

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY LIBRARY

BOOK FAIR PUMPKIN CONTEST



Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

The OLV Library is hosting a contest in conjunction with our Fall Book Fair. OLV students are invited to decorate a pumpkin like their favorite book character. It's easy and fun for the whole family! Students may bring in a decorated pumpkin to the school library and enter it into our contest **Thursday, October 12 – Friday, October 13**. All entries must be received **by 8:00 am the morning of Friday, October 13**.

Contest Rules:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO CARVED PUMPKINS!** Pumpkins may be painted, hot glued, colored, etc. **WARNING: Oil-based spray paint can cause pumpkins to explode as they decompose! Pumpkins need some "breathing" so only paint a portion of the pumpkin!**
2. Pumpkins should represent a favorite **book** character. On the entry form, you must write the title and author of the book. ****I would recommend getting the book information first before even starting to decorate the pumpkin. ****
3. This is a home project and pumpkins should be done mostly by students. Pre-K thru 2nd grade students may work with parents to complete a pumpkin as a "family." 3rd-5th grade students should do most of the work themselves, with only some assistance by parents. 6th-8th grade students should complete pumpkins on their own. Judges tend to give more points to projects where the student work is evident!
5. Do not write your name anywhere on the pumpkin. When you bring your pumpkin and entry form to Mrs. Elliott, she will record the information so that each pumpkin can be properly identified.
6. Pumpkins will be judged according to the following categories:
 - Pre-K - 2nd Grade Pumpkins
 - 3rd Grade - 5th Grade student Pumpkins
 - 6th grade - 8th grade student pumpkins
7. OLV staff will nominate the top 3 pumpkins in each category.
8. During the Fall Book Fair (October 16-20) OLV students will be able to vote on their favorite of the top 3 in each category by donating any monetary amount to their pumpkin-of-choice. *****Finalists may not vote in their grade category*****
9. **PRIZES: The pumpkin with the highest amount of donations in each category by noon on October 20th will win a \$20.00 to spend at the Fall Book Fair!**

*Pumpkins should **be picked up on Friday, October 20**. Any pumpkin remaining will be discarded.

BOOK FAIR PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

TURN IN: October 12-13

*All pumpkins and entry forms must be delivered to Mrs. Elliott between these dates. This form MUST accompany all pumpkins.
All pumpkins must be received by 8:00 am on October 14th.*

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Class: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Book Character: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Category:

1. Pre-K thru 2nd Pumpkin _____

*For students in grades preschool – second only. Parents may assist students in this category.

2. 3rd thru 5th _____

*For students in grades third – fifth only. Parents should provide minimal assistance.

3. 6th thru 8th _____

*For students in grades sixth – eighth only. Students should complete on their own.

EXAMPLES OF A BOOK Character Pumpkin:

