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SCARY BOOKS TO READ ON A SPOOKY NIGHT!





The Forgotten Girl
By India Hill Brown
Iris, and her best
friend Daniel sneak out
of their houses one
winter night, find
themselves in an
abandoned and
segregated graveyard
and awaken the ghost
that lives there.
Together, they find out
who the ghost is and
what she wants.
IRL

By Jenny Goebel
Not every kid would be
thrilled to move to rural
Alaska, but sixth grader
Lucy is eager to leave her
bullies behind and start
over. However, it turns
out that Lucy's new school
does remote learning
from October to April,
when the roads become
too icy to navigate safely.

Click to show books!





The Girl In The Locked
Room
By Mary Downing Hahn
A girl named Jules who
moves into an old house with
her family. She becomes
fascinated by a pale, ghostly
figure in a locked room
upstairs and befriends the
ghost's spirit to help solve
the mystery of what
happened to him





All the Lovely Bad Ones
By Mary Downing Hahn
the eerie tale of a
mischievous brother and
sister who pretend their
grandmother's Vermont
inn is haunted and
awaken the real spirits
who inhabit the place.



Coraline
By Neil gaiman
Coraline Jones moves into a
new flat with her busy
parents. While exploring, she
discovers a small door that
leads to an alternate world.
In this "Other World," she
finds button-eyed versions
of her parents who seem
more attentive and loving.

By Stella M & Riley W

Fun Times at O'Rourke! By: Lyla M CLUBS

Lunch is free this year so be sure to check out the school menu!

- Every other Wednesday, the Girl Fusion club meets in Mrs. Brunson's room. We celebrate being females and whenever we have guest speakers, they all have jobs that men would have. Like a firefighter.
- About 2 times a month, Book club meets and we read a certain number of chapters and discuss it at the next meeting (the snacks always help!)
- Spartan Buddies is a club to help foster friendships between students with and without disabilities. Their main goal is fostering respect, leadership, & understanding through social inclusion. Building friendships, increasing social skills, and celebrating differences.
- And don't forget about the O'rourke Observer! We meet about 2 times every month and write on our online newspaper! We all have really important jobs that we all work so hard on. But once were done, we know we do a great job!

Its Fall, Yall!

I made a
Fall survey that
anyone can take!
Share with your
friends, family, and
other connections!

LINK

Fall survey

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School menu

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Spartan Buddies!

Spartan Buddies is a club that Ms. Giufre runs. As stated on the **Activities and Clubs section, "Spartan Buddies** is a club to help foster friendships between students with and without disabilities. Our main goal is fostering respect, leadership, & understanding through social inclusion. Building friendships, increasing social skills, and celebrating differences." From experience as a Buddies member and Visitor of the Connections room, every person in that room is fun, caring, and unique!

In Spartan Buddies they have a snack and an activity. The snack is usually something you can make, not just ready to ea and packaged. On November 5th, we made donut turkey, a donut with toothpicks that had froot-loops on it. The activities are always something that anyone can understand and do such as card games, outdoor games, or crafts, so that it is accessible to everyone. Whether you have a disability or don't, Buddies is an amazing way to make friends and meet people!



See how everyone is smiling? That's exactly what happens in Spartan Buddies; smiles and fun!







Ms. McDaid

Ms. McDaid teaches eighth grade science, in room 104. She loves science and art. She likes that when she teaches she can be able to share the information she's interested in. Ms. McDaid came from the high school, and loves her room, which has fish! We all hope that she and her 8th graders have a great year!

BY: Stella M

Mr. Linendoll

Mr. Linendoll teaches 7th grade tech, which stands for technology, in room 138. Mr. Linendoll has been teaching for 1 year. Last year he did student teaching, and this year has decided to work full time as a teacher at 0'Rourke. He is originally from Shenendehowa, but decided to come to Burnt Hills for a smaller district and has loved it here. Mr. Linendoll has loved the experience that he was opened up to at 0'Rourke, and he hopes to bring more positivity and a comfortable space where his students like to learn.

Mr. LInendoll's favorite project so far in O'Rourke has been the makey-makey, which he actually did for student teaching last year. Makey-makey is where the students make a game on Scratch, then they make a cardboard contraption to go along with it. Lastly, they connect the thing that they made to the makey-makey device, and then connect it to their chromebook and the code makes it move and work.

As for the popular trends this school year, like 67, and 41, Mr.Linendoll is okay with it, and he understands it. He understands that kids like to have fun. These new trends also remind Mr.Linendoll of when he was a kid.

