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Dressing for the times

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With only one ghost at John Muir Elementary School in San Bruno yesterday, the two boys dressed as Ghost Busters decided to participate in the parade, rather than cause a scene by vanquishing their dead classmate.



Enemies were abounding during the school's annual Halloween parade held yesterday afternoon. Students were led by members of the Capuchino High School band, which began its performance with music from "Peter Pan."

After getting the group's attention, senior Rebecca Hernandez, herself dressed as Peter Pan, began leading the group that grew to include hundreds of monsters, er... youngsters.

The youngest of the ghouls and goblins came first.

Five-year-olds Noah Aristorenas, dressed as Batman, and Adam Zbriger, donning an Iron Man costume, led the kindergarten students with a sign denoting their grade.

The boys were followed by Tinkerbell, princesses, Dorothy from the "Wizard of Oz" and many, many princesses.

Super heroes outnumbered villains by far. Superman, the Hulk, Iron Man, Batman, Batgirl and various Power Rangers were in full force.

Five-year-old Silvio Inferrera took a unique approach to Batman. With the help of his parents, the little boy was Lego Batman, just like in the video game he plays at home. The cardboard outfit was definitely an original and made walking a bit of a challenge.

Darth Vader made an appearance, as did Princess Leia, but no other "Star Wars" characters made the two-loop trip around the John Muir blacktop.

Princesses and fairies were a popular costume choice for girls.

Seven-year-olds Amelia Clark and Tanya Fish both took ideas from Disney. Clark wore a pretty gold dress like Belle from "Beauty and the Beast." She really wanted to be Belle and her grandmother found the costume. Fish looked similar to Jasmine in "Aladdin." Her blue outfit began as a dance costume, and yesterday started its second life as a Halloween outfit.

Second grader Kendall Bloat was an autumn witch since it's her favorite season.

Some children went the make-it-yourself route.

Santino Inferrera, 7, was a light bulb, which actually made him appear much taller.

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Sixth graders Darren Desanto and Cristian Ramirez, both 11, dressed as homeless men with signs saying they would work for cash or "cande." Ramirez made his outfit by ripping up clothing he had at home, while Desanto went to the Salvation Army. Ramirez's cup had 35 cents, but Desanto had yet to inspire donations.

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