched until her eyes grew weak. The town clock struck 1:45 AM. Edith stopped for a break on a cold stone bench. Spiders crawled up her arm. Bats circled her head. Edith was amazed. She tried looking for Itty Bitty, but he was nowhere. Then a fox came up to her with her broom, a bone, and a candle. "He is orange as melon! I shall call him Melon. This candle can be useful." She said as she tied a name tag with melon on it to the fox and putting the bone, her broom, and the non-lit candle in her book bag. Then Melon spoke so loud the street of Kookyville about 10 miles away could hear. "Look for a mirror, reflecting the night, everything there will give you a fright. "A mirror? Edith wondered. The clock struck 2:00 Am. It was cold, with thunder over her and lightning beside her. A lighting bolt struck her down into the ground before Edith could run. The underground chambers was where Edith was. She found a mirror, with the glass cracked and the face fractured with creeps. She looked inside of it. That's when everything changed for Edith. "I am oooolllddd?!?" Edith wheezed. "Is This my gift? I'm supposed to be ten years old!!!!" She whacked the bone at the mirror, surprised to see ten spider webs and only four spiders. Melon walked up to her as she climbed on him. Edith and melon walked closer to the webs. "I look like Grandma Helena H. Shard!" Then they saw a big discovery That they never expected. Itty Bitty was sitting on a web with a fat spider weaving Maureen D. Nelson, Mother, Daughter, Wife, and cousin of thirteen. Best and most welcoming friend. She lived on Lennon street with a fox named Phantom. She died of a bone pulled out by Phantom, the tibia. Now is a bat that eats spiders. Her broom is in your bag. "Itty Bitty, you are Miss Maureen? Edith stammered. "You Eat spiders? Are you a witch? You own this Fox?? Maureen nodded her head. Then she coughed up twenty words that gave Edith a fright. "I was a witch, in the pale blue sky, phantom killed me, thirteen is unlucky, for thirteenth word was thirteen." She then dropped down low. Then Maureen sat on her and said a word phantom somehow understood. Then there was a boom and a bang. Edith lay on Lennon street, ten years old, skin and bones, with everything she had before. The Gravestone said Edith Shard, inside a graveyard.
The Scary Werewolf
By Lily Z. Grade 4

Once upon a time there was a scary werewolf named Brandon. But he did not realize he was scary. So he thought he could stay at this place called Edison School. But he did not know what a school was so he thought it was like a hotel. So he went in a classroom at night and spent the night in the classroom. Then once it turned 8:05 that’s when things got really weird. People started talking and Brandon woke up. He ran out of the room and saw a bunch of children. One of the kids did not scream and helped him out. So he took him in the boys' bathroom and told him ‘what are you doing here’ said the boy. Brandon said that he thought it was a hotel and that he does not know why they were all screaming at him? The boy said that he was really at a school and not a hotel. He also said that he was actually scary. Brandon was confused because he thought he was not scary at all for some reason. He was also confused because now one was there when he got there. The boy said that it was because it was night time ‘ooh’ said Brandon because he did not know. He looked in the mirror and yelled because he did not realize how scary he was! No wonder all those kids were screaming at me. ‘Thank you’ said the werewolf. ‘Your welcome’ said the boy. I better get out of here! That is what happened when he finally realizes he was scary.

