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Halloween Carnival and Parade

October Halloween Carnival

By Madison Le & Kayla Rico

This year's Boneyard Bash Carnival was fun and exciting. The carnival started at 5PM on October 16th. It was held at the Marvin recess black top area. Many people went, so by the end of the carnival, it got very crowded.

The carnival had food trucks and snow cones. Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Murphy, and Ms. Parra were working by the food trucks serving drinks and popcorn. The drinks were sodas, Capri suns, and water bottles. Next to this area was a taco truck that served tacos and nachos. Lots of parents were there eating. The Cake Walk was near the bungalows. People would walk in a circle and the teachers or parents working would call out a number and the person sitting on that number would win a free treat. Sadly, there was no fortune teller this year, but there was a photo booth. The booth had lots of props to wear.

Mr. Baham's science room was turned into the 5th Grade Sweet Shop. They had coffee and cupcakes that some parents donated to the shop. All the money from the sweet shop



Participants at the Cake Walk.
Photo Taken by Sydney Hejko

is used towards the 5th grade end of the year party which is an excellent fundraiser.

The carnival also had rides like a jumpy, the train ride, a jumpy slide, and a swing that would go around in circles. There were also fun booths like the hair spray or ring toss booth. Some students from Lewis Middle School also volunteered to work at the booths which was really cool.

Another interesting part of the carnival were the costumes. There were fairy tale, cartoon, super hero, and horror themed costumes. The carnival ended at 8PM and the event was very fun for the kids at Marvin to hang out with their friends and play fun games.

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Water Conservation Assembly

By Jaden Fewell

We had an assembly about conserving water. This took place at Marvin Elementary, September 29, 2015 after recess at 10:00AM. The presenter was Ms. Smarty-Plants. She was there to teach the school about conserving / saving water. She chose some volunteers to help her do some really cool tricks. The first trick she did was she picked a volunteer and had her reach into a short green bag. She pulled out a crushed aluminum soda can. Then, she had to put it back in the



Ms. Smarty-Plants at Water Assembly

Photo Taken by Michael Wright

bag. After that, Ms. Smarty-Plants swished the bag around three times and the student pulled out a \$1 bill. The student was very surprised at what she had just pulled out of the green bag.

Smarty-Plants ended up letting the girl keep the \$1 bill. As soon as she sat down, everybody raised their hands because they wanted a chance to get a dollar bill.

The next trick Smarty-Plants involved her picking a boy and a girl to come up and hold up two plants. One was watered a lot and the other was not. Both plants had a cover. The plant with barely any water grew into pretty, large colorful flowers. The plant with lots of water only grew a small patch of grass on it. She **cont'd p3**

Mr. Samtmann

By Lucero Andrade & Alora Ortiz

Mr. Samtmann is one of our new teachers here at Marvin Elementary. He is a kindergarten teacher in Room 24. His full name is O'neill Samtmann and he is 23 years old. It is also his first year teaching, but he substituted for other teachers before. Mr. Samtmann lived in South Carolina and went to Kansington Elementary, Georgetown Middle and High School, and Crason College. He came to San Diego to become a teacher. He wanted to become a computer scientist, but was persuaded to become a teacher by his mother who is also a teacher. Mr. Samtmann's favorite things to do during his free time are surf, skate, and hike.

Mrs. Hanna

By Stephanie Pemberton

Saturday, May 2, Marvin had a Silent Auction where they sold all sorts of things like objects students made, painted, and drew. The Silent Auction was held at the East San Diego Masonic Lodge in San Carlos.

The reason for the auction was to raise money for the school. Parents and teachers attended, totaling around 150 altogether.

All 120 items sold. The auction made \$18,000 for the school. Some items sold for a lot, like a school parking space for \$1,000. The auction was a big success!

