



THE HAUNTED HIT

Amelia Glauth (8) talks about her experience in the haunted house.



As a leadership student, Amelia Glauth (8) was assigned the job of scaring kids that entered the haunted house, which brought some unexpected repercussions.

"We scared people, and then we would get punched in the face," said Glauth. Whether it was a fear reaction, or just kids causing trouble, leadership teacher Michelle Johnson took action.

"It was a handful of kids that were out of control and not listening to directions. It was getting close to the end of the social anyway, so we just decided to close it early," Johnson said.

PIE GUY. Science teacher, Mr. Leon Vasquez, taunts a thrower before getting pied in the face. "Kids kept cheating and crossing the line and just shoving the pie in my face," Vasquez said goodnaturedly.



CALL THE MANAGER. Dressed as a "Karen," Reese Marshall (8) watches all of his peers perform during karaoke. "The social was fun. The haunted house was my favorite because people popped out and scared me. I appreciated that they did the social," Marshall (8) said.



SOCIAL SUCCESS. Organizer Ms. Michelle Johnson applauds students during the costume parade. "The social ran pretty smoothly; there were a few hiccups with the haunted house, but overall it was a huge success. I was busier than a one legged man in a butt kicking contest," Johnson said.

ALL DRESSED UP. A participant in the costume contest, Sarah Kennedy (6) dressed up as a vampire. She ended up loving her first social despite one disappointment. "I didn't win the costume contest, sadly, but I also went in the haunted house. It was really fun but very crowded," Kennedy (6) said.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO? While impressing everyone with her limbo skills, Emma Babbington (6) gets low to clear the bar as Ms. Thea Cudnowski, Blake Anderson (8), and Tag Edwards (8) cheer her on. "Doing limbo was really fun, I liked how everyone could do it," said Babbington.



FAVORITE THINGS

Attendees recall their favorite events at the Halloween Social.



Name: Abbey Entlich
Grade: 8

Experience: "My favorite part was the karaoke in the auditorium. I liked it because I got to go up with my friends, sing, and laugh with them. We sang "Thriller" by Michael Jackson. It was really fun to do," said Entlich.



Name: Parker Harteker
Grade: 7

Experience: Harteker had the luck to win the cake walk multiple times unlike any other student. "I won it six times in a row and four more after that, so I won ten times total. I continued to do it because I thought, "Never stop until you lose," Parker said.



Name: Abby Gibson
Grade: 6

Experience: "I think that the social was awesome, especially the dance. I enjoyed it because I got to hang out with my friends in the cafeteria while we danced and did the limbo," said Gibson.



Name: Rowan Eadens
Grade: 6

Experience: "I think that the best part of the social was the inflatable obstacle course in the gym. It was fun because I got to do a race with my friend, but I ended up losing very badly. That was only because I had money and candy in my pocket, though, and I didn't want it to fall out," said Eadens.

IT WAS SUPER

SPOOKTACULAR

CHECK MATE. Focusing, David Zhemelko (8) plays a game of chess hosted in the library during the social. Other games offered included giant Jenga, the cake walk and various board and card games. "My favorite part was the costumes because they were really funny. I dressed up as a game character," Zhemelko said.



Despite minor difficulties the Halloween Social was a big hit. Story by Kaylan Lessen

The 2022 Fall Social was the first successful one in over two years thanks to COVID. Current 8th graders had not attended a real Fall Social in all their time at Drake, and current 7th graders had only been able to attend a spring social in their 6th grade year. Students missed this long standing tradition.

Leadership students in Ms. Johnson's class spent months planning the social and all the activities involved. A particular activity that stood out to the student body and staff was the haunted house, which included many successes; however, some things didn't go exactly as planned, and the haunted house ended up being shut down due to some misbehavior. Still, that didn't stop the students from enjoying themselves.

They had been waiting two years for this during lockdown. "It was the best school dance that I have ever been to and the activities were really fun," Aspen Shaffer (8) said. It was the most attended Drake social in a long time with over 600 people attending, which was more than half of the school's population.

"The haunted house was my favorite part, and the jump scares were really fun," Lala Pope (6) said. The leadership students tried to plan activities to satisfy all types of kids. "I did karaoke with my friend, and it was fun because we were just screaming the words with the crowd," Ruby Rigdon (6) said.

After a long wait, the Halloween Social returned with a bang.