The Worst Halloween
By Kinzie M. Grade 4

Noooooooooooooooooooooo!
I just figured the worst thing. I can't tell my family; I can't let them know. Well you're probably wondering what's so horrible? Well it's that now I know that I can turn into a zombie. Well I can't tell more rate now because got to head home. But a quick note for you is NEVER GO IN MY HOUSE! A bunch of weird things always happen in there. I also have to go to bed, it's already past 10:30 Good night. [1 hour later] BRAINS, BRAINS oh no...... what's that noise it can't be me it just can't be “HELP” my sister shouted. No, it really can't be me I swear I'm hear and my sister is all the way across the hallway from me. I've got to go help her I know what I have to do. I went in.... But.... but I did not see anything and that was not it this kept happening day after day this happen until.... Halloween that night on my way to bed I heard things so I went in my sister's room and saw..... My...my whole family and they all were mummies they said “your not the only one that can turn into things” We all can and we can because we live in a haunted house we should of told you earlier but we were too busy we only figured it out a week ago and also figured out that everyday you change what you can turn into and you hear that noise that you were that day. Ohh that makes more sense. I'm actually happy I can turn into things I think it's pretty cool and I was happy that I was not the only one that could.
Dear journal, here’s one of my adventures in my life: HELLO! My name is Penelope and this is what happened. In a small un-cozy cabin in the dark as midnight forest, SCREEEEK... “Huh?” a silence occurs for a moment. I sigh and turn my head to the pillow and start to fall asleep again. SCREEEEK... “That’s it!” I look over, nothing, though I notice that the front door’s open... I need to see, I go over there, still nothing, I creep out and continue. I see something, it’s too dark to identify what it is though. There is a trail of them! I continue walking, A lot more?!
What is doing this? I continue through the rickety woods, “H-hello?” I thought to myself, “PeNeLoPe” ... “Huh?” Must be my imagination I thought. Then I saw a black, shadowy, moving figure, I think there is TWO! I ran away with the wind rushing along my face, I found a cave so I stayed there for at least two hours. I decide to finally come out, I think, hopefully safe anyway. Finally I'm back at my cabin, there is a bloodthirsty red sign on my door that says “BE AWARE OF-” Whoever made the sign didn’t finish. So I come in un-easy, and hear a ghostly moan behind me... “phew...” I thought because I came in fine. I see some sort of black portal with a little tint of purple, I don’t want to go near that thing I whisper to myself, “What am I thinking! Maybe it could bring me back home I guess” I finally decide to go in, nothing really happens. *skip forward in time, maybe about 2 months or so* (present day) I’m still figuring out how to escape these woods, there seems to be some barrier wall of something...
Pitch Black
By Lucas R. Grade 4

Once a lonely man woke up in an abandon pitch black hospital all he had was: a flashlight, a dog, a cat, a bouncy ball, shovel, marker, food, and water. He bounced his ball with his pets and took the shovel to try escape. Then he heard singing “c-c-can't move” then when he was not scared he leaned against the wall to find a secret passage and saw a torn couch with a tv on “everybody evacuate there a radioactive sickens nis that-t-t-t- can can kill everybody.” Then the tv cut out. He all alone with only 2 pets. Then he heard banging sounds “o know!!” “that means zombies” so he looked around and saw a door and escaped but he never came back...

The Mummy
By Adrian R. Grade 4

The mummy is scared of the dark.
One day a mummy was at a whole food. And then the lights went out and then he was sitting in the dark crying. And then his mommy taught him to turn on the lights and then he turned on the lights and everybody lived happily ever after.

