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# Grassland Dispatch



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## Autumn

By: Emily Kieffner

Leaves of green

Leaves of brown

Leaves of red and gold around

See them falling and blowing in  
the wind

Knowing that Summer has come  
to an end

Grass is dead and pumpkins are  
growing

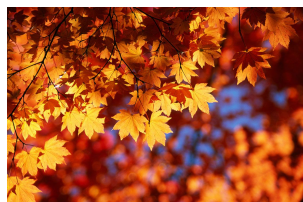
Soon there will be jack-o-lanterns  
glowing

Chilli, Soup, Turkey, and S'mores  
Apples, and pies, and Acorns  
galore

Many are wishing for school to  
end

But they should enjoy Autumn  
instead

It only comes around once a year  
Get ready 'cause Autumn is here



## Pumpkin Carving Tips

By: Harper Brabson

Halloween is almost here! One of the traditions of Halloween is to carve pumpkins, so here are some ways to put the other neighborhood pumpkins to shame with these fabulous tips to make yours shine!

1. Always draw your design on the pumpkin FIRST! This way you have a solid idea. If you don't have an artist in the family, print a template of your idea and trace it on.
2. Avoid pumpkins without stems, because they are hard to pick up, and you might burst it. Trust me, this happens more than you might think!
3. Try keeping it wet. Usually, pumpkins lose a lot of moisture and fast, which changes the

## Pumpkin Bars Recipe

By: Emily Kieffner

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 2/3 cups white sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
  
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, mix the eggs, sugar, oil, and pumpkin with an electric

## 9/11 Attacks

By: Alayna Bibby

September 11th started out as the average day on the calendar, with no specific importance or relevance. One of those days you didn't even acknowledge, it just flew by. In 2001, a terrorist group named Al-Qaeda gained access and control to four passenger planes. Using these airplanes, they carried out an attack on various United States sites of importance (Pentagon and World Trade Center). These attacks were classified as suicidal and aimed to gain the attention of the government and to take down the most people possible for the most impact.

At 8:45 a.m. Tuesday the first plane, a Boeing 767, crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. Due to the position the plane crashed on the building, it instantly killed hundreds, but left more stranded above the plane with no way to escape. While the news was broadcasting, the second plane came into view exactly 18 minutes after the first and careened into the south tower killing even more and leaving more people stranded with no route to the ground. The impact caused "a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and onto the streets below. It immediately became clear that America was under attack."

While people were still distraught from the previous

structure of the pumpkin.

4. If you wish for a brighter glow, use an electric light. Just try not to let it somehow catch on fire...
5. Keep it in your fridge. This might keep it fresh a few days before Halloween!



<http://mentalfloss.com/article/59312/11-tips-carving-better-jack-olantern>

<https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2013/10/16/pumpkin-carving-ideas-n-4110561.html>

### *Quote of the Month*

By Kennedy Sakarapanee



mixer until light and fluffy. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir into the pumpkin mixture until thoroughly combined.

3. Spread the batter evenly into an ungreased 10x15 inch jelly roll pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in preheated oven. Cool before frosting.
4. To make the frosting, cream together the cream cheese and butter. Stir in vanilla. Add confectioners' sugar a little at a time, beating until mixture is smooth. Spread evenly on top of the cooled bars. Cut into squares.



Image From:

<https://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/pumpkin-pie-bars/3444a376-675c-498b-98ea-eed1b3f0617d>

Recipe From:

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/11646/pauls-pumpkin-bars/>

attacks, another one occurred in Washington DC at the Pentagon. The Boeing 757 crashed into the west wing of the military headquarters at 9:45 a.m. and caused an imbalance of structure, causing the whole west wing to collapse. Many casualties resulted from the inside the building alone and even more people were killed upon impact.

The last plane was set back due to an unknown delay so the threat was weakened.



Passengers on-board had gotten notifications on their devices of the previous attacks on the towers and Pentagon. The people onboard and the attendants planned to overrun the controls of the plane so it would not crash into the then, unknown target. Phone calls were made informing family members that they might not return alive, and a call from Thomas Burnett Jr., described that "I know we're all going to die. There's three of us who are going to do something about it. I love you, honey." The plane spiraled into an empty field in Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m. after the hijackers were successfully overthrown. September 11th is labeled as a historical event for its significance in changing United States safety aboard aircrafts and other transportation, as well as our involvement in the war on terror.

## **DIY Pumpkin Jar Decorations**

**By: Susannah Bibby**

### **What you'll need:**

- Brown Spray Paint
- Orange Acrylic Paint
- Brown Acrylic Paint
- Fall Colors Cardstock
  - Wood Pegs
- Embossing Tools
  - Scissors
  - Glue Gun
  - Glue Sticks
  - Mason Jar
- Optional: White Spray Paint Primer

### **Make the Leaves**

- Cut a piece of cardstock in the shape of a leaf, and leave a long stem at the end.
- Fold the leaf in half to make the middle vein.
- Use an embossing tool to make the rest of the veins.
- Use a pencil to curl thin strips of card-stock. All you need to do is tightly

### **Painting the Jars and Lids**

- The first thing you want to do is paint the jars.
- Paint the lids since they are all in one color.
- Read the directions on the back of the spray paint can before you paint.
- Before you paint the jars, I recommend to spray them with white spray paint primer. This will help the paint to stick to the jar a lot better.

