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## Halloween is Here

*Haunted Experience on Monday*

Halloween is a popular holiday that is celebrated every year on October 31. It is something that is popular with both children and adults.

All Hallow's Eve (Halloween) is a day to commemorate those that have died. (See more information in this week's culture question.) Since dying and death are scary to many people, Halloween has become a holiday celebrating scary and frightening things. Children will dress up in costumes. Some of the costumes will be of scary things, but other costumes are just meant to be fun. Children will go around to different people saying "trick or treat." People respond by giving people candy.

Adults do not go around trick-or-treating, but many adults will host parties where people will dress up.

On **Monday October 31** we will all be dressing in fun costumes at CIES! During lunch, we will celebrate Halloween with a **haunted** house. We will be decorating the downstairs student lounge, and our goal is to try to scare you! There will also be a place where you can carve pumpkins. You will also be able to choose your



prepared to be scared.

favorite costume! This is always a really fun day at CIES, so be

### Getting to Know: Dr. Patrick Kennell

During the past two years, Nole News has profiled most of the teachers and employees here at CIES. There are many great stories about all of the wonderful people that are here at CIES. You can go online and read stories about all of the CIES teachers in old issues of Nole News. This week we finally get to learn about the CIES director, Dr. Kennell.

Dr. Kennell grew up in Michigan, which is in the far north of the United States. His hometown is Bay City, Michigan, and he went to college at Albion College in southern Michigan. His first job wasn't an English teacher – he was actually a manager at a toy store. He liked his job because it gave him skills at being a manager and learning how to organize things. His second job was very different from his first job. He moved to Florida and worked on a **construction** crew.

These are people that work outdoors and build houses. He met some very interesting people at this job. When he was in his mid-20's, Dr. Kennell decided to travel to Egypt for fun. He decided to **backpack** through the country. During this trip, he took a 4-day boat trip on the Nile



River. He met a young woman from Denmark named Kirsten, and they started a friendship. They had a wonderful time meeting each other, but they lived very far away.

Dr. Kennell moved to Turkey where he taught English for a year. Even though he had not studied to be an English teacher, his experience in Turkey told him that was what he wanted to do. During this time, he continued to talk to Kirsten in Denmark. He returned to the United States and studied English at FSU. While he was studying, he even worked **the graveyard shift** at a **convenience store!** He decided to go on a trip and meet Kirsten in Spain, and he proposed to her on this trip. He then went and taught in Saudi Arabia for a year (where he learned to scuba dive), and after that he moved to Denmark and finally got married in 1990. He lived in Denmark for six years, and he came back to the United States in 1996 and began working on a PhD with Dr. Frederick Jenks, who founded CIES.

He has been at CIES for 20 years, and he is very involved with everyone here. Dr. Kennell has 3 adult children, and you'll sometimes see David, Simon, and Leah around CIES. However, Dr. Kennell considers the students, faculty, and staff at CIES to be part of his much bigger family. Dr. Kennell is someone who has had many fun, strange, and interesting experiences in his life. He is someone you should definitely get to know during your time here at CIES!



## Volunteering Ahead!

On Tuesday October 25, Mesopotamia Nowotarski from Volunteer Tallahassee came to speak to us. She talked about dozens of organizations in Tallahassee that give students the opportunity to volunteer and help others. In November we will have volunteer opportunities for CIES students - **stay tuned!** We will make special announcements, and there will be more information in the Nole News. This will be very exciting!

## Culture Question

*Question: Is Halloween a religious holiday?*

Answer: Not really. November 1 is a day called All Saints Day, when many Christians celebrate the many holy people (saints) who have lived throughout the last two thousand years. This is the day that celebrates saints who have died. The day before Halloween is known as "All Hallows (saints) Eve" and this eventually became known as Halloween. This was a day to celebrate many people (not just saints) who have died. Other countries, such as Mexico, have other traditions that revolve around these days.

However, today Halloween is a **secular** holiday. There are some religious people who do not celebrate Halloween, but the vast majority of Americans think that it is a fun holiday. It is a day to attend parties, watch scary movies, and dress up in costumes. Whatever people's opinions on Halloween, everyone agrees that it is a uniquely American holiday, and it is a day you should definitely try to have fun while you're here in America this year!

## Language Question

*Question: What is the past tense of wake?*

Answer: To wake means to stop sleeping and get up. The base form of the verb is wake, the simple past is woke, and the past participle is woken.

In some varieties of English, especially older English, you may see the past tense of wake as "waked." However, this sounds very odd to many American English speakers. Woke is probably the best past tense to use.

However, what about the verb awoke? In the past, people used the verb awoke (awoke, awoken) to mean to stop sleeping and become active. Although

it is still possible to use this word, most people instead use **the verb wake followed by the preposition up.**



Are these sentences **correct** or **incorrect**?

- He awoke up late this morning.
- I have woked up early every day this week.
- I awoke in time to eat breakfast.
- I will wake up at 7am tomorrow morning.

## Quote of the Week

*Seeing a spider isn't a problem. It becomes a problem when it disappears.*

- Unknown



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This week's vocabulary:

- haunted (adjective) – being possessed by an evil spirit; a place full of ghosts or wicked things
- construction (verb) – building or making new homes or buildings
- to backpack (verb) – to travel from place to place for long periods of time carrying only a backpack
- the graveyard shift (idiom) – working during the middle of the night (example: 11pm to 7am)
- convenience store (noun) – a place that sells drinks, snacks, and basic items (such as a 7-Eleven)
- stay tuned (idiom) – wait and be prepared for more information to come soon; continue to pay attention
- secular (adjective) – not religious