



1st Grade
1st place (above): Cody Jordan of Bessemer City Primary School
2nd place (below): Meile Songaila of West Elementary School

2nd Grade
1st place (above): Megan Carley of West Elementary School
2nd place (below): Joseph England of Cherryville Elementary

Spooky Coloring Contest Winners



3rd place, Chloe Hudson of East Elementary School

3rd place, Alexis Willis of Catawba Heights

SCARY STORY: contest winner

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7th and 8th Grade

3rd Place

The Haunted House on Death Drive

Once upon a time there was a kid named Eric, he was a 14 year old kid with black hair. It was Halloween and like all kids he was ready to go out and trick-or-treat. His friend Ty was going around all the houses getting candy. Then they got to the last street, death drive, and there they saw the scariest house they have ever seen. "Bet you won't go there and ring the bell." said Eric to Ty "Well hum I bet you won't do it either." said Ty "I will go if you go." Eric Replied. Then both the kids walked up to the patio and decided to ring the bell. When Ty ringed it no one answered the door, so Eric ringed the bell and the doors opened. The two guys stepped in and the door shut behind them "What was that!?" asked Ty with a freaked out face "I don't know Bro" replied Eric. They tried to get the doors open but they couldn't "We can get out using the back door" said Eric. Ty agreed and they started walking trying not to touch anything or move anything. Then they got to a room that had the light on "Is anyone there?" asked Ty with a cracking voice. Then Eric went to open the door with Ty right behind him, and when he opened it no one was inside. There was a fire on in the chimney and a piano in the middle of the room. Ty walked up to the piano and said "I can play this as good as I can play football". Then he sat down on

the stool and tried playing the piano but not a single sound came from it

"Must be broken" said Eric "Yeah your probably right" agreed Ty. When Ty got up and they shut the door behind them, they hear a noise "Did you hear that?" asked Ty "ssshhh listen" said Eric. Then they realized the noise was coming from the room that they had just came out from, they slowly open the door and then like magic they see that the piano is playing itself Ty screamed like a little girl and took off running with Eric right on his heels. They ran and ran till they got to the kitchen where they stopped to rest "dude there is something not right" said Ty "NOOOO really did you just notice" said Eric with a sarcasm voice. After they rested, they went back to the room and tried to figure out if it really was a ghost. The two guys separated and one stayed in the room while the other checked out the house. Ty sat on the stool and looked around theorem then he opened the piano to see inside of it. Then he heard a noise behind him and when he turned around he screamed and everything went black. Eric heard the scream and ran to the room, when he got there he did not find Ty anywhere. He searched the rooms, the library and finally he found Ty in the bathroom unconscious. He woke up Ty and asked "Are you okay?"

"Yeah I don't remember what happened, I turned around and then everything went black." The guys decided to stay together from now on, so they went to the room and looked around, poking into shelves, the piano, and anything else that would open. Then they got to a book shelf that had hundreds of books in it "Let's see if they open a door" said Eric. They started to throw random books everywhere and then after they got to the second floor to the third book the book shelf opened into a secret tunnel. "Let's go see where

it takes us" said Eric, Ty nodding with agreement. They went into the tunnel and they walked, for what seemed decades, when they got to a door that was open. They walked in and nothing was in the room but a table in the center. They walked out of the room and when they closed the door it sounded like a party had begun. They opened the door to find dozens of ghost dancing to the music a DJ zombie was playing. The ghost said "Welcome to the party" they guys just stood there with their jaws on the floor.

"Don't be afraid" said the ghost "We are friendly". Ty and Eric could not believe their eyes so they rubbed them to make sure they were not hallucinating. "Are you not going to hurt us?" asked Ty "Why no, we would like for you to stop staring at us and join the party." said the ghost. "But someone knocked my friend out and put him in the bathroom" replied Eric. "Sorry about that, I had to burp and I couldn't hold it in and I guess the stench knocked you your" said a chubby ghost. j"then why did you put me in the bathroom?" asked Ty "So once you woke up you could shower and get ready for the party" said the ghost. "Okay well I guess everything is okay so we can stay" said Eric with Ty agreeing. After the party they walked to the living room where the ghost were waiting for them "Here is a gift from us" said the ghost handing them two bags full of the world's best candy. "Thanks!!" the guys said as they were getting ready to leave "We hope to see you next year" said the ghost. Ty and Eric walked down the street and when they looked back to wave the house and the ghost had disappeared.

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