

## Halloween Class Parties

**Before** – meet with teacher to discuss his/her wishes about the party. Determine date, time, desired number of stations and kids per group, allergies in the class, if siblings are allowed and what volunteers and supplies are needed.

Organize volunteers to help during the party and supply the items needed. Have at least 2 volunteers for the craft station if craft is more difficult. Contact your class photographer or another parent to take pictures during the party. Set up the stations prior to the kids coming into the classroom if possible.

**During** – keep it simple, keep it moving and have fun. Things won't go perfectly and that's okay.

**After** – make sure the room is cleaned up, craft items sent home with kids and email the parent volunteers to thank them

### Typical Stations

1 Craft Station –lollipop ghosts, pipe cleaner yarn spider, swarm of bats on pumpkin, coloring pages, maze, word search, pumpkin decorating with stickers

1 or 2 Game Stations - Halloween Bingo, Mummy Wrap, pumpkin ring toss (need pumpkins with tall stems or make witch hats out of cardstock), Pin the mouth on the Pumpkin or Nose on the Witch game, Guess the # of candy corns in a jar, Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin bucket toss,

1 Decorating/Food Station - Cookie or cupcake decorating or Mini graveyards (pudding, Oreo crumbs & gummy worms or ghost peeps)

Additional Station - Read a story – any Halloween related book, watch 'It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown'

### Food

In addition to the food station, it is typical to have parents donate food items for the kids to enjoy. Please be mindful of the District Wellness Policy and ensure that there are healthy food options available (fruit, carrot sticks, cheese sticks, etc.) If you are decorating cookies or cupcakes, it is best to provide water for the students instead of juice.

## GAME IDEAS – Kinder-2nd

**Bingo** – template of game cards and caller cards on the PTA web page – Committee Resources. Use Candy Corn (new set for each child) as markers for Bingo game.

**Mummy Wrap:** All you need are two (or more) teams of about 4-5 kids each, and a few rolls of toilet paper. Each team picks one ‘mummy’ and the team works to wrap him (or her) up!

**Hot Pumpkin:** Like hot potato, hot pumpkin requires a small, silly pumpkin or gourd, some crazy Halloween music, and kids sitting in a circle. They pass the hot pumpkin around until the music stops, and whomever is caught holding it is out of the circle. The winner is the last person without the pumpkin! \*For more excitement, and to keep the kids engaged longer, we had 2 or 3 circles going at the same time.

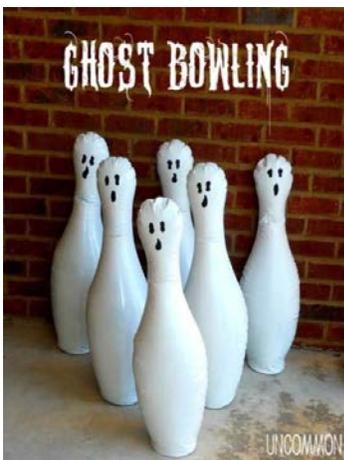
**Halloween Freeze Dance** - Play Halloween party music or creepy sound effects and tell the children to dance. When you turn off the music, they all need to freeze. Whoever is caught moving during the freeze is out of the game. The last person dancing, wins. For a fun variation on this game, tell the children they will need to pose in the Halloween shape you will have called out during the previous freeze. Some fun shapes could be: black cat; pumpkin; broomstick; mummy; bat; etc.

**Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin** - Tack a large cardboard pumpkin to a wall. In turn, blindfold each child and give them a black cutout shape of a nose with double-side tape on the back. Have them walk up to the wall and pin the nose on the pumpkin.

**Pumpkin Bowling** – decorate 12 water bottles wrapped like mummies. Get 6 small round pumpkins as the bowling balls. Each player tries to bowl down mummies. You can easily setup 2 alleys to make the game so more kids can play at a time.

