

Happy Halloween



It started about 2,000 years ago

- A Celtic festival to celebrate the harvest on the 1st of November
- To say good-bye to summer and prepare for the winter cold
- The Celts believed souls traveled into the “other world” at this time
- Some people would dress up in costumes and tell stories so the souls leaving earth would think they were also ghosts

All Hallows Eve

- In the 700's, the 1st of November was considered All Soul's Day or All Hallowmas
- The 31st of October became All Hallows Eve or Halloween
- On All Hallows Eve, Christians could remember and honor the dead by leaving gifts of food outside their door for the next day (All Soul's Day)

Jack-o-lantern

- An Irish folklore that “Stringy Jack” played many jokes on the devil. When Stringy Jack died he was forced to stay and walk the earth with a light inside a pumpkin as a lantern.... FOREVER



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