Carter B. Grade 4

Once Upon a Time on 11:45 on Halloween there was a boy going trick or treating and then when he stopped at the last house and it was covered in gravy in Vines and stuff so he went to the house knocked on the door and then no one answered and then he knocked again and then do the door open ended on its own so the young boy is scared so he decided to go home before he could take a step he heard a branch break he turned around slow then he saw a little baby wolf and then he didn't feel good so the boy went home and the Wolf followed and then the boy went to bed he went to bed outside and then the next day in the morning he went outside to play when His mom was making him breakfast when he went outside he so the little wolf sleeping so he woke him up to play they had a really fun time together when his mom called him he told the baby wolf give me one second I have to go eat the breakfast when I come back out when I'm done eating and get you some food so you won't be hungry when he was done he went back out he saw the wolf eating a bunny the boy said where did you get that from? Here is some wolf food he ate it up in 3 mins Christmas started the boy who got the baby wolf a wolf bed so he can sleep in his room. P.s his mom knows about the wolf so do not tell anybody.
Today is Friday. I am going to a pumpkin patch, but this is no ordinary pumpkin patch. Well my sister Coco told me it’s haunted, but I’m not sure. It could be a regular field trip, but like I said I’m not sure. Both of my parents are chaperones so I am really lucky. My brother Evan is coming too because the whole school is coming. We are going on the first bus. The first bus is so cool! There’s a balcony on the top, and the bus has cool designs. The 100 other buses came, and I go into the first bus. Evan’s class was on the same bus. I sat next to three people, Evan, Cyrah, and Kaira. My other friend named Brandon sat with his friends. I talked to my, I looked out the window and I saw leaves falling out of the trees that were a beautiful splash of red, orange, a yellow. I took a nap on the bus, then finally we made it! I was very tired but it was only 10:00am. The pumpkin patch was actually cool you could pick pumpkins and take them home for free! there was a corn maze, a zip line, a hay stack rides. There were also apple trees, pear trees, and cherry trees. Some people could harvest fruit for only 10 dollars! I didn’t know where to start so I asked Evan he said “I want to go to the corn maze.” So we went to the corn maze first, but then we got lost, so we went back the same way we got there. Then I got to choose and we went to the zip line. I was actually a little scared but then my brother pushed me, and I said “Aahhhhhhhh!” Then when it stopped I stopped screaming. Then Evan went, then Daddy went, then mama went. Then my friends went on the zip lane too. Then me, my family, and my friends went on a hay ride. We went around the whole pumpkin patch! Then I saw a sign for a halloween party, I wanted to go to the halloween party but it was already time to go home. I was so disappointed. After school I secretly walked back to the pumpkin patch because I really liked it. Then I saw a monster! I ran home having no dinner and no dessert I just went to bed then... “Hoo hoo” said an owl “Ah wait, oh no where did everyone go!” I said I was scared I wish mama and daddy and Evan were here. They were I could feel Mama and Daddy hugging me and Evan. Then I opened my eyes and I saw my parents and Evan. I was so happy! Woo it was just a bad dream. Then a big monster came! So we ran very far, the monster was far away, but I knew the monster would come. So I asked my other friends, Maya, Kaya, Dayaray and a boy came too his name was Nicolo. They didn’t know what to do either so I asked my other friend Fiona, if she knew a spell to help us with the monster. She said that she does, but we needed the ingredients. So I asked her what were the ingredients. Fiona said “It is mud, a stuffed animal, and a banana!” So we collected the ingredients then Fiona said “Zuh Zuh, mud, banana, stuffed animal make this naughty monster go away!” Then the monster was gone, we cheered “Hooray! Hooray!” Then we went back to school. I was a long day of excitement and fear. The principal said “Next time we will go some where more haunted.” Everyone complaining and they were saying boo! Then finally the principal said “Okay, okay we will go somewhere less haunted”. Everyone agreed to that. Then I went home happy because in the end I got pumpkin cookies and milk.
Whahahahaha! This plan will prove to my sister that I am a mad scientist! My sister was wrong when I was 18 and she said I wasn't mad enough to be a mad scientist. CURSE YOU BELLA! Tonight is the showdown at the haunted house. I'll only tell you the plan if you promise to keep it a secret. If you said yes than listen up if you said no then stop reading. So here's the plan. Step one is electrocute the haunted house, Step two rub it in my sister's face. The plan is all set up. Act normal it's my sister! You won’t believe how rude my sister was she said “what are you doing?” When I was setting up. I wired the cables and “BOOM!” I accidentally electrocuted my face! And instead of rubbing it in my sister face she rubbed it in mine. I was as frustrated as you would be on a math test. And shockingly Bella my maid quit me, because my plan didn't work. And more surprisingly I got kicked out. Well in all maybe my maid will get back together with me. And maybe, I'll be allowed back in. But it won’t be easy.

