



# The NOODLE

Open up and say AHHHH!!!



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**W**elcome to the October 2016 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the Florida Youth Council!!! For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to write about their favorite holiday movie. This topic allowed members to share their thoughts about the one movie that made their holiday even better. We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this October 2016 edition of *The Noodle!*

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## My Holiday Movie Pick

Back in the day I used to love watching my generic holiday movies like, *A Chipmunk Christmas*, and *Jingle all The Way*, and all the corny holiday movies. But to me, one always stood out, and on top of it the actor in it made two other movies that are favorites of all time. Cutting it close though, my favorite movie is *Home Alone*, and here are my reasons.

In the 90s, when I didn't have my vision, I based a lot of the things I liked on how the sounds kept my interest, or taste, or how it felt. Now mind you, watching a movie is not that interesting when you can't see it. So why is it one of my favorites? I use to love how Joe Pesci would get so mad when he would get caught in the traps and when Kevin would taunt them from upstairs. I would hear them breathing hard in frustration walking toward the stairs, and also at the same time hear some sort of elastic trap about to go off. I loved, and still love, every minute of the movie.

I really enjoy the *Home Alone* movies as whole, and I can watch them over and over again. And probably this holiday I will do the same. What's your favorite holiday movie?

P.S. *Home Alone 3* was terrible !!!! Happy Holidays!

*By Josue Tapia*

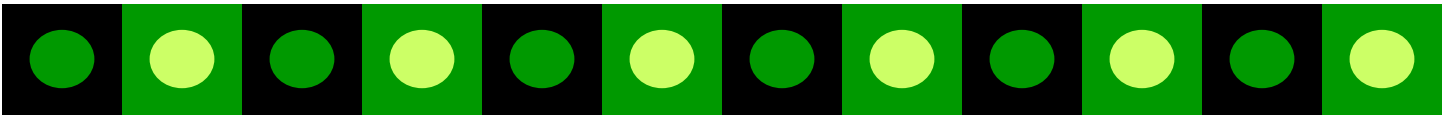


## My Favorite Holiday Movie!!

Christmas is definitely my favorite time of the year! It's a time to spend with family and loved ones, sharing and making new memories. One of my cherished Christmas memories and traditions is when my family and I come together for a Christmas movies marathon and cookie making.

Of all the Christmas movies we watch, my favorite has to be *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* with Jim Carey. This film depicts a world where Christmas is a time of gifts and traditions . . . losing the true meaning of the most wonderful time of the year . . . never focusing on the importance of love and family. In the midst of all the Christmas confusion, a mean and cruel character emerges as the Grinch who plots to steal Christmas! The Grinch in truth is a lonely individual and wants everyone else to feel his misery, so he steals the one and only thing that brings joy to the people . . . CHRISTMAS! However, in the end one little girl shows the Grinch that there is more to Christmas than all the lights and gifts . . . and the Grinch's heart begins to beat again, and in the end the Grinch saves Christmas.

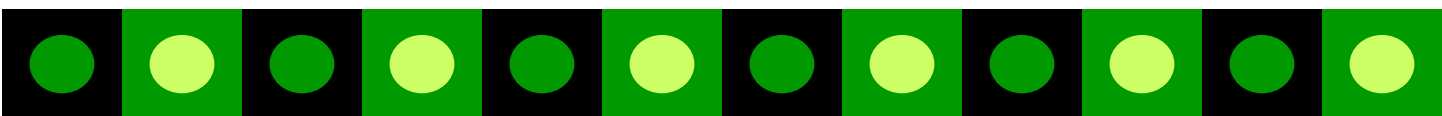
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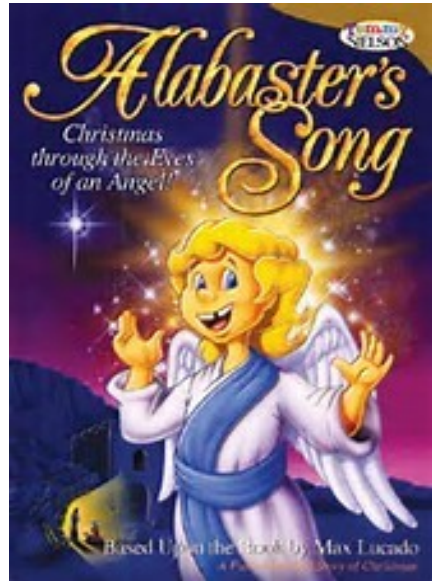
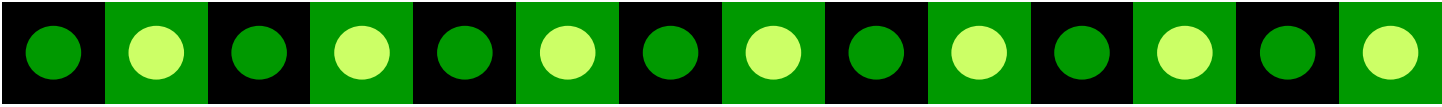


## My Favorite Holiday Movie!!

My favorite holiday movie is *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*. Rudolph is my favorite because he shows how someone who is different can do the same things as other people. Rudolph was born with a red nose instead of a black nose. He proved that people who have a disability can live normal lives. Rudolph was made fun of because of his red nose, and nobody would play with him, until one night Santa asked him to lead the sled and light up the night with his big red nose. He led Santa all over the world that night, while lighting up his nose. Even the fog couldn't stop Rudolph from being able to get every child their Christmas present that night. He also proves that people can change when they put their mind to it.

*By Christina*





## My Favorite Holiday Movie !!

One of my favorite Christmas movies is *Alabaster's Song*. Although it has some entertainment features, it also has the true meaning of Christmas's message in it.

Alabaster is a unique angel that sends a kid back in time. On Christmas Eve the angel sings the kid a melody that sends the kid to Bethlehem for the first Christmas.

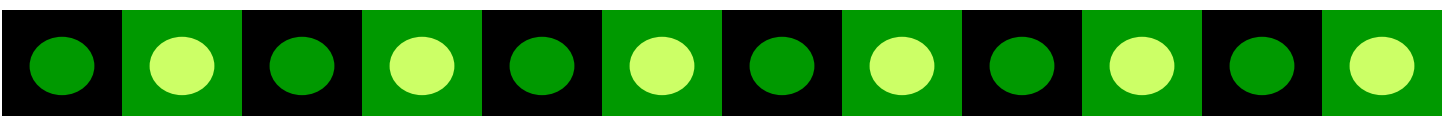
The kid in the story takes a life changing travel in time to see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

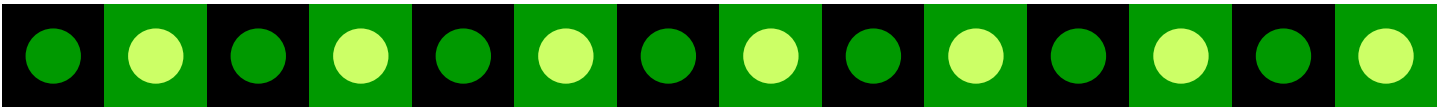
Then Alabaster takes him to baby Jesus and hears heaven's song. It's the most wonderful song and it gave me chills of joy when I heard it.

The movie *Alabaster's Song* teaches the true meaning of Christmas.

I love Christmas time.

*By Dakota Smoot*





## How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at [www.floridayouthcouncil.com](http://www.floridayouthcouncil.com). The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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