

# The Spotlight's On You

## What Are You Thankful For?

**Students in Mrs. Jennie Patterson's Third Grade Class**



James Berry

"I'm thankful for my dad for working hard even though his tractor is broke down. He keeps working hard. I'm thankful for the people in Iraq for getting the battle over with. I'm thankful for the teacher for teaching the kids."

~ James Berry, son of Steve and Joni Berry

"I'm thankful for my dad for helping with homework, video games and other stuff. The reason I'm thankful for my dad is because he was in the war for one year. I didn't see him for a year and I was sad inside but outside I was happy. Now I'm going to be happy inside and outside because he's home for good! Now Mom stops crying because Dad is home!"

~ Andrew Bashford

**Students in Mrs. Julie Schrum's Third Grade Class**



Kristin Stewart

"I am thankful for my family because they make me happy, and they love me no matter what."

~ Kristin Stewart, daughter of Nancy and Del Stewart

"I am thankful for Thanksgiving because I love the smell when I go into the kitchen. I want to eat the turkey, but my mom says, "NO."

~ Kylie F. Perez

"I am thankful for my family because they love me. I am also thankful for my cat, Donken. He keeps me warm at night. I am also thankful for my friends."

~ Rachel Jones

**Students in Mrs. Nan Smith's Third Grade Class**



Adriana Ankenman

"I am thankful for my teacher, Mrs. Smith, because she is very nice."

~ Adriana Ankenman, daughter of Deb and Gregg Ankenman

"I am thankful for my dog, Harley, because he keeps me motivated and plays with me and snuggles with me."

~ Gavin Lively

"I am thankful for God, because he made our world, and he made us, and he made turkeys!"

~ Lexi Hartwell

"I am thankful for my cow, Rover, because he is my cow. He is a baby. I take care of him every day. I give him some silage."

~ Quentin Wentz

**Students in Mrs. Belinda Thalheim's Fourth Grade Class**



Nicole Tacha

"I am thankful for my family and friends. I am glad that Thanksgiving is coming soon! I can't wait to see all my family at Grandma and Grandpa's house. We all like to go places together and we love to see each other. Hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving."

~ Nicole Tacha, daughter of John and Kayla Tacha

"I am thankful for a lot of things. I'm thankful for a home to live in, food to eat, water and milk to drink, and I am especially thankful for friends and family."

~ Neysa Carlson

"I am thankful for my horse. She is fun to play with. She is easy to ride. I like her soft hair."

~ Dalton Vanover

**Students in Mrs. JaLynn Urban's Fourth Grade Class**



Kenzie Esslinger

"I am thankful for my family and for the soldiers fighting in Iraq. I am thankful for the churches in our town and for my pets. I am thankful for our schools and the trees who give us air. I am thankful for the animals around me."

~ Kenzie Esslinger, daughter of Scott and Shannon Esslinger

"I'm thankful for my parents. I'm also thankful for my family. I'm glad I have freedom. I am happy I have a dog. I'm glad I have a house. I am thankful for my two sisters."

~ Andrew McMullen

"I'm thankful for my father and my mother. I am also thankful for the soldiers in Iraq fighting for us. I am also thankful for this town and for food."

~ Erin Archer



Lisa Marie Henderson

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*Thanksgiving Day has almost arrived and we all should take the time to realize just how much we have to be thankful for.*

*Next week's column will be printed on Friday, December 1 and will feature junior high students and faculty.*

*Happy Thanksgiving Lisa Marie*

## What Do You Think is the True Meaning of Thanksgiving?

**Students in Mrs. Linda Burge's Fifth Grade Class**



Hannah Pollock

"Giving thanks to the Native Americans who taught us how to plant corn and do many other things. I also think it means remembering the Pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower."

~ Hannah Pollock, daughter of Mike and Ann Pollock

"I think the true meaning of Thanksgiving is to give thanks for what we have and be happy with it."

~ Darcy Bainter

"Celebrating the feast that the Pilgrims and the Indians had. Giving thanks to everything that the Indians did to help us survive on this land. Thanking them for letting us stay in America."

~ Maggie Spradlin

**Students in Mr. Phil Morel's Fifth Grade Class**



Shauna Gibson

"Thanksgiving is about spending time with your family. It's about loving and caring. Not just eating. It's about how you act. It's a time when you feel good inside."

~ Shauna Gibson, daughter of Kellie and Robert Gibson

"The true meaning of Thanksgiving is to have fun and celebrate it. We eat chicken and dressing. Our family gets together at my grandmother's."

~ Zachary Bird

"A time to thank the Indians for helping the Pilgrims with the first harvest."

~ Chris Richard

**Students in Mrs. Virginia Will's Fifth Grade Class**



Marc Miller

"Thanksgiving is about getting together with your family and eating a fabulous dinner. It also means when the Pilgrims made friends with the Indians."

~ Marc Miller, son of Allan and Connie Miller

"I think Thanksgiving is a time to remember the Pilgrims and the hardship they went through. Also to remember the Indians that helped them. To spend time with family but also to spend a wonderful holiday like this together with the people you care about."

~ Hannah Goss

"I think the true meaning of Thanksgiving is getting together to eat turkey and see your relatives."

~ Damian Lawson

**Students in Mrs. Diana Ambrosier's Sixth Grade Class**



Ryan Bainter

"I think Thanksgiving is about when the Pilgrims came to America. I think the Indians were friendly because they shared food."

~ Ryan Bainter, son of Dan and Tammie Bainter

"I think it's to get together with family and enjoy others' company. I also think that it's a good time to eat and give thanks for a good year of crops."

~ Brianna Karnopp

"I