
The Crow



A DAY AT DISNEY: A DAY OF FRIGHTS, FUN, AND FAIRYTALES

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November 6 marked an extraordinary occasion for Montessori Integrated School as the newly revitalized Parent Organization organized a school-wide Halloween event. The first of its kind since the pandemic. This vibrant celebration was characterized by extensive participation from students, faculty, and parents alike, fostering a spirit of community and creativity that resonated throughout the entire school. From the student body to the faculty members of the school, everyone had their go at showcasing their fun costumes for Halloween.



grade 10 booth × photo by Kaitlyn Santos

The day commenced with an enthusiastic registration in the assembly area, featuring several engaging booths. A popular attraction was the photo booth, which drew long lines of eager students waiting to capture their costumes. The festive atmosphere was further enlivened by Grade 10 students selling homemade cookies, flavored French fries, and customized bracelets, with proceeds supporting their upcoming production of “Little Shop of Horrors”.

Among the winners, young Akila Habulan from Middle Elementary stole hearts as the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland. Her costume was a striking and intricate representation that brought the character alive, showcasing her attention to detail and a touch of whimsy. In the Upper Elementary category, Aldrin Cubedo emerged victorious as Ernesto Dela Cruz from Coco. With his guitar in hand and a proud demeanor, Aldrin perfectly encapsulated the essence of the beloved character, impressing both judges and peers alike.



*Akila Habolan as Queen of hearts and Aldrin Cubedo As Ernesto Dela Cruz, from Coco.
Photo by Yuan Tabor and Claire Tolentino, Edited by Fiona Sibal.*

Junior High School's representative Ronald Pau captivately portrayed Mr. Fredricksen from Up! His thoughtful inclusion of a miniature house and custom tennis balls on his cane added an impressive touch to his portrayal, bringing the character's essence to the stage.



*Ronald Pau as Mr Fredricksen from Up and Mr Fredricksen and two Russels.
Photo by Yuan Tabor and Kylie Santos, Edited by Fiona Sibal.*

The Senior High School category saw fierce competition, but Claire Tolentino's portrayal of the Mad Hatter dazzled the audience. Her costume exuded creativity and excitement, reflecting her pride in embodying such a whimsical character.



*Claire Tolentino as Mad Hatter,
Photo by Yuan Tabor Edited by Fiona Sibal*

The contributions of faculty members were not to be overlooked, as they also expressed their creativity through impressive costumes. Sir Ezekiel Marquez portrayed Bruno from "Encanto," while Miss Chi Molina represented Maleficent, showcasing the idea that Halloween festivities can be enjoyed by individuals of all ages. Ms. Samantha Calove featured Russell from "Up," complete with a scout uniform, badges, a cap, and an infectious smile. Additionally,

Teacher Regina Santos brought to life the character of Joy from "Inside Out," with her bright yellow outfit, blue hair, and cheerful disposition.



The judging panel embodies a refreshing blend of perspectives for this day. Sir Martin Lazo and Ma'am Tess Diamse were seated in to critique the finalists' costumes, working alongside the P.O. president, Mommy Cindy Evangelista. Judging criteria was consistent, focusing on the accuracy of the costumes, the creativity and originality in the delivery of each character, and how well the costumes align with the event's theme.

In the MCH division, contestant number 13, Apollo Pihera, was awarded Best Costume for his impressive portrayal of Cogsworth from "Beauty and the Beast." His costume was a detailed and well-crafted representation of the lovable enchanted clock, with intricate clockwork elements that captured Cogsworth's vintage charm as the head butler of the castle. Similarly, in the Lower Elementary division, contestant number 25, Amarah Louise Dela Cuesta, was recognized for her remarkable portrayal of Jessie from the beloved "Toy Story" franchise.



*Apollo Pihera as Cogsworth and Amarah Dela Cuesta as Jessie
by Arianne Tipon and by Felix Banaag*

IG Wall Contest Winners Announced

The much-anticipated results of the Instagram Wall Contest were unveiled, highlighting the creativity and enthusiasm displayed by students from various grade levels, with support from their parents and teachers.

First place was awarded to Garnet, representing the Lower Elementary Department, for their impressive display inspired by the beloved Pixar film, "Up." Their project adeptly captured the essence of the film's characters and featured enchanting designs that resonated with voters. The **first runner-up position** was awarded to the Grade 12 team, who skillfully incorporated the theme of "Coco" into their project. Ruby, who represented the Middle Elementary level, achieved the title of **second runner-up** with their creatively designed wall inspired by "Alice in Wonderland." Furthermore, Grade 9-A garnered the **Most Likes award** for their Instagram wall, amassing an impressive total of 1,000 likes on their post. This significant accomplishment not only underscores their strong ties within the community but also highlights the competitive nature of the event, reflecting the collaborative spirit that was evident throughout the contest.

