Book Character Pumpkin Contest at Saraland Middle School Library

Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

This year the library will be hosting a Pumpkin Book Character. Students may bring a decorated pumpkin of their favorite book character to the school library and enter it into our contest. Pumpkins (fake pumpkins are highly encouraged) may be dropped off at the library only from **Monday, October 21st - Wednesday, October 23rd.**

Read our contest rules carefully:

- **ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS!!! FAKE PUMPKINS are HIGHLY encouraged.** Carved pumpkins rot, attract bugs, and smell. For safety reasons and concerns we would prefer that children are not handling the knives or carving tools. Carved pumpkins will not be entered into the contest and will be sent home immediately. Pumpkins may be painted, etc. Let your creativity soar!
- Pumpkins should represent a favorite **book character.** On the entry form you **must** have the title and author of the book written on the form. **I would recommend getting the book information first before even starting to decorate the pumpkin.**
- This is a home project and pumpkins should be done mostly by the students but parents may assist. It would be a fun project to do as a whole family!
- Do not write your name anywhere on the pumpkin. When you bring your pumpkin, Mrs. Brown will take your pumpkin and entry form so to properly identify it.
- Pumpkins will be judged according to the following categories: 6th/7th/8th/Staff
  - Judging will be conducted by a panel of judges.
  - Prizes: Winners in each category will be presented gift certificates for our Fall Book Fair. 1st place- $10, 2nd place- $8, 3rd place- $5  Classroom entries will have a different prize!
    - Pumpkins must be taken home on Thursday October 31st
  - Any pumpkin remaining on this day will be discarded.

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**Book Character Decorated Pumpkin Contest**

**October 21st- 23rd**

*Pumpkin entries may only be delivered to the school between these dates. This form must be turned in with your entry.*

**ENTRY FORM**

Student Name:______________________________________________________________
2nd Period Class:____________________________________________________________
Parent Signature:____________________________________________________________
Book character:______________________________________________________________
Book Title:_______________________________________________________________
Author:______________________________________________________________
Category: (circle one)

6th      7th      8th      Staff      Classroom