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Halloween

The story of Halloween goes back over 2000 years to the ancient Celts. Druidic priests regarded the day as the year's end. Not only was it their day for celebrating the year's harvest, but October 31 was also the day of Samhain, a festival honoring the dead. To appease the wandering spirits that roamed at night, the Celtic priests made fires in which they burned sacrifices, made charms, and cast spells.

Portions of the Celtic holiday of the dead eventually passed into Christian culture after the Romans conquered the Celts and tried to bring the Celts into the "Christian fold." It eventually became apparent to the church leaders that the Celts, in spite of their conformation to some aspects of Christian culture, were



stubbornly sticking with elements of their old religion. So, in the seventh century AD, the church moved its All Saints' Day, a holiday for honoring early Christian martyrs, from a day in May to November 1, thus associating it with the old Druid death rituals of October 31. By the tenth century A.D., the Catholic Church had added a new holiday, All Souls' Day. This day was set aside to honor all of the dead, not just the early Christian Saints.

Celebration of Halloween came to America with early Irish and Scottish immigrants. By then, though, it had already started to lose its mysterious overtones and was becoming merely a harvest celebration: a night of bobbing for apples, eating popcorn, and telling ghost stories around a bonfire. It was already changing into the holiday for children with which we, in the 20th century, are so familiar.



This month's Events!!

- 10/3 - Orientation for new students
- 10/4 - First Day of morning classes
- 10/9 - Knotts Scary Farm
- 10/14 - Lunch Social with Teachers
- 10/16 - Co-ed Kickball Game
- 10/22 - Haunted House Trip
- 10/28 - Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest
- 10/28 - LSI Halloween Party



Facebook Fotos of the Month



My Dream Date

Ever since I first saw Yuna Kim, I have had some fantastic dreams. I have a few friends who know her, but nobody could give me a chance to meet her because she was too busy practicing for the Olympics. I really long to go out with her! So if someone could make my dream come true, this is what our romantic day would look like.

In the morning I will invite her to my penthouse suite at the Burj Al Arab Hotel in Dubai. As we look at the beautiful scenery we are going to be served breakfast by the best room service. After that we are going to look around the tourist places in a limousine. We especially have to go to the wedding shop to get ready for more unforgettable events in the afternoon.

After we are instantly transported to the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, we will get married about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. We are going to promise to get along with each other and love each other for the rest of our lives. After the wedding we will have fun

gambling at the Bellagio by betting large amounts of money, like \$10,000 or \$100,000 at a time. We can keep winning and losing and it won't matter because we will have all the money in the world. The evening time will be coming, so I will have to plan our entertainment. My idea is to take her to see game 7 of the World Series. I'm sure she will be interested in this because is also an athlete with passion. We will show up at the stadium around 7pm in an Audi R8. Then we will join Pedro Martinez in some V.I.P. seats to watch the most unbelievable game ever played in baseball. After the game we will be instantly transported back to the pacific ocean where we will board and beautiful and marvelous cruise ship. On the ship we will enjoy sitting in a hot Jacuzzi as we talk to each about the amazing day we had together.

Imagine it! This is Yuna Kim! She is the most popular icon in all of Korea, not just Korea but the whole world! We will have many fantastic things to do, but what is best is that she will be with me for the whole day. This kind of dream date will be beyond description!

By Jacob (former Level 6 student)

My Dream Vacation

From the time I was a child, I've always dreamed of going on a wonderful vacation to beautiful Hawaii. Last week I went on an amazing 24-hour vacation to Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. I wish I could've stayed longer since there is so much to see. Although I just had 24 hours, I still managed to have a very eventful morning, afternoon, and evening that I'll definitely never forget!

Saturday morning I took a private jet to Waikiki Beach and checked into a luxurious suite at the beautiful Royal Hawaiian Hotel. After resting in my room for a while, I started to get hungry. So, I hit the streets to look for a place to eat. I met some locals who told me about a famous Hawaiian breakfast dish called "loco moco," so I went to a restaurant to try it. It was very strange, but delicious. After I was full, I decided I would try surfing for the first time in my life. I was already in my bikini, so I just headed

down to the beach and looked for surfboard shop. I ended up renting a board from a man and woman who owned a shop on the beach, and the woman even offered to show me how to surf. It was really hard, but it was so much fun! Time flew by and I decided I would move on to the next part of my eventful day.



At a little past noon I boarded a small cruise ship that went around the coast of Honolulu. On board there was buffet with many different kinds of food. I was so famished from all the surfing I did in the morning that I grabbed a plate piled up as much food as I could. The variety of food ranged from Italian to Hawaiian to Korean. I ate so much! On my cruise I saw so much breathtaking scenery. Hawaii is such a beautiful place! After our ship arrived back at shore, I decided to lay out in the sun. I wish I could have stopped time that day, but the sun quickly set and it was evening.

The sun had set, but I still had one more special even planned for the evening - a luau! There was very exciting music, dancing, and lots of people. The ambiance was really amazing. Everyone was dancing and laughing, and the food was delicious. They barbequed a pig in the sand by burning leaves. It was a one-of-a-kind experience, and I wish I could do it again. After the luau, I headed back to my hotel room where I had the best sleep of my life. The night was over.

My 24-hour vacation in Hawaii was so amazing. The only thing is that it wasn't long enough. I had so much fun doing things that I had only dreamed of before. I surfed, ate local foods, went on a cruise, and attended a luau party. This vacation will always be in my memories. Based on the wonderful experience I had, I can easily say that Hawaii is definitely one of the best vacation spots. But don't just take my word for it, go and experience it for yourself!

By Miji (former Level 6 student)

Living in the U.S.

This is my second time living in America, and living here is still a bit of a challenge. One of my biggest challenges is the language. When I came here, I had trouble talking with other people. This situation made me upset for a while. But if I just keep practicing, I will get more fluent and be able to feel more comfortable. Another challenge is interacting with Americans outside of LSI. The average American is not what I thought they would be like. For example, they have less patience for foreigners than expected. This shows that English is very important in the U.S. But I still believe that people should be friendly even if I cannot speak English well. My friends in the U.S. have made my life better. They showed me around, gave me advice, and helped me a lot. Because of my friends here, I don't miss my friends in Taiwan so much. Although it is not easy to make new friends here, I still treasure everyone I meet and feel grateful for my new friends. I feel that my English has improved a lot. I will not give up! I will try to improve my English skills and make friends with Americans that I meet.

By an anonymous student