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Community Education Pumpkin Party 2026 Update

This year's Pumpkin Party was another great success! We welcomed **206 kids** throughout the evening. Although attendance was a little lower than in previous years, we think some of that may be because of the many other wonderful community activities happening around town that Saturday. Even with slightly lower numbers, it was a busy and fun-filled night! Families seemed to stay longer than usual, and giggles could be heard throughout the evening as kids played games, won candy, and enjoyed the many door prizes.

Our 15 student volunteers were absolutely fantastic! They worked hard all night, brought great energy, and were a delight to work with. **A HUGE thank-you to all of our volunteers!** We are especially grateful to our adult helpers, Terry, Ms. Kramer, and Anabelle. From setup and running games to handing out prizes, teardown, and cleanup, every helping hand made a difference. We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to our two Grand Prize Hoverboard winners, **Casrson Gartner, a 7th grader, and Phoebe Chase, a 4th grader!**

We were fortunate to have wonderful community support and generous donations this year. We purchased **5,056 pieces of candy and 1,700 snacks**, and also received **300 donated cans of soda**, along with additional candy and prizes.

Door prizes included pizza gift certificates, game cards, school spirit wear, travel mugs, sleds, snow tubes, stuffed animals, Prime water bottles, Razor scooters, balance bikes, outdoor chalk, bubbles, inflatables, and, of course, the Grand Prize Hoverboards!

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported the Pumpkin Party. Your generosity and time helped create a fun-filled evening and lasting memories for our kids. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community!

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