BY: Riley W

Ms. Evans-Price

Hey, O'Rourke, did you know that we have new teachers in the building? I was so lucky to get to interview the lovely Ms. Evans-Price!

First, we will start off with some fun facts about her. Her favorite color is periwinkle, a mix between blue and purple. Also, when she was in school she loved to do art; it was her favorite subject.

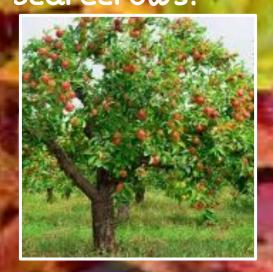
One of the questions you may be asking is why O'Rourke? Why did she want to teach here? (Obviously she chose the best middle school ever.) To answer your question, it is because the students are fun to work with and the size of the school also drew her here because it is not too big but not too small.

Finally, the question you have all been waiting for, what made her want to be a teacher? Ms. Evans-Price said that she had a great time in school, and she wanted to help others have a great time in school too. Thank you for your time Ms. Evans-Price, we hope you have a great year from the O'Rourke Observer!

By: Juliette M

Fun things to do in fall! By: Vera C & Riley W

Go Apple Picking! Carve Pumpkins! Homemade Scarecrows!







Jokes of the month

By Juliette M

What does a vegetarian zombie eat?

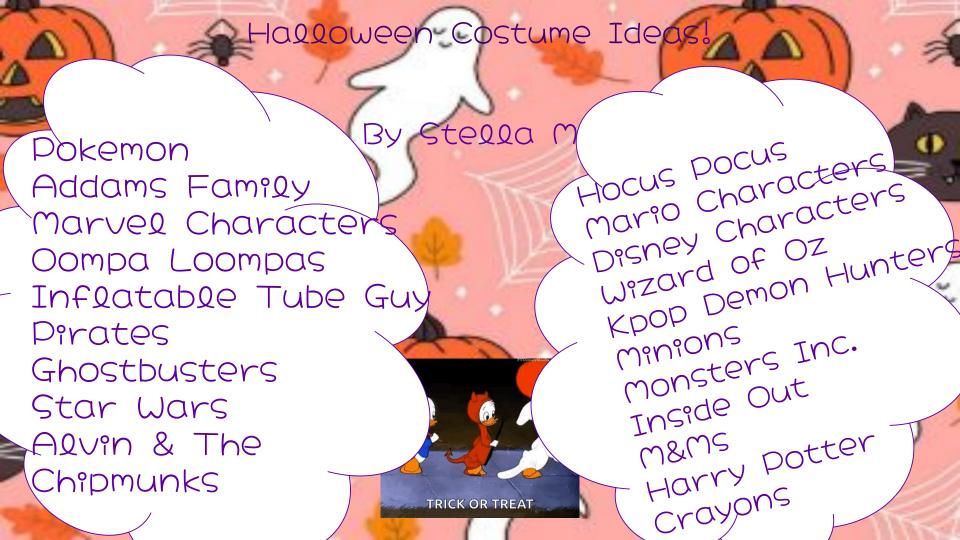
Grrraaaaaiiiinnnns! -Mr. North



What's a ghost's favorite food?

Boo-berries! – Mrs. Maneri







Football!

This Fall, football is in full swing. In our town, we Spartans are fighting and working hard to win each game. In the NFL, teams are also working to beat each other to the max, but the question is... who I would take home the trophy and title of champion? This year in professional football, the Kansas City Chiefs are the current favorites, and people are thinking they might win the superbowl.

By: Riley W



Field Hockey!

This fall, field hockey is in full swing! Our Spartans are playing their best to win the title of state champions, which they will hopefully • take the second year in a row. So far, this year we have only lost won game, tied one, and won the rest. Soon we • will be taking it to the championship, and we can just hope they can win it all

By: Riley W



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Have you ever wanted to do a sport that is fun but isn't to harsh? Well tennis is the sport to go to! With tennis you can play by yourself or with a teammate. Some equipment you need is a Racket, tennis balls, tennis shoes (non-marking shoes), and you might want some breathable clothes. With tennis all you have to do is swing the racket to hit the ball over the net. Once the ball is hit over the net to either you or the opposing team the ball can only bounce ONCE. If the ball bounces more than one time or you can't get the ball that is a point for the opposing team.

By: Logan S



Food drive!

The food drive is over and the class that donated the most food was Mrs. Hills homeroom. If you didn't donate think about donating next year. If you did this means a lot for your community.

