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### THE GREAT PUMPKIN CAPER AT CARLSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The preschool class at Carlson Elementary School planted, watered and were growing pumpkins in preparation for Halloween. They worked very hard to nurture and care for their pumpkin patch. Some of the preschoolers had hoped the "Great Pumpkin" from the Peanuts cartoon was going to make an appearance at the pumpkin patch during the upcoming Halloween festivities.

However, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at approximately 9:40 pm the prospect of learning how to clean a pumpkin, roast pumpkin seeds and even paint a pumpkin (no knives for preschoolers!) was dashed when an unknown group of suspects decided to steal pumpkins from the Carlson Elementary preschool pumpkin patch. The suspects made off with at least six pumpkins. ISPD has surveillance video of the thieves and is carefully analyzing the grainy video to try and identify the suspects. The preschoolers even tried to lend a hand by looking for evidence (footprints, clues, etc.) in the investigation as illustrated in the below.



ISPD continues to investigate this crime in order to bring the pumpkin thieves to justice. ISPD recognized there was not enough time to begin growing new pumpkins in time for the Halloween festivities, so our employees took it upon themselves to replace the stolen pumpkins. The kind and hard-working Carlson preschoolers stepped up to help to unload the replacement pumpkins. If you have information regarding this crime, please call ISPD at 303-567-4291.



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