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**TRICK OR TREATS AND ...**



By Lisa



**H**i, I am Lisa an international student who has been in Vancouver for almost half a year. I am so

excited because Halloween is coming at the end of this month! Halloween is a holiday people celebrate on October 31<sup>st</sup>, a festive day of dressing in costume and visiting the homes of friends and neighbors to ask for "treats". People decorate their homes with carved pumpkins and images of ghosts, witches, bats, spiders and skeletons.

Where does Halloween come from? There is one story about Jack, an Irish man who was not allowed into Heaven because he was stingy with his money. So he was sent to hell. But down there he played tricks on the Devil, so he was kicked out of Hell and was made to walk the earth forever carrying a lantern. Irish children made Jack's lanterns on October 31<sup>st</sup> from a large potato or turnip, hollowed out with the sides having holes and lit by little candles inside. And the children would carry them as they went from house to house begging for food for the village Halloween festival that honored the Druid god Muck Olla. The Irish name for these lanterns was "Jack with the lantern" or "Jack of the lantern," now spelled "jack-o-lantern."



What do people do on Halloween? Children make Halloween decorations with all kinds of orange-paper jack-o-lanterns. And from black paper, they cut "scary" designs. For example, an evil witch with a pointed hat riding through the sky on a broomstick, maybe with black bats flying across the moon which means bad luck. Also, of course black cats for more bad luck. Sometimes, a black cat would ride away into the sky on the back of the witch's



broom.

And on Halloween night children dress up in Mom or Dad's old shoes and clothes, put on a mask, and get ready to go outside and ring neighbors' doorbells and yell, "Trick or treat!", meaning, "Give us a treat, or we'll play a trick on you!" The people inside are supposed to come to the door and comment on children's costumes.

One popular teenagers' Halloween trick was to unroll a roll of toilet paper and throw it high into a tree again and again until the tree was all wrapped in the white paper. The paper would often stay in the tree for weeks until a heavy snow or rain washed it off. No real harm was done, but it made a big mess of both the tree and the yard under it.

Nowadays, adults watch scary movies on Halloween night. Most pubs and clubs offer special masquerade Halloween parties for adults to attend. People can drink, dance, and scare each other at the party and enjoy the scary surroundings. I hope that all the students, staff, and teachers at KGC have a great Halloween!



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# HOW TO CARVE

## JACK-O-LANTERNS ?



By Lisa

To carve your Jack-O-Lantern you will need a large spoon, a small knife with fine teeth and a punch tool such as a nail or large pin. It is best to use a simple carving kit that can be purchased at almost any store during the Halloween season.

Cut an opening on top or bottom of the pumpkin to scoop out the seeds and the insides of the pumpkin. Some people prefer to cut the bottom as it allows the pumpkin to sit up straight and makes the scooping easier. Make sure the hole is large enough to reach in.

Examine your pumpkin to determine the

best place for carving. Tape your paper template to the pumpkin where you want the face to be. You may cut or fold the edges of the paper to better fit the curvature of the pumpkin; however, the paper may not fit perfectly snug on to the pumpkin.

Score the design onto the pumpkin by punching through the paper using your punch tool. Hold down the area you are working on to keep the pattern in place. Remove the paper when you are finished. It is sometimes hard to tell where the lines are, so keep the template as a reference.

Using your carving knife, carefully cut out

the design following the holes that were punched. It is best to start with the smallest details in the center and work your way out. When you are finished cutting, simply push out the pieces to view the final results.

Place your candle or light in the pumpkin and display your Halloween creation in a dark spot to attract ghosts and goblins from the entire neighborhood."

"This article is from <http://byroads.com/magazine/pumpkins/carving.html>"



## PUMPKIN PIE

1 unbaked 9-inch pie crust (see recipe)

2 eggs

3/4 cup sugar

1 (16-ounce) can pumpkin

1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

Sweetened whipped cream for accompaniment

Prepare pastry and set aside (see hint below).