Night of the Blood Thirsty Vampire
By Zoe K. Grade 4

In a tiny cabin across the lake, THUMP... CREEEEEKK....... I was on the second floor of my Aunt Caraline’s Cabin and I was alone I knew I was alone. Or was I? I was sitting at the desk in the middle of the room. But I couldn't help not feeling uneasy. I kept on hearing the wind howl like a host calling for me. I got a cold icy fast wind behind me. “Just the wind” I thought, But I was wrong. Thump!... Thump... I turned around, Nothing... Wait! I saw something on the floor I walked to the edge of the doorway. Right there on the floor was Dark red blood, fresh. And it was leading to the attic. A shiver ran down my back... Then I felt a what?! A person pushing me up the stairs and to the attic following the blood. The Attic was a small room It had one window and the moon shone in, as long spiders hanged down from the attic roof. As I looked around I spotted something a dark figure walking toward me, my blood froze to ice the figure had red eyes long fangs and said in a dark shadowy voice “Are You ready To DIE!!?” It cackled “HA HA HA” I ran like the flash, down the steps out the door and to the forest and I am still in the forest hidden among the trees hoping not to see the Vampire again.
There once was a little boy, his name was Tomie. He woke up on Halloween morning, which was also his birthday, and his favorite day of the year. His big sister Alison always joked about if you had a birthday on Halloween the ghosts will haunt you. Tommy's costume is a vampire, he's using fake fangs and a red marker for blood. Alison is being Harley Quinn, she's wearing two high ponytails, half her hair is red, and half of it is blue.

On the drive to school Tomie passed the town graveyard and thought he saw his friend Jack playing ball. But when he looked again he realized it was a zombie with pale skin, who was carrying around a human arm that was stolen from a grave that was dug up! Tomie was so surprised that he couldn't talk. “Maybe Alison was right, he thought….”

When Tomie got to school he forgot all about the zombie sighting because all of his friends were wishing him Happy Birthday. Later in the day, Tomie was in the lunchroom & he saw a ghost float by who reminded him of the lunch lady. He pointed & said to his friend Jack “Did you see that?!?” Jack said “See what?” Tomie thought “Did Alison curse me?”

After lunch, Tomie saw Alison walking in the hall. “Hey Alison, wait up!” he called. “What do you want?” she said. “Did you curse me?” he asked? “No! Why would I do that?!” she laughed. “I know it sounds crazy, but I saw a zombie when we were driving to school. Then at lunch, I saw a ghost dressed up as a lunch lady.” Tomie said. “Oh Tomie! What a great imagination!” Alison laughed, as she walked away.

Tomie needed help. He felt scared & alone. After school he googled “What to do when you are being attacked by zombies.” Google results said “Zombies are not real.” Tomie felt extra scared, alone & even a little bit mad. He thought to himself, “Maybe after my birthday & halloween, this will all end.”

