

October 2017

International Students & TCK Newsletter



Greetings from Eowyn & Kim

Hi everyone,

Can you believe it is going to be fall break already?! Of course, we have to get through the midterms, but all the work will be totally worth it once it becomes Friday afternoon this week! Make sure to drop by CWLT or your professors' offices during their office hours if you have questions, and have library nights with your friends! And, if you are planning to travel internationally during the fall break, please let us know beforehand!

Why do people carve Halloween Pumpkins?

The practice of decorating "jack-o-lanterns" originated from Ireland. It derives from an Irish myth about a man named "Stingy Jack", who became an evil spirit roaming around in the dark night carrying a carved-out turnip with a burning coal inside to light his way. In Ireland and Scotland, people started to carve scary faces on to turnips/potatoes and placed them on their doors and windows in order to scare Jack and other evil spirits away. Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America, home of the pumpkin, and it became an integral part of Halloween festivities!

Pumpkin Carving Event!



Upcoming event for October is our Annual **Pumpkin Carving Event!** The office will be providing pumpkins, cutting tools, as well as snacks and beverages for you all. The event will be taking place at the **Student Diversity Center Patio** on **Thursday, October 26th**, from **5-7pm!** Please RSVP as soon as possible to Kim if you know you can come. Feel free to bring a friend or two as well, but please let us know if you are bringing them beforehand so that we can prepare enough pumpkins for everyone. We will be taking group photos as well, so be there or be square!