By: Olivia B and Emily C





Superintendent Retires

Our superintendent Dr. McGrath has announced that he's retiring as the superintendent. He has been in the BHBL community for 14 years. BH-BL graduates remember him as the first person to shake their hand and congratulate them when they walked across the graduation stage. We will always appreciate what he has done for this district. Wishing him a happy retirement!

By: Emily C and Olivia B

Amazina Ant By Stella M aire -Art by Olivia Art by Quinne by Riley

Kindness sticky notes

Want to share kindness? Well you can! You can decorate sticky notes to say something kind or funny. Then you can decorate the sticky note in a creative way! For example let's say you wrote "Be Kind", then you can decorate it with hearts and stars. After you finish making the note, you can keep it or give it to a friend.

By Logan S



Facts and Info:

The Origin of 6-7 Do *you* know why 6-7 became a thing? Well you are about to find out! The term 6-7 actually is from a internet meme & slang term from TikTok. It can also be used from a song by SKrilla, or to say the height of professional basketball players, like LaMelo Ball is 6ft 7in. It became wider known when a video of a butt yelling it at a basketball game while doing the motion, making it more

popular.

Pizza Works Have you had Pizza Works wings? No? Well, you should! Pizza Works has great pizza, wings, sandwiches, deserts, pasta and more! If you ever have the chance to go down and eat there you will definitely leave smiling with your stomach full. So, go on down to 720 Saratoga Rd Burnt Hills, NY 12027, they do pick-up, drive through, and sit down meals.

New Movies This year many new

movies have come out. All of different names, genres, characters and setting. Some of these new movies include. Freakier Friday, Kpop Demon Hunters, A Very Jonas Christmas, Jurassic World Rebirth, The Fantastic Four: First Steps, The Unbreakable Boy, The Bad Guys Two, How To Train Your Dragon and many, many more. So go to the movies or Tv to see them! Have fun!

Fun Facts: 1. You can buy a square

watermelon in Japan.

2. Before alarm clocks, people would pay someone to knock on their window and wake them up. They were called knocker-uppers. 3. Arithmophobia is the fear of numbers. 4. No number before 1,000 contains the letter "A" when spelled out. 5. The Queen of England has two birthdays. 6. There are 293 ways to make change for

a dollar. 7. In your lifetime,

sleeping. (Unless you have a

you will spend 25 years

lot of children...)

The Pumpkin Story By: Vera C

I walk through a pumpkin patch filled with big bright orange pumpkins. As I get to the end of the pumpkin patch I see a tiny pumpkin. I pick it up and notice that it is heavier than all the other pumpkins. I carried the pumpkin all the way out of the pumpkin patch and to the stand to buy it. When I got home I wanted to carve my pumpkin so I cut off the top of the pumpkin. As soon as I took the top off a cute furry gray head popped out. "Ahhhhhh!" I screamed. There is a mouse in my pumpkin! That is why it is so heavy! I ran inside my house and put the mouse in an empty basket. I carried the basket into my car and drove to the store to buy everything I need to take care of the little mouse. I decided to keep him. After I bought everything I needed I went back to my house, put the mouse in a cage with toys, water and a little bit of food and I finally had a chance to carve my pumpkin.

Real reality





The Grocery Store Poem

By Vera Cowper

I am glad I am not the forgotten box of cereal
That nobody buys
In the back of the shelf.
I am glad I am not the cracked egg
In an egg carton ruining things
For the other perfect eggs.
I am glad I am not a sour lemon
Saying and doing mean things
To the other lemons.
I am a display of squash
In the produce section that people walk by thinking

I am a banana
Always enjoying spending time
With the other bananas in my bunch.
Tam a weird shaped sweet potato

"Wow there are so many different kinds of squash!"

I am a weird shaped sweet potato
Different and unique
From all the other sweet potatoes.

Inspired by "Side 32" by Victor Hernandez Cruz

Poll of the Month!!

In this month's poll of the month you will be choosing a favorite song artists. On the google form below you will see multiple options of different artists and singers you can chose. PLEASE VOTE!!! Any grades can vote--- even teachers! So click on the form below to get your vote in and you will find who is the top singer this fall! Vote Now!



Favorite Singer Poll!

By Emmaleen F and Emily D

Are You Being Bullied?

Many people who are being bullied don't speak up for themselves or tell anyone else-which doesn't solve any problems. We want this school to be a happy environment for everyone. So if you are being bullied or see someone being bullied, do something. See something, Say something.

If you're being bullied or know someone who is, then fill out this form!

Answers will be kept private and won't be shared.

Bullying form



By: Olivia B and Emily C

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