“Tomie!” Tomie jumped in fright. “It’s time to go trick-or-treating!” Alison yelled. Tomie got his vampire costume on & followed her down down the street. As Tomie was walking, he was shaking every second. After an hour he could not take it anymore. He jumped at every shadow as he ran home & pounded up the front porch steps in fear. He closed his eyes as he opened the door. “HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMIE! SURPRISE!” People screamed. “AAAAHHHHHHH!!!!” Tomie shouted & jumped. He looked into the creepy crowd & saw the Zombie Boy….and the Lunch Lady Ghost! “Pranked ya!” Alison yelled. The zombie & ghost ripped off their masks. “Jack!? Mom!?” Tomie shouted in shock. “Happy birthday my little vampire. Come on! Let’s go have some cake!” Mom said.
It was 9:00 at night. The wind swept through my feet. I was dancing my heart out! It was the Boo Bash at Black High school. While the music was blasting, everyone heard a loud boom and someone screaming! The scream sounded like one of my close friends, Stacy! "STACY!!" I yelled. Very quietly we heard Stacy's voice yell, "Help!" I was nervous. My palms were sweaty. My heart was beating 160 beats per minute. I got an intense headache. Stacy was one of my closest friends and she needed help! I didn't know what to do! Should I call 911? I decided that I should go wherever I heard Stacy's voice and look for her. I went into the hallway and I saw vampires sucking blood out of humans! Then I kept hearing screams and the screams got closer and closer and closer. I saw Stacy frozen in fear! She just stood there and then I heard her whisper, "Stella hide! The vampires are trying to rule the world! Follow me!" I tiptoed quietly to her. She started to run and I followed her in the library. Right when we got there we hugged each other. We were best friends. We always had each other's back. After 20 minutes had passed, Stacy told me all about all she went through. She said that vampires were coming to get her soul! If we did not stop them they were going to rule the world!! We came up with a plan. Stacy told me that she found a wand on the ground. It had dropped out of a vampire's pocket. The wand had a note that said: Vampires do not use because it can kill you. Stacy said, "I am giving you this wand. The wand will kill the vampires. Once they die, they will turn into bats and the bats will fly away! How you kill them is you tap them with the wand. Then in less than a second they will be gone!" One by one, we were killing all of the vampires! But they had one left His name was Vamp. He was the most powerful of all the vampires! Then Stacy spotted him. He was going to strike! But then as quick as Stacy could, she hit him and but he was still alive! How come? She questioned than she hit him one more time! But while she was hitting him, she saw a little note that said," If you want to kill me, you need to hit me 5 times!" This is very helpful! thought Stacy. She hit him 3 more times then off he went! Stella ran up to Stacy and gave her a big hug. Then they went back to the dance floor. They were dancing together. They both told each other "We are unstoppable! We can do anything!"
Once, a very long time ago, before the dinosaurs lived, there were no homes or factories. There were only forests and deep lakes all around the world. They were filled with mythical creatures such as ghosts, witches, wolves, bats, owls, Frankenstein and draculas. Most of the forests were large and spooky.

One day, all of the creatures of the forest had an important meeting, in the very center of the darkest part of the woods. Frankenstein had an excellent idea. That is why he called the meeting. The meeting was about having a great Halloween party. They planned to have it on October 31st, because that was Halloween, and because that was everybody's favorite holiday of the year. But they had to plan quickly, because Halloween was exactly one week away. So all of the friends went home and started planning on what to bring to Frankenstein's house, where the party was going to be. They were all really excited to eat candy, to stay up late and to cause lots of trouble.

Before they knew it, it was already the day of the party. The good thing was that everybody already had their food prepared and their outfits picked out. Everyone was so excited to go to the party, which was in just a few hours. Finally, the time arrived! Everyone left their homes and started heading for Frankenstein's house. Witches got there first, and then owls, and then ghosts. A few seconds later, bats and wolves also came.

Inside, Frankenstein's house was decorated with very spooky Halloween decorations. Everybody brought something to eat. Witches brought mouse pies, owls brought eyes and salads, bats brought spider spaghetti, and the ghost didn't bring anything, because it kept on going through his hands and fell to the ground. Everyone sat down and ate. No one noticed that someone was missing. Everyone ate until their stomachs were full. Now, for dessert, there was a big insect cake, so everyone took a large piece. It was delicious! They all talked and were having a great time until the doorbell rang....................... Ding, Dong..........

Frankenstein opened the door. There was a tall creature standing in the doorway. He was wearing a black cloak and a hood over his head. When he walked in, behind him there was a sudden flash of lightning, a black cat meowed, rain was pouring, and a full moon was shining brightly in the darkness. You could not see his face, only his two red eyes, because the lights went out at the exact time. The room became silent. No one talked. No one moved. Finally, the creature took off his hood and it was................... dracula!
- "Happy Halloween" he said."
- "We forgot all about you, dracula", said Frankenstein. "And Happy Halloween to you too".
- "I brought some rock soup, if you guys would like to try some," said dracula.

