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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

LVKC would like to congratulate Elena on her new job with a local Real Estate company! In Russia, she was a Real Estate Property Marketing Manager. We are thankful to her tutor Beth, who was able to help her advance her career. We wish her luck in her new position!

LVKC would like to recognize our student Miaofen on passing her United States of America Citizenship interview! We thank our tutor Don for stepping up to help. We extend our congratulations to Miaofen on her new citizenship, and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



## SPOOKY SEASON

What is Halloween? Halloween is a holiday celebrated on October 31st. It is a time for activities such as trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, costumes, and treats/candy. However, this is not how the spooky season has always been celebrated.

The holiday originates back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts lived 2,000 years ago in the area now known as Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1st, which marked the end of summer, and the beginning of winter. They believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. Traditionally, on the night of October 31st they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

Today, in the United States, on Halloween children dress up in costume to go trick-or-treating, going from house to house to collect treats and candies. People will celebrate Halloween by having parties, playing games, going on hayrides, or haunted houses. Some even carve pumpkins to turn them into jack o'lanterns, then set them outside their house for all to see.

The picture above is when LVKC took part in a Trunk-or-Treat in 2019; featured in the picture is previous LVKC Director Youmi Kim, recently deceased Board Member Dorothy Brindamour, and Office Assistant Robin Leroux with her grandson. If you celebrate Halloween this year, share with us how you celebrate the Spooky Season!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NOVEMBER BUCKET RAFFLE

Our November 2022 Bucket Raffle is coming! Let us know if you'd like to donate an item towards our Raffle Fundraiser. If you would like to contribute an item, please contact us or swing by the LVKC office. Past items include gift cards, jewelry, artistic glassware, quilts, and more!



## HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

LVKC is participating in Coventry Parks & Recreation Annual Halloween Spooktacular on October 21, 2022 from 6 - 8:30 PM. If you'd like to volunteer at the event, please [sign up on our website](#) or contact us! We'd love to have our LVKC family dressed for a fun night out!

## TUTOR'S SOCIAL

Our next Tutor's Social will be on Monday, November 14, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Share your tips, and express your struggles with other tutors who may have ideas to help you with your student. [Sign up on our website](#) is encouraged. Refreshments will be provided.



## LVKC HOLIDAY PARTY

Literacy Volunteers of Kent County would like to celebrate the holidays with tutors, students, and family. Please join us for our holiday party on December 7, 2022 at 6 PM. Please [RSVP on our website](#), or contact us by phone or email, so that we may better prepare for the event.

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