

EXPLORER

SCHOOL OF
TECHNOLOGY



Scary and Spontaneous, This Year's Troupe of SkitZos Shines

How many SkitZos can you fit into a Black Box? This question is being put to the test this semester by Mrs. Hazard and Explorer's bursting-at-the-seams Drama Department. Room 802, otherwise known as "The Black Box", is the school's meeting place for actors and performers of all kinds, including the large group of brilliant Trailblazers who proudly call themselves "The SKitZos."

Now in its fourth year, The SkitZos is an improv troupe, each week learning new improvisation games which encourage students to think on their feet and entertain without a script. "It's a blast," said 8th grader Dorothy Kalmick. "I'm proud to say my best friends are all SkitZo!"

In addition to honing their improv skills - culminating in a large fully

improvised show for family and friends on November 20 at 7pm - the troupe is also responsible for all the scaring that goes on in their annual Haunted House. This year the Haunted House will run simultaneously with the school's Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd, 5:30 to 8:30pm. "Last year's Haunted House was such an unexpected hit, for my actors and for the huge crowds that came through it," commented Mrs. Hazard, Drama teacher and SkitZos matriarch. "This year's house is going to be even bigger and better. Yes, we've got more than a few tricks up our sleeve."

In addition to the evening of October 23rd, the Haunted House will also run on Thursday, October 22nd, a night especially for younger children.

"We tone down the intensity, a little less scary," shares veteran SkitZo, Carson Mlnarik. Then adds with a grin, "Just a little." Explorer students are encouraged to bring their younger siblings and parents on this night, for a very family-friendly Halloween experience. Students are even encouraged to come in costume.

"It's our strongest group of SkitZos yet," Mrs. Hazard adds. "You have to see them to believe them."

Thursday, October 22nd, 5:30-8:30pm, for kids age 6-11, cost is \$4. Friday, October 23rd, 5:30-8:30pm, in conjunction with Explorer's Fall Festival, cost is \$5.

SkitZoShow!, November 20th, 7pm, admission is free.

The P.T.O. Fall Festival Is
Friday, October 23!



2009

October 23
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Explorer Haunted
House is Back!

