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Annual Fall Festival means fun for the whole family

There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned Halloween carnival to get you in a spooky holiday spirit. The tricks and especially the treats are what it was all about, and Rocky View Elementary certainly knows how to get everyone in the Halloween mood.

The school at 345 Basilo Dr. in Gallup hosted its annual Fall Festival Oct. 25, with activities, food and fun for everyone.

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According to Principal Debbie Arthur, the event couldn't have gone any better — and the the staff and parents made it a success.

“I think it was the best one we ever had,” Arthur said. “The kids [and] the parents enjoyed themselves. The whole atmosphere was joyful, it was a nice break to have. Overall, a good time, we enjoyed spending our time with the kids and parents.”

Arthur said the event couldn't have happened without the support and donations of the parents and community.

Activities included the much-anticipated cake walk, ring toss, Spooky Bingo, duck pond and many more throughout the school.

The cake walk was held in the gym, where ghoulish deejays played spooky music as attendees competed to win a homemade cake donated by parents.

Tickets for the event raised money for future student activities, and parents and kids presented them at the fun Halloween booths and the concession stand.

Even teachers, who dressed up and partook in the fun, were in the Halloween spirit.

Children with creative costumes ran up and down the school hallways, tickets in hand, and tried out the various activities.

Parent Gevena Quimby said she and her family enjoyed themselves and were impressed with the many fun things to do.

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She said everyone was accommodating and seemed happy to be a part of the festivities, from the cake walk to the snack concessions. The event, she said, reminded her of her own school days when she used to get excited about Halloween carnivals.

“It was just nice to take your children to a fun and safe environment such as this Halloween carnival,” Quimby said. “I just wanted to win some free pop at the ring toss, which I did, but overall, it was fun, and it reminded me of being a kid.”

Even the parking lot was full to capacity. Rudy Williams, whose daughter attends Rocky View, said he had trouble finding a spot.

Williams said he attended last year’s festival and knew it was going to more fun this time around when he saw the number of vehicles in the lot.

Williams’ daughter told him about the festival with enthusiasm.

“It seemed like every day, she kept telling me about it,” he said. “I told her we would go and see how many cool prizes we would win this year. These guys run a pretty smooth outfit here and I just want to say well done to all who make this such a cool event for everyone.”

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