

HCC offering safe Halloween program

The Education Club at Holyoke Community College, in collaboration with nearly two dozen college clubs, departments and programs – and community groups – will host its second annual Trunk or Treat pre-Halloween celebration on Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Last year, Trunk or Treat attracted more than 200 area children and their parents to the college 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 the “R” parking lot behind the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

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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.



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

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.

The college’s Early Children education coordinator and Education Club adviser Sheila

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Gould said she expects even more participants this year, including cars sponsored by groups outside of the college. Already, Holyoke Public Schools, the state Department of Children & Families' Foster Outreach program, the Hampden Country Sheriff's Department and 413 Family Fitness have pledged to take part.

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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 register, contact Gould by email to sgould@hcc.edu.