

# Pumpkin Decorating Contest



It's that time of year! Get ready for the pumpkin decorating contest. Our theme is **storybook characters**. We will accept decorated pumpkins Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Late entries will be displayed, but will not be included in the voting. We will number and make a slide show of all of the participating pumpkins. We will send out a Google form for classroom voting. The pumpkin with the most votes will win a \$25 certificate to Barnes and Noble and a goody bag. The two runners-up will also receive a goody bag. The winners will be announced during the morning news on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pick your pumpkins up from the library no later than 2:30 pm Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The custodians will dispose of any pumpkins left after that time. We look forward to seeing your creative storybook character pumpkins again this year. See the attached form for pumpkin decorating guidelines.

**Please contact us if you have any questions!**  
**Thank you in advance for your participation!**

**Mrs. Stillman and Mrs. Karasek**

# Pumpkin Decorating Contest Guidelines

1. Pumpkins are to be decorated only, NOT CARVED. **Carved or punctured pumpkins cannot be accepted in the contest. This includes thumbtacks, nails, and any other puncture holes in real pumpkins.** Yes, we happily accept "fake" or foam pumpkins.
2. Pumpkins must be decorated in storybook fashion. This may include any book characters, symbols, settings, etc. Please keep entries appropriate for elementary age students and families. If you choose to display a book with your pumpkin, please label it.
3. Participation is completely voluntary. Pumpkins may be completed independently or as a family project (only one entry per student).
4. Feel free to use paints & glue. However, please make sure that the paint and/or glue has dried completely before turning in your pumpkin. We love things like fur, sequins, beads, wiggly eyes, ribbons, yarn, etc. Go wild! Please avoid using candy or other types of food as this can attract insects. Please keep valuable items at home.
5. Bring your decorated pumpkin to the library during drop off days. We will be there to label and collect the pumpkins.
6. Include the entry form with your submission. Please do not attach a name to the pumpkin permanently in order to keep voting anonymous.
7. **The deadline for your entry is Wednesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Late entries will be accepted but not included in the voting. Voting will begin Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and end at 1:45 PM on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Winners will be announced on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Pumpkins may be picked up Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> after 2:30 PM. Smaller pumpkins will be sent home with your child on Friday. Please pick your pumpkin(s) up by Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. The custodians will dispose of any pumpkins left after that time.**
8. Thank you and have fun!

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Please cut on the dotted line and return this slip with your decorated pumpkin.

## Pumpkin Decorating Contest Entry Form

**Student(s)'s Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher(s)'s Name(s)/Grade(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Pumpkin** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Book** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please dispose of my pumpkin after the contest.**

**YES**

**NO**