

# TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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## First Annual Book Character Pumpkin Contest Proves to be Loads of Jack-O'-Lantern FUN!

Inventive, imaginative, resourceful, clever, and brilliant are just a few words to describe the pumpkins that were created for the Book Character Pumpkin Contest! All of the entries highlighted our student's ability to think outside the box, and showed just how exceptionally intelligent and talented that our students are! (Pg. 3 for more pictures. A special thank you to Moscow Co-Op for their donations!)



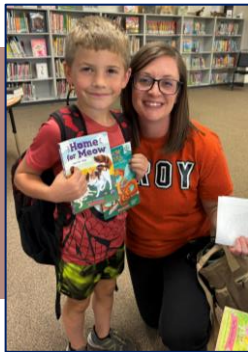
## Cuddle Up with a Good Book Reading Challenge

The Cuddle Up with a Good Book reading challenge was well received with student participants in grades kindergarten through fifth. It was exciting to see that we had many new students join the challenge that had not previously participated.

The next reading challenge will kick off on November 1 and end on November 22. This reading challenge will focus on parents reading to, or with, their student. No matter what grade or age, we encourage all students to participate!

Several students gave examples of home reading routines and mentioned "they were reading to their mom every night while she cooked dinner." This example sums up the incredibly powerful roles that parents and families play in establishing not only a love of reading, but the difference they make in their child's education.

Thank you to all our families for helping to foster special memories with your student as well as the love of books.

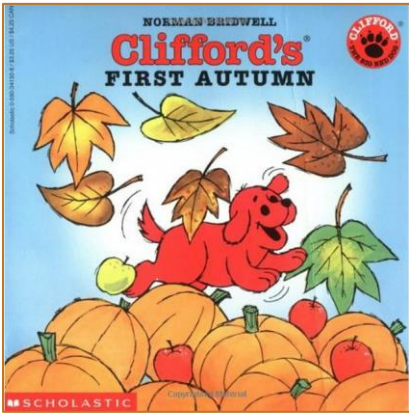


Thank you for Supporting our School Book Fair!

Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, grandparents, and teachers, that helped make our Book Fair a big success! We raised just over \$1,200.00 for the end of the year book giveaway in which each and every student chooses two books to keep as their very own! There's no better way to start the summer, than by reading a good book.



## Clifford's Classics by Norman Bridwell are still a favorite today!



## Library Volunteers make a BIG difference!



It may sound cliché, but raising children takes a village, and the library volunteers understand how important their interaction and engagement is with each and every student. For the past two years, Buenfae Abdon and Barb Molsee (pictured far left) arrive like clockwork every Thursday to assist in library projects, helping students find books, and truly making a tremendous impact, both academically and socially to our students.

With the arrival of Mary Wood (pictured center) in August of this year, another gap, at no additional cost to the school, has been bridged, allowing extra time and attention for the students, while the check in/out process is handled efficiently.

Finally, Karen Hixson (pictured far right), attends Library on Friday's, and showcases her reading talent and love for children. The involvement of a grandparent can never be underestimated, and giving children a circle of adult friends creates an extra special environment.

Thank you volunteers, for your amazing generosity and dedication! We hope you know how grateful we are for your contributions to our school.

### *Ways to Get Involved:*



- Encourage reading by listening and helping your child read.
- Attend back-to-school nights or other orientation events.
- Demonstrate a positive view of education at home.
- Attend parent organization meetings (PTA).
- Attend school events.
- Ask the teacher how you can help.





Put the characters in order as they tried to pull the pumpkin off the vine.

Activity area for sequencing characters. It features five empty boxes numbered 1 to 5, and a row of five dashed-line boxes containing illustrations of a witch, a ghost, a mummy, a witch, and a witch. To the right is a carved jack-o'-lantern.

### Library learning is FUN!

Students enjoyed arranging objects in chronological order as they appeared in the progression of the story. The Big Pumpkin was the perfect book to practice sequencing skills and enhance vocabulary and comprehension. As the students made connections between events, they were able to identify the cause and effect relationships and predict what would happen next in the story. This kind of activity increases engagement and makes reading the book even more exciting for the students.

### Fifth Grade Reading Buddies!



### Varying age groups using the Library!



### More Pumpkin Book Character Fun...



Special thanks to Moscow Food-Coop for their generous support of this event!

