

VIKING NEWS

Two Fourth Graders Start School Newspaper

By Ashley Craig and Claire Woo

St. Martin Families,
We, Ashley Craig and Claire Woo, are two fourth graders who are starting a St. Martin School newspaper. We are writing this newspaper to let you know what is happening in school. We are the co-editors of this school newspaper. Anyone in this school who wants to

join the school newspaper can join. Or, anyone who wants to tell us any news going on in the school can also do that instead.

We will be sending out newspapers often and will be sending it home in the Wednesday folder. We hope you can join our school newspaper!



FIRST EDITION

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- 4 There are lots of after-school activities. Join Band or learn Spanish!

*"Just because you're small, never give up!"
- Claire Woo*

Drawing Contest

Our school newspaper will be hosting a drawing contest for JK - 8th grade. There will be three winners for this contest. Their drawings will be featured in the next issue of the Viking News. This is how it works:

1. Students must have artwork turned into Ashley Craig or Claire Woo by Oct. 27, 2009.
2. Students must draw a Halloween-related picture.
3. Please have first and last name and grade on artwork.
4. HAVE FUN!

School Clean Up

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the school clean up, and a special thanks to Patricia Johnson and Mike Craig for hosting it. St. Martin School appreciates all the hard work and time you put into our school. The school looks brand new! Our school has more spirit than ever. The halls are blue and gold, and the bathrooms and the kitchen are so clean. If we all work together, we can make St. Martin School a better place.



Vampire Princess

By Ashley Craig

Once there was a vampire princess named Juliet. Juliet had a bat named Dennis. One day Juliet and Dennis got lost in the forest. Juliet got worried because if she didn't get home by nightfall, she would turn into dust! Juliet turned into a bat and tried to find the way home, but instead she found a haunted house.

The haunted house was painted gray and had vines climbing up its sides. The house was about as tall as a full-grown giraffe. It seemed to call to Juliet.

Juliet creaked open the door to the haunted house. Inside the house, there were lots of cobwebs and old furniture. She explored the house quietly because she didn't want to disturb anyone that might be in the house.

In the living room, Juliet saw lots of pictures of werewolves, mummies, and vampires just like Juliet. But above the fireplace, there was a very weird picture. It was just a body with no head! Juliet was a little frightened of the picture, but then she realized it was just the Headless Horseman. He looked very strong, or at least, his body did.



Then, she heard music from upstairs. She walked slowly up the stairs toward the music. All of a sudden, she heard someone screaming, and her heart started pounding very fast. She wanted to run, but she was very curious. She wanted to know who had screamed.

So, she crept toward the room and peeked through the door. Then, she realized it was just her friends doing the Monster Mash! They were laughing and just having a good time, and she joined them. She danced all night long to the tune of "You do the mash... You do the monster mash!"

The Haunted House

By Claire Woo

Once there were two girls named Patricia and Lucille. They were nine years old. It was Halloween. They decided to go explore a haunted house on Halloween day.

First, they went through the spooky swamp. Patricia thought she saw something hiding in the bushes. Lucille tiptoed to the bush and found that it was a wolf. When Patricia saw the wolf, she screamed so loud that her scream attracted more wolves. Patricia and Lucille both ran as fast as they could into the forest. They stopped at a big redwood tree. On the red bark, there was writing on it. It said, "Beware and leave, or you shall be cursed."

Lucille started to shiver. They started to run when all of a sudden, Lucille fell into a 6-foot hole. Lucille yelled, "Help! I'm stuck!" Patricia yanked Lucille out of the hole, and they both continued running. Soon they were out of the forest, breathing hard and trying to rest.

Then it started to rain hard. All of a sudden, they spotted a dark, wet cave. Patricia was scared. She could hear the bats squeaking and the rain dropping onto the cave. They climbed into the cave to rest. There, Patricia spotted some drawings on the cave wall. It was a map that led to the haunted house. Patricia wrote it down.

When the rain stopped, they went on their way. It was misty and foggy. Soon, they found the big, dark haunted house. It looked very creepy. Thunder covered the top of the house. A sign in front said KEEP OUT! The windows were cracked, and the door had a black metal knocker with a picture of a skull.

Lucille and Patricia turned on their flashlights. The door creaked open and right in



front was a long, wooden staircase. Lucille and Patricia slowly crept up the stairs. It made a squeaky noise, like someone stepping on a mouse. The stairs led to a room, and they slowly opened the door. They quickly flipped off their flashlights, and they lit a candle. They peeked inside. They saw a broken mirror, and there were cobwebs all over the place. Suddenly the window blew opened, and the candle went out.

Lucille and Patricia screamed. They turned on their flashlights, and all these monsters jumped out and yelled "Boo!" It turned out that it was just their friends and family dressed up in Halloween costumes, and they were playing a trick. Lastly, they partied all night and went trick-or-treating around the neighborhood.

Family Mass

Come visit us at the next Family Mass on:

Saturday, November 21, at 5:00 p.m.

If you go, you get to listen to the word of God and pray. You also get to receive the Eucharist and sing to God. You get to do all this with your friends and family. We hope to see you there!

Want To Learn Another Language? Join Spanish Class

Do you want to learn another language? In the afternoon Spanish class, you get to learn a lot of Spanish words that you can use if you go to Mexico or Spain. You can even learn to talk with a family member who only speaks Spanish. Spanish can be fun if you just try.

If you sign up for Spanish, you get a book and CD to help you learn the words that you learned from Spanish class. So sign up today, because it's not too late.

Wanted

Reporters, writers, illustrators, and photographers are needed to help with the school newspaper. Join today, and try something new. Please contact Ashley Craig or Claire Woo during recess or lunch.

Join Band Today

Come join the St. Martin School band. In band, you learn how to read notes, hold an instrument, play music, have fun, and even march in parades. There are plenty of instruments to choose from including the flute, clarinet, saxophone, drums, trumpets, and much more. You would also have a great teacher, Mr. H. Talk to Mr. H. if you want to join band.



Riddle of the Month

What coin has 118 ridges around its edge?

Please write down your answer on half a sheet of paper and turn it in to Ashley Craig or Claire Woo in the fourth grade classroom.

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