He sat down at the table with everyone around. Now everybody was laughing while eating and talking to each other. Many hours went by.
- "Oh my!!!," shrieked Frankenstein, "It is midnight! Wow! Time sure goes by fast." Everyone finished eating and started getting ready to go home.
- "This was the best Halloween Party ever", everyone said. "Thank you for having us over!!!"

The owl, witches, ghosts, dracula and the wolves all went home to bed. Frankenstein stayed up a little bit late, enjoying the great memories of a dark spooky Halloween night with all of his friends.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!
"Okay James let's go home now." Amanda said. She and her little brother James were walking their dog Spots and by mistake, wandered into a graveyard. "Manda look!" Amanda's little brother James was five and could still not say Amanda the correct way. Anyway, he was pointing at a tall old grave. It was a light gray, and looked like the color faded throughout the years it had been there. The sides were cracked and the name was so dirty Amanda could only pick out the E in the person's name. Dried flowers that were held down by a rock sat beside it. Weird. Amanda thought. I could have sworn I just saw the ground move... "AFF!" Spots the dog barked.

James stroked spots. "Why you barking?" He asked the dog. "GRRRRRR" Now he was growling which was weird because Spots never barked. Then, Spots pulled free out of the leash James was holding and ran away. "Spotty!" James said and ran after spots into the evening fog. "NO JAMES!" Amanda yelled. "Come back!"

She ran searching for what felt like hours for James and spots. "Here doggy doggy, doggy!" She called. "James come out. JAMES!" "Amandaaaa..." Said a voice. "James?!" She said, her head turning side to side looking for him. "Amandaaaaaa..." Now she was sure that that voice was not James. And she was REALLY scared now. But Amanda was not one to give up. She kept running, calling James and Spot's name over and over but to no use. "James! Ja,OUCH" And she tripped on a small grave. Her ankle was throbbing and the pain was so bad she thought she might have broken something. Long scraps that looked like they would become scars sat bleeding on her leg.

"Gotta... keep...looking for them." She said to herself. But then she saw something she NEVER thought she'd see. A Hand. Reaching from the ground. It was a light gray, with lots of cuts and bruises. Long fingers nails clung from the hand looking as if they would fall off with the smallest touch. The only word Amanda thought before she took off running was, Zombies... So she ran. She ran as fast as her hurt ankle/leg could carry her. Which, by the way, was not very fast. When she thought she lost them she looked back. Which was a HUGE mistake.

Thunder booms in the night. Wolves howl as you walk down a dark road, shivering from the rain. You find an abandoned house, windows boarded up. As you step inside, the door frame behind you collapses blocking your safe way out. Your stomach churns as you feel like the house is watching you. There is a door to your left that seems to be concealing something, but you don't know what. You open the door... Boo! A ghost jumps at you, screaming “This is my revenge” it chases who through the house, until you crash through a boarded window and the house disappears behind you never to be seen again.
Lauren C. Grade 8

Oh my, oh my,
The time is near
The time where I am quite frightened,
I have an aversion for those who scare me
to the tips of my toes
And dress like this and that
They always come and go
Never skipping a home
For if they do it is once in a moon
And certainly out of the blue
Knocking and knocking
With their glee full smiles
coming to each door for more and more
Never leaving me to my peace and rest
Oh how I wish they would
leave me at bay, away
from all of their ridiculous games
Until my friend swung by with some
chocolate pie
And made my frown go upside down
Taking this holiday for a loop around

The Haunted Library
Sarah G. Grade 5

There I was getting a book
Trying to make a cozy book nook
When I heard the person on the loud speaker say, “The library is now closed for the day.”
Then, down a shelf, I heard someone say “I really thought this spell would go well.”
I heard another person say. “Try again if you may.”
Then I ran.
I was scared.
And I really, really, could not bear
The thought that this library
Had things doing spells
Some of which did not go well.
“Hey! Hey! We got a runner today!” I heard a witch in her weird voice say.
I looked back as I was running
And saw the witches, a ghost and a mummy!
So I ran
I sprinted
To the place
Which was my home
And I was safe.