**Pumpkin bucket toss** – use 3 pumpkin buckets (those used to collect candy for trick or treating) and 3 bean bags. Each player has 3 bean bags to try and toss into the pumpkin. Another variation is to make ghost bean bags and throw them into buckets with different point values.

**Can toss** - 10 cans, bean bags, treats. I put treats in each can. Whichever can they toss the bean bag into, they get that treat.



## GAME IDEAS – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Monster Bowling** – decorate 10 cans to look like Halloween themed cans.

**Donuts on a String** – string donuts and attach to a tree. Have the kids eat with no hands, just like an animal. Have extra donuts on hand in case they fall. Suggested to hang them for each group right before they come out, instead of all at once. Have lots of parent helpers for this one.

**Halloween Mystery boxes** – fill the bowls or boxes with items that resemble creepy Halloween items – cooked spaghetti for brains, peeled grapes for eye balls, dried apricots for monster ears, corn kernels for monster teeth, long sliced bananas for witch's tongue, carrot sticks (not baby carrots) for witch fingers. Have kids come up and put their hand in. You can label them with their scary name and have them guess what it really is. Or just let them be grossed out by it.

**Halloween Scavenger Hunt** – break kids up into teams and have them hunt for the items – in the classroom or quad to find as many items as possible on the list. Use premade list or make your own.

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**Kiss Math Family Memory Game** - 36 Kisses labeled on bottom w/ numbers 1-12 (so 3 of each #). Kids pick up 3 kisses and look at numbers on bottom looking to make math families. For example, if they pick up a 2 and a 3 and a 6, that works because  $2 \times 3 = 6$ . They can use addition, subtraction, multiplication, division.

**Pumpkin Sweep Relay** - split entire class into 2 groups, use broom to "sweep" pumpkin a distance and then next person goes.

**Costume race** - Race to costume bucket, put on costume, return to start, take off costume and next person goes. First team completed wins.

**Pumpkin Pass** - Pass small stuffed pumpkin between chin and chest to teammates without using hands.

**Candy Corn Relay** - Put students in teams of 4. Best to do this outside. At one end you have a small plastic bowl full of candy corn, one for each team. At the other end an empty bowl for each team. Students take turns relay style scooping candy corn with a spoon and carefully walking to the other end and putting it in the empty bowl. If they drop any they have to stop and pick it up. First team to get all candy corn from one side to the other is the winner.



## CRAFT IDEAS - Kinder-2nd

**Pipe Cleaner Yarn Spiders** - Gather pipe cleaners and yarn, and 2 googly eyes to wrap, bend, and glue together this cute little spider. Once these spiders are made, you could use them to hide around the classroom for a fun hide & seek game.

**Swarm of Bats** - Once all of your *bat* shapes are cut out, adhere them to the pumpkin in a diagonal, *swarm*-like shape. To adhere, you can use mini glue dots or white *craft* glue.

**Pumpkin Decorating** – have each child bring in a small pumpkin or have parents donate pumpkins – get face stickers and allow each child to decorate their own pumpkin. Take a picture of each child with their pumpkin.

**Mummy pumpkins** - you need gauze, google eyes (15mm size), small pumpkins (not the mini pumpkins w the ridges/grooves, the round smooth ones work best) - You wrap the gauze, no gluing necessary... just wrap and tuck the end of the gauze. Glue eyes on.

**Pipe Cleaner spider** - You need black pipe cleaner (4 per spider), pony beads (orange or purple), tootsie pops. Take all 4 pipe cleaners together and wrap it tight around the stick of the tootsie pop. Bend each leg (pipe cleaner) at 2 points. Put the pony bead at each bend.

Candy necklace craft - Those were a store bought set that came w/ 6 ready to make necklaces per box.



### CRAFT IDEAS - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Fuzzy troll pencils** (picture below)-glue 3" strip of faux fur to top of pencil, add googly eyes or felt shapes and maybe ribbon to finish.

**Tea light holders** (picture below)-Paint inside of glass jars or ball jars with latex paint and paint outside with paint pens to look like ghosts or pumpkins or monsters.