Our One and Only Mrs. Kang

By Emily Hanna & Ella Thayer

Mrs. Kang is a 2nd grade teacher who teaches in Room 19B at Marvin Elementary. She has taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. Mrs. Kang went to USD Pacific Christian College. She was born in July. Mrs. Kang loves to teach 2nd graders because they are cute and they listen. She started teaching in 1989 and has not taught at any other school. She loves teaching all subjects. Mrs. Kang has two sisters and one brother. She has a daughter named Grace and a son named Edward. When she is not teaching she loves to hike, watch movies, play **cont'd p3**

Mr. Zeman: 4th Grade Teacher

By Laurencio Romero & Trenton Yancey

Mr. Zeman is a 4th grade teacher. He is 59 years old and was 22 years old when he started to teach. He likes to see kids wiggle as they struggle with a problem, but then watch when the light turns on when they figure out the problem. He taught 3-4 combo class, 6th grade, juniors, and seniors. He has taught in Illinois, Hine Desert near Victorville, and San Diego.

Mr. Zeman grew up in Illinois. His name is James **cont'd p3**

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did this to show students that plants that use very little water are better than plants that use lots of water. The next thing Smarty-Plants did was to ask the teachers how long their showers were. Three said 10 minutes. One said 12 minutes, another 7, and one said 5 minutes. That teacher happened to be 4th grade teacher, Mr. Zeman. He had to go on stage and hold a mug on his head. Ms. Smarty-Plants filled it with water and flipped it over – no water came out! She did that to see if Mr. Zeman was telling the truth or just showing off. Then, Smarty-Plants picked 11 girls to hold this hug chain of water bottles. She said you use about four gallons of water just by showering for 5 minutes. She did this to show how much water is used during a shower. At the end of the assembly, Ms. Smarty-Plants passed out cards and coloring sheets and then did a funny rap. If you wish to learn more about conserving water, go to www.thegarden.org.

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the piano, and rest. She was born in South Korea. Mrs. Kang's work at Marvin has been a great success. She has inspired many of her students. Without her influence, Marvin would be a different place. If you are a 2nd grader and you need something, she will surely be able to help you. That is our one and only Mrs. Kang.

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R. Zeman. He went to school in a small school 2 stories high, but it has been torn down. The school was located by a pine factory which also has been torn down. He moved to San Diego because he was told there were good schools here. He also feels the schools here are better than L.A.

Mr. Zeman's hobby is to take old couches and refurnish them by putting on new cloth. At recess and lunch recess, he likes the peace and quiet and corrects papers.

Marvin Halloween Parade

By Matt Kylstad & Ryan Lakhani

On October 30, 2015, the Marvin School Parade took place at the upper grade recess blacktop area. In the parade line up, the lower grades went first followed by the upper grades. The parade went from the classrooms to the blacktop then to the kindergarten gate and back to the classrooms. In all, the parade took about 30 minutes. The kindergarteners went out to line up at 1:30pm and then the upper grades lined up at 1:45pm.

The students wore many creative costumes such as super heros, and even food. One student dressed up like a hotdog! Others dressed up like characters from movies and games like Steve from Minecraft. Some students chose not to dress up.

Besides the kids dressing up, there were teachers that dressed up too. Mr. Zeman, Mr. Brian, Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Myrick, and more also wore costumes. Mr. Myrick wore 3 different costumes throughout the day. He dressed up as a stormtrooper, Batman, and a prisoner. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Brian wore matching costumes. They dressed up as German mountain climbers.



Marvin Halloween Parade
Photo by Ethan Ramirez

Sweet Shop

By Alexis Osuna & Taylor Luebe

On October 16th at the Boneyard Bash Carnival Marvin had a sweet shop. It was located in Room 18, the science lab. The sweet shop is a fundraiser for the 5th graders so they can have activities, programs, and their end of the year field trip. Marvin has had a sweet shop for a few years now.

The sweet shop opened at 5PM as did the carnival. At the beginning, there were not too many people shopping, but later on, it got more crowded. The shop had coffee and hot chocolate. It was selling popcorn, pumpkin donuts, chocolate cookies, and other sweet treats.

For those interested next year, you can donate treats to the sweet shop, or you can volunteer.