The Headless Cat
Mansi S. Grade 7

I hear it come
On its tiny paws
It’s lonely and sad
For it’s head is gone
I hear it cry, a cat’s meow
As the blackest of nights
Welcomes it home
It’s brown pelt glows
And crawls through the night
While it’s tail slithers away
Scaring everyone in sight
It comes to eat
On this hallow night
Sniffing the air for
It’s purfect delight
Once upon a time Elijah, Gabriel, Asher, and a jack-o-lantern had a haunted house party in the backyard. Their dad Joey thoughtfully helped make the haunted house from their tent. They played frightening games like “Do not touch the pumpkin because it will bite you.” Then they got hungry so they made scary chili and made apples that looked like vampires for dessert. Then something spooky happened. The lights in the haunted tent went out. The lights went out because they were out of battery. Joey got new batteries for the light then it came back on. They cheerfully enjoyed their party all night.

The Haunted Tent
By Elijah B. Grade 7

A Trip to the Wild
By Tricia J. Grade 6

One day the Jetsons were talking about what to do for Halloween because they wanted to do something different for Halloween. "I want to go camping" said five year old Max. "I don't think it is a good idea," said Dad. "Camping is usually done in the summer," said seven year old Madeline. "It's time for bed" said Mom. The next morning before school Dad said "I found this place called the Spooky Woods" Do you want to go camping there asked mom. "Yes!" screamed Max with excitement. "Yes" said Madeline. Off to school they went. In the evening Dad said that he had booked a tent. We are leaving in 3 days said Mom. "Yay", said Madeline. The next morning they started packing for the trip.

Two days later the Jetsons drove to the woods. When they arrived, they set up camp. "Did you bring marshmallows" asked Max. "Yes" said mom. The Jetsons sat around the campfire and roasted marshmallows. "Careful not to burn the marshmallows" said Dad. But it was too late and Madeline and already burned her marshmallow. "Time to go to bed," said Dad. They then settled in for the night. Early that morning when the Jetsons were all up, Dad opened the tent and closed it right away. "What happened?" asked Madeline. "There's a bear" said dad." wha wha" cried Max." Let's stay inside until the bear leaves" said Mom. Just then, a man came screaming at the bear and scared it away. "Thank you sir" said Mom. "My name is John and I am a park ranger" said the man. "Please stay for breakfast" asked Mom." "I would but I have to save another family," said John. The next morning the Jetsons checked out of the park. On their way back they met another park ranger. He asked them if they had seen any bears. "Yes, but we were saved by a park ranger named John" said Dad. The park ranger stared at them. After a pause, he said, "That can't be true. John, the park ranger died 10 years ago!"
I sat in my desk, doing my work.
I groaned and sat back in my chair.
I opened my window to see a clear night sky.
I smiled until I realized something.
It was supposed to be a full moon today.
I quickly ran outside my door to see a crowd of people screaming in terror.
The sky turned red. The moon wasn't present.
I looked around to see people's eyes melting into a white fluid.
They screamed and kept covering their eyes.
I looked up at the sky and my eyes started to pain.
I put my hands on my eyes and took out a white liquid; I screamed.
I fell to the ground.
Seconds later, my sight faded and I was blinded.
I stood up while holding onto the familiar shape of a human.
Above me, I heard a loud whoosh sound.
"What's that!" I heard from my neighbor.
I felt a pair of hands on my shoulders.
"Who's this," I asked with fear.
"Who are you?" a masculine voice replied.
"What's that above us?" I panted.
"It's the mother ship. America has fallen, aliens have come to rule." He replied.