### **Assemble the Jar**

- Paint or stain a wood peg and glue the leaves to it.
- Use a glue gun to attach the leaves and peg to the lid.

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<http://www.the36thavenue.com/diy-pumpkin-mason-jars/>

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## Greek and Roman Gods Trivia

By Gavin Murphy

1. Who is the Roman goddess of agriculture?

- A: Jupiter
- B: Neptune
- C: Saturn
- D: Apollo

2. Which Roman god has the same name as his Greek form?

- A: Apollo
- B: Neptune
- C: Saturn
- D: Jupiter

3. Who is the Greek god of the ocean?

- A: Hera
- B: Poseidon
- C: Zeus
- D: Tiger

4. Who is the king of the Greek gods?

- A: Hera
- B: Apollo
- C: Demeter
- D: Zeus

Copy your answers onto a sheet of paper and bring it completed before or after school to Mrs.

wrap them around the pencil.

## Athlete Spotlight on Abby Burke by Sophia Kimball

**Kimball:** How does it feel to be the only girl on the football team?

**Burke:** It has its pros and cons. It is just really fun :) The guys are all different, but if they don't respect you then that's a problem. Without respect it's not fun.

**Kimball:** Do think that your decision has inspired other girls to want to do sports?

**Burke:** I think that it has; a lot of people say I'm such an inspiration. When I first started to play football, I had to go through so much stress to start. I was in Catholic school at the time, and it was very hard to get in. I did varsity for my first year and I loved it so much!

**Kimball:** What position do you play?

**Burke:** I play safety and corner- it kind of depends on what we are doing.

**Kimball:** Why did you want to be on the football team?

**Burke:** I grew up with football; it's always been something in my life. I saw my brothers playing football, so I said... why not?

**Kimball:** Has anyone ever been surprised by your presence on the team?

**Burke:** Yes, there was this one girl who walked up to me and



## Movie Reviews September By: Genevieve St. Jacques

*Crazy Rich Asians*

Rating: PG 13

Genre: Romantic Comedy (ROM-COM)

I watched *Crazy Rich Asians* and loved it! This movie is great for all 8th graders, but also may appeal to some 7th and 6th graders. This funny, romantic movie is about an Asian woman living in New York City. She is dating a guy named Nick Young, and he invites her to his cousin's wedding in Singapore. As she soon finds out, the Young family are billionaires, and basically built Singapore. She has to contend with backstabbing cousins, strange relatives, and Nick Young's disapproving mother. Luckily, she has a great college friend to rely on. Will she persevere, or will this new, crazy life overwhelm her? Go see the movie to find out!

*Christopher Robin*

Rating: PG

Genre: Fantasy

Christopher Robin is a great movie that could appeal to all

Owen in room 704. The first five people will get candy.

## Teacher Time

Reporter: Anna Kate Akers  
Teacher: Mrs. Nelson 6th grade

Akers- How long have you been working at Grassland?

Nelson- I have been working at GMS for thirteen years, and I worked at GES for ten years.

Akers-What subject/ subjects have you taught?

Nelson-I have taught ancient history.

Akers- Do you have any kids?

Nelson- I have two kids and a dog.

Akers- If you could teach any other subject, what would you teach?

Nelson- I am very happy with what I am teaching at the moment.

Akers- What is your favorite memory from teaching middle school?

Nelson- My favorite memory was from doing a simulation of the Middle Ages.

Akers- What were you like when you were in middle school?

Nelson- I was quiet and always did my homework.

Akers- Do you have any teacher best friends?

goes, "You're that water girl, right?" and I said "No, water girls don't wear pads." It just made her so confused! It was so funny!

**Kimball:** When you go to highschool, will you continue to play football?

**Burke:** Yes, when I go to Franklin High, I want to be able to be on the freshman team, hopefully J.V. or even varsity.



*Abby Burke prepares for the championship game*

### ***Teacher Time Cont.***

Nelson- Yes, I have two good friends.

Akers- Do you have any advice for new sixth graders?

Nelson- Be responsible and be on time.

Generals. Christopher Robin is living in London when he gets a surprise visit from his great friend Winnie the Pooh. Together, they undertake a massive journey to locate Pooh's old pals. After completing this quest, they help Christopher Robin rediscover small joys.

## Music Trivia By Gavin Murphy

What is the lowest pitched instrument in the brass section?

- A: Trombone
- B: Trumpet
- C: Tuba
- D: French Horn

What is the highest pitched instrument in the whole band?

- A: Tuba
- B: Flute
- C: Bass Clarinet
- D: Saxophone

What instrument doesn't need air to play?

- A: French horn
- B: Percussion
- C: Flute
- D: Tuba

What brass instruments play only notes in bass?

- A: Trombone
- B: Baritone
- C: Tuba
- D: Trumpet

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