

Trunk or Treat returns to HCC Oct. 26

HOLYOKE—The Education Club at Holyoke Community College, in collaboration with nearly two dozen college clubs, departments and programs and community groups, hosts its second annual “Trunk or Treat” pre-Halloween celebration Friday, Oct. 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Last year, “Trunk or Treat” attracted more than 200 area children and their parents to the HCC campus for a safe, fun and early alternative to traditional trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Like the inaugural event, the second annual HCC Trunk or Treat will be held in Parking Lot R behind the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the HCC campus, located at 303 Homestead Avenue. Rather than going door to door seeking Halloween treats, children can instead go “trunk to trunk” to collect their candy, visiting cars decorated with seasonal themes and familiar stories and characters. Trunk or Treat is free and open to the public, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Last year 17 HCC clubs and departments sponsored cars and decorated them for the event. Prizes

were awarded to vehicle sponsors in various categories like Best Executed Theme, Scariest Trunk, Best Costumes and Most Original.

HCC Early Children education coordinator and Education Club advisor Sheila Gould said she expects even more participants this year, including cars sponsored by groups outside of HCC. Already, Holyoke Public Schools, DCF Foster Outreach, the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department and 413 Fitness have pledged to take part.

“We are thrilled that so many community agencies are reaching out to participate,” Gould said.

So far, Gould said, 22 HCC clubs, departments and community groups have signed up for the event and children can expect to see vehicles decked with themes such as the Wizard of Oz, Lilo and Stitch, SpongeBob Squarepants, Enchanted Garden, Willie Wonka, Haunted House, Just Dance, Magic School Bus and Milky Way.

More vehicle sponsors are welcome. To sign up, people may contact Sheila Gould at sgould@hcc.edu.

HCC student senator Dylan Burns hands out Halloween treats at the inaugural HCC Trunk or Treat pre-Halloween celebration in October 2017.



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