

YO! *Kidz*



Be Somebody for Halloween



This Halloween, show your pride and strut your culture. Dress up as a black achiever from the past or present or as wild African beast. Here are some ideas to get you started. For more ideas, check out some books at the library featuring pictures of African and African-American heroes and heroines.

your name, and the letters "NASA."

African chief - Drape a large piece of African-print fabric around your body and knot it above your shoulder. Top it off with a kufi hat, bangles and beads. Carry a cardboard shield painted like a leopard's skin.

Harriet Tubman - The conductor of the Underground Railroad wore many disguises to lead slaves to freedom. Sometimes she posed as a man, other times as a crazy old lady.

Josephine Baker - This entertainer, who gained fame on Paris stages, wore many costumes — from silk and satin evening gowns to banana skirts. Tuck a flower in your hair.

Frederick Douglass - An anti-slavery speaker, Douglass wore his long hair combed back and was usually photographed wearing dark suits.

Astronaut - Be a pioneering African-American astronaut like Guion Bluford or Mae Jemison. For your uniform, use a blue or orange jumpsuit, sweat suit or wind suit. Draw several patches to pin on your uniform. The patches might show the space shuttle, the American flag,

Queen Nefertiti - This Egyptian beauty wore close-fitting gowns in colors of rust, royal blue and turquoise. She rimmed her eyes with smoky black eye shadow and wore lots of precious jewelry.

Cowboy - Nat Love, Bronco Sam and Bill Pickett wore chaps, spurs



and cowboy hats. Add a pair of Western boots and you're ready to hit the trail.

African Animals - Use Halloween makeup to paint your face to look like a lion or zebra. Add a tail behind.

Whatever costume you choose, be safe. Don't wear masks while trick or treating; they can block your vision. And costumes should not be overly long; they can cause you to trip. Above all, have fun!

Halloween Safety Tips

- Always use common sense.
- Young children should always go trick or treating with an adult.** Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.
- Wait until you get home and your parents check your candy before you eat it.**
- Beware of strangers.
- Accept treats only in the doorway.** Never go inside a house.
- Be sure and say thank you for your treats.**
- Don't play near lit jack-o'-lanterns.
- Visit only houses where the lights are on.**
- Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
- Cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk.**
- Carry a flashlight.

Source: Law enforcement agencies from Las Vegas, San Jose and elsewhere

BOOK REVIEWS

Check It Out!

Wiley and the Hairy Man



Wiley and the Hairy Man (Lodestar Books). Retold by Judy Sierra, illustrated by Brian Pinkney. This popular Alabama folktale pits clever Wiley against the Hairy Man who lives in the swamp. Wiley must fool the Hairy Man three times for the creature to stay away forever. There are lots of surprises as Wiley and his mama match wits with the Hairy Man, who carries a sack of conjure tricks.

Drew and the Homeboy Question



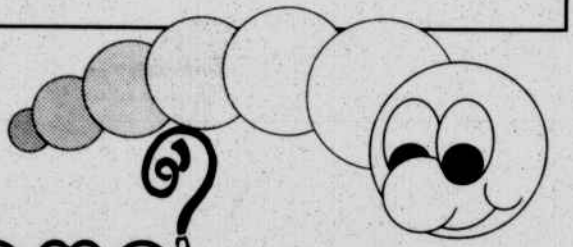
Drew and the Homeboy Question (Harper Trophy). Written and illustrated by Robb Armstrong. When the gun went off in the school parking lot, Drew's parents sent him to a private school. That means taking some tough entrance exams while his neighborhood pals goof off. And being the only black student at a rich kids' school. To make matters worse, his three best friends start freezing him out. Eight-year-old Drew is also a cartoonist. His comics of superagent Mason Stone make this book even more fun.

Promise Me the Moon



Promise Me the Moon (Dial). By Joyce Annette Barnes. Annie Armstrong has turned 13 and already misses being a kid. She's quarreling with her boyfriend, she's the only girl in her tough Enriched Science Class; she's drifting away from her best friend. Plus, her teacher wants her to apply to one of the best high schools in Ohio, so she can realize her goal of becoming an astronaut. Too many changes! A trip to New York City to visit her brother and his wife helps Annie learn to follow her dreams.

are you Game?



How many 3 letter, 4 letter, 5 letter and 6 letter words can you make out of the word "Hamster"?

Hint: We found 19 three-letter words, 30 four-letter words, 10 five-letter words and 2 six-letter words.



WORD WARRIOR

If you never reach, you're never going to grab what you're after.

-Traditional

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FAMOUS FIRSTS



Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. became the first black general in the U.S. Army.

On Nov. 6, 1990, **Sharon Pratt Dixon (Kelly)** became the first woman mayor of Washington, D.C., and the first black woman mayor of a major U.S. city.



Fannie Lou Hamer

6th Freedom fighter and voting rights activist **Fannie Lou Hamer** was born.

In the Mix

8th Civil rights leaders **Jesse Jackson** was born in Greenville, S.C.

11th The NAACP organized the Legal Defense and Education Fund.

19th The U.S. Navy (WAVES) opened to African-American women.

20th North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, the largest black-owned insurance company in the U.S., was established in 1898.

HELLO!

We arrived in Shanghai on October 1 to celebrate Chinese New Year — 1998, the year of the tiger. People burned lanterns and paraded through the street in fancy silk costumes. Some people carried long paper dragons above their heads while others beat drums of banged gongs.

After the parade, we stuffed ourselves with dim sum, bite-sized pancakes with delicious fillings. Today, we are off to the Great Wall of China, which stretches 1,500 miles from Gansu province in the West to the Yellow Sea in the East. The wall was originally built in the 3rd century B.C.

We hope to visit one of the panda reserves that the government set up to save giant pandas. An endangered species, pandas live in bamboo forests where they can get plenty of their favorite food — bamboo! Until next time,

The Girlz

Republic of China

Population: More than 1 billion
Largest City: Shanghai
Official Language: Mandarin Chinese
Major Religions: Buddhism & Taoism

Postcards



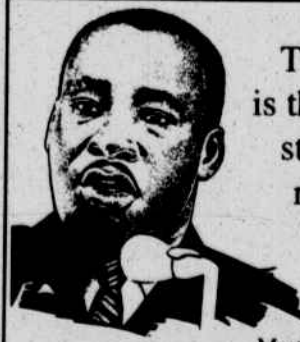
October is National Dessert Month. That's an ideal excuse to satisfy your sweet tooth. It's also National Pizza Month, celebrating America's number one fun food.



Did you know?

The White House has an address on the World Wide Web especially for kids. It is: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/kids/html/home.html>

You can use that site to "tour" the White House and learn about the First Family. You can send e-mail to the president at: president@whitehouse.gov



The strong man is the man who can stand up for his rights and not hit back.

-Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967

Ethnic Museum Opens

Museum of African-American History. Detroit Michigan. The largest museum in the U.S. of African-American history opened its doors in April 1997. Its exhibits start in 14th-century Africa and go all the way up to present-day America. It features a large model of a slave ship, inventions by African-Americans, music by black composers, and the space suit worn by the first U.S. black female astronaut.