Beat eggs slightly in a large mixing bowl. Beat in remaining ingredients. Pour filling into unbaked pastry shell.

Bake at 425°F (220°C) for 15 minutes, reduce oven temperature to 350°F (175°C), and bake for 45 minutes longer, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool. Keep refrigerated.

Serve with a dollop of sweetened whipped cream, if desired.

Hint: To help prevent the pie crust from becoming soggy in a custard-style pie, carefully break one of the recipe's eggs into unbaked pie crust, swish it around to cover entire surface with egg white and then pour the egg out into your mixing bowl for the filling.

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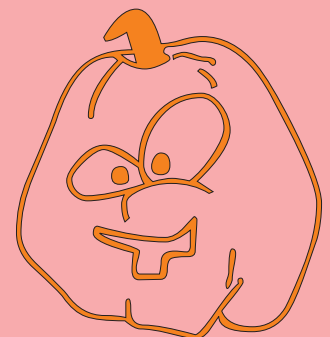
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# KGC HALLOWEEN PARTY 2003



**KGC Pumpkin Carving Contest 2003**



**KGC's Best Costume 2003  
Winner is Alice!**

**Pumpkin Carving Contest winners  
are EPP Level 4 students!**



Photos by Stanley



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## Protection for you and me!



By Yvonne Pan

People call me "black bear". When International students come to Vancouver, they can hear lot's of things about me. I know, although most students in Vancouver want to see me, they are afraid of meeting me because they don't know what they should do if they meet me. I would like to give you some information that protects you and me to ensure our encounters are safe.

Most people think seeing me can be one of the most memorable experiences of their lives, but they should be responsible to respect me in my home. Please do not force me to leave my habitat, teach me to eat human food, or place me in situations where you or I could get hurt. You may need a little educating on how to get along with me.

I could be everywhere. You can see me on the side of the highway, on logging roads, on the way to a campsite in West Vancouver or North Vancouver. I usually hide from you, but remember: just because you don't see me, it doesn't mean I am not around you.

Sometimes I am very dangerous. When I look for food, take care of babies, or eat a fresh kill, you should stay far away from me because I want to protect my possessions. Furthermore, I am stronger than you; for example, I can run as fast as horses, climb trees quickly, and sometimes I tear cars apart to find food.

If you run into me on the roadside, you had better stay in your car and keep your windows up. Do not get out even for a "quick photo" because I don't want you to bother me, so I may scare you.

Now you may feel more comfortable if you meet me somewhere. Remember this rule----- keep far away from me although you may be interested in me. In addition, do not try to feed me, stand close to me, or take a picture with me, etc. We are neighbors; we can live in peaceful coexistence in this beautiful area around B.C.





# A Chinese ghost story!



By Tao Xi Yuan



Zhu Er Dan, was unconstrained and studied hard, but because he was a little dull, he could not pass government tests. Once, while students were drinking, they bet a dinner whether Zhu Er Dan would dare to move a wooden judge statue at midnight. In a temple, there were ten wooden statues of judges, from hell, who were decorated vividly. One of the ten judges who had a green face and red beard looked very frightening. Sometimes, people could hear the sound of him forcing dead people to tell the truth. Anyway, Zhu Er Dan went to the temple to move the judge statue at once, and won a dinner.

Next day when the sun was setting, someone came into Zhu Er Dan's home. Zhu Er Dan looked up and saw the judge come in. Zhu Er Dan stood up quickly and said: "Yesterday I didn't respect you, so



you ask my life now" A light smile showed on the judge's face. Then he said: "No. I was free today, so I came to drink with you." Zhu Er Dan felt very happy, so they began to drink and talk together.

From that day, the judge came once every several days to drink and talk about Zhu Er Dan's compositions. One night, while Zhu Er Dan was sleeping, he felt a little pain in his stomach, so he opened his eyes and was surprised to see the judge was reorganizing his intestines. "Why you are killing me? We have no animosity." The judge laughed and said: "I am changing your heart. You cannot write good compositions because your heart is not good. I have chosen a heart from thousands, and now your writing will be improved much." From that time, Zhu Er Dan could write compositions very well,



so he passed two government tests. After his classmates read his incredible compositions, they all asked him how he could improve so quickly. Zhu Er Dan told them the truth, so they all asked to meet the judge. Zhu Er Dan agreed at once. However, when they saw the green face, red beard, and lighting like eyes of the judge, they all ran away.

Zhu Er Dan and the judge went to Zhu Er Dan's home to drink again. "Thanks for changing my heart, but could you please help me again?" said Zhu Er Dan. "What's that? I'd like to help." said the judge. "My wife is not beautiful. Could you change



her face?" "O.K." the judge said with a smile. The next night, the judge brought a bleeding head to exchange for Zhu Er Dan's wife's head. When Zhu Er Dan's wife woke up to comb her hair in the front of a mirror in the morning, she was surprised and could not understand why she had a different face. Zhu Er Dan explained to her the judge changed her head to make her look more beautiful.

However, several days later, Zhu Er Dan was accused of killing a high position official's daughter with magic. Zhu Er Dan asked the judge how to deal with the problem. The judge said he would solve the problem. At night, the official dreamed that his daughter told him she was killed by another person and explained the reason. Therefore, soon, after the murder was solved, the official visited Zhu Er Dan to apologize. When he saw Zhu Er Dan's wife looked the same as his daughter, he asked her to become his daughter. Therefore, of course, Zhu Er Dan became the son in law of the official.

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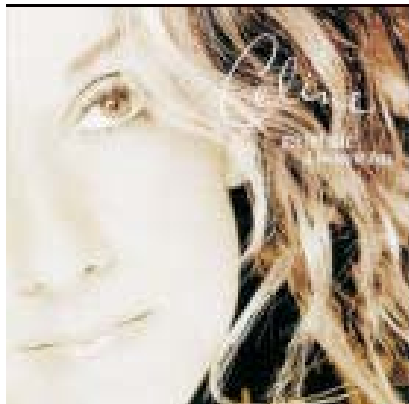
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# TOP INTERNATIONAL VOCAL ARTISTS!



By May

Hi everyone. I am May Hang, and I am studying in EPP level 6. Since I came to Canada, I have been studying at KGC in order to go to BCIT. I always watch at least one movie every month because I am so tired after I pass an EPP level. Before I came to Canada, I only knew some stars from Asia such as Korean, Japanese, Hong Kong stars, and so on. However, I would like to know about lots of stars who are from different countries.



## Celine Dion

I believe many people remember a famous movie called "Titanic" and a famous song "My Heart Will Go On", so I am sure you also will remember a top female Canadian vocalist---Celine Dion. The first time, I heard this song, I was surprised because my heart followed her beautiful singing, and her song touched me. From that time, I have loved all her songs. She was born in Charlevoix, Quebec, the French province of Canada. I learned lots of interesting things about her personal life. When she was 5 years old, she started to sing with her family in a small club. Now, in addition to singing, she likes to collect miniature cups, crystal objects, and shoes (she has over 400 pairs!). She continues to work hard, so I believe she will remain a top vocalist for a long time.



I think in Asia everyone knows F4 because they are a famous combination group that consists of 4 handsome boys who are from different countries or cities. They became famous stars very quickly because they are not just famous vocalists, and they are also famous TV stars. When I saw them on a TV show called "Meteor Garden", they were dream lovers of females. Let me introduce them from their ages. First, Yan Cheng Xu, Jerry is his stage name, his real name is Liao Yang Zhen, he is from Taiwan, he was born on January 1, 1977, and he can speak three languages. I love him more than the other three guys because he had been a model before he became a star. Wu Jian Hao, Vanness. Was born on August 7, 1978, and he is a lively and sporty guy. He was born and studied in America. Dancing and singing are his specialty. Next, Zhu Xiao Tian, Ken is from Nan Jing; his birthday is on January 15, and he can play the guitar very well. Last, Zhou Yu Min who is from Taiwan was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1981, and he is a gentlemanly and optimistic guy.



## Britney Jean Spears

She was born in Kentwood Louisiana, U.S.A. on 2nd December 1981, and she has liked to sing since she was a child. She is probably the most popular female artist in the world right now. However, she is just 20 years old. She is ---Britney Jean Spears. Britney has an older brother Brian and a younger Sister Jamie Lynn. At the age of 8, she auditioned for a popular children's variety show, but she was refused because of her young age. Luckily for Britney, one of the show's producers saw the young singer's talent, and helped her find an agent in New York City. I think the producer was right because she is the most popular female artist in the world right now.

I like stars because they have been working hard on their work benches. I have liked to sing since I was a child, but maybe I cannot become a star like Britney although I also work hard on my work bench.



By Scott

# Thanksgiving Day

**H**ello! I am Scott. Last month was my first Thanksgiving Day in Vancouver. Do you know Canadian Thanksgiving Day is a little different from American Thanksgiving Day? I would like to share with you some information about Thanksgiving Day in the United States and Canada



[www.printsoldandrare.com/winshome.html](http://www.printsoldandrare.com/winshome.html)

In 1620, many settlers sailed to America on the May Flower and sought a place where they could have freedom of worship. After two months, they landed on Plymouth in icy November. During their first winter, over half of the settlers died of starvation and epidemics; People who survived began planting crops the first spring.



[www.siscom.net/~leelian/Thanksgiving.html](http://www.siscom.net/~leelian/Thanksgiving.html)

All summer they waited for the great harvests. They knew that the harvest would decide their lives and future existence. Finally, the harvest came and was better than they thought. Therefore, they decided that a day of thanksgiving to the Lord should be fixed. Several years

later, the President of the United States proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

The Celebration of Thanksgiving Day has been observed on that date until today.

Canadian Thanksgiving Day is a little different from the American Thanksgiving Day. The first Canadian Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on April 15, 1872. There were thanks for the recovery of the future King Edward VII from a serious illness. The next Thanksgiving Day didn't occur until 1879 when it was celebrated on a Thursday in November.

Canadian Thanksgiving Day is much like American Thanksgiving Day, but Canadians seem to have a difficult time deciding when the day of Thanksgiving should occur.

From 1879 to 1898, it was celebrated on a Thursday in November.

From 1899 to 1907, it was celebrated on a Thursday in October (except in 1901 and 1904 when it was celebrated on a Thursday in November).

From 1908 to 1921, it was celebrated on a Monday in October.



[www.thanksgiving-traditions.com/html/canada.html](http://www.thanksgiving-traditions.com/html/canada.html)

Between 1922 and 1930 the Armistice Day Act declared that Thanksgiving would be celebrated on Armistice Day, the Monday of October 11. It was much like the

American Thanksgiving Day, the Canadian celebration included parades and festive meals, and often includes turkey.

Although Canadian and American Thanksgiving Days have a little are nce,



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days are different, the celebrations are similar.

On the dinner table, people can find apples, oranges, chestnuts, walnuts, grapes, Plum pudding, and mince pie; other varieties of food including cranberry juice and squash are found on the table. The best and most attractive are roast turkey and pumpkin pie. They are the most traditional and favorite food on Thanksgiving Day.

Everyone agrees that the dinner must be built around roast turkey. Cooking varies, and it is not easy to get a consensus on the precise kind of stuffing for the turkeys because different families live in different regions have different habits. Today, Thanksgiving Day is an important holiday for North American people. On this day, people who have different faiths and backgrounds join together and express their thanks for the year's bounty and reverently ask for continued blessings.

Although I had a good time on Thanksgiving Day, I didn't have a chance to eat turkey. Next Thanksgiving day I hope to be able to have a chance to eat a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner. I can't wait!