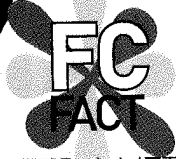




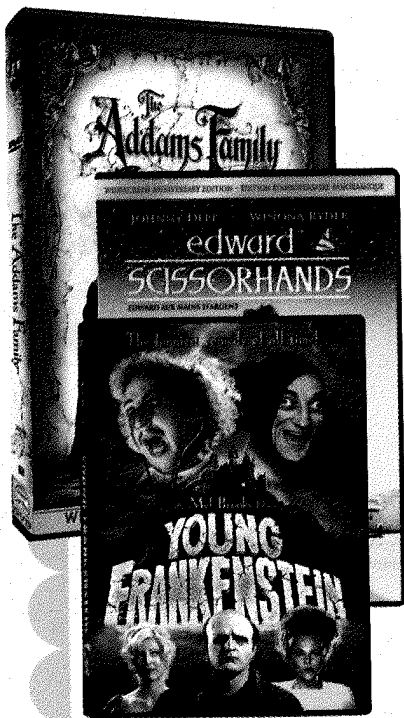
**sweet enough to eat**  
THE TOP TRICK-OR-TREATING STOPS  
ARE HOMES THAT GIVE AWAY...

1. anything made with chocolate
2. lollipops
3. gummy candy
4. gum

Source: National Confectioners Association



NEED A LITTLE  
TECH SUPPORT?  
NEARLY HALF OF  
KIDS AGES 8 TO  
14 HELP THEIR  
PARENTS USE  
THE INTERNET.



**FRIGHTENINGLY  
GOOD FLICKS**

Get in spooktacular spirits  
with some of FC's favorite  
classic Halloween films.

—Caren Oppenheim

- ✓ The Addams Family
- ✓ The Witches
- ✓ Beetlejuice
- ✓ Ghostbusters
- ✓ Edward Scissorhands
- ✓ Hocus Pocus
- ✓ Young Frankenstein
- ✓ The Sixth Sense

**SCHOOL EVALUATION**

Nine out of ten students attend public schools, so parents need to speak up on issues affecting their child's classroom. Learn how to advocate for public education and reach out to elected officials during Give Kids Good Schools Week (Oct. 15-21) by going to [givekidsgoodschools.org](http://givekidsgoodschools.org). You can also see how your child's school stacks up against the rest!

**teens on screen**

Baffled by what your daughter does on the computer with her avatars (i.e., online identities)? She creates a virtual version of herself and interacts with other users. Check out these popular online worlds for teens—and soon you'll be "avie savvy" too. —Rachel B. Martin



**There.com:** Kids listen to the latest music hits, go to concerts and meet the members of their favorite bands "backstage," without leaving their desks.

**Kaneva.com:** Teens conjure up their inner designers on this site (kaneva means "canvas" in Latin). Once the creative juices start flowing, they can paint their online "rooms" pink—or in polka dots!

**Whyville.com:** Tweens engage in science simulations, round-the-world treasure hunts and more. Entrepreneurs-to-be start their own businesses, while future journalists write for the town paper.

**Nicktropolis.com:** Ardent Nickelodeon fans interact with characters from Nick TV shows and chat safely—no personal identity info can be shared—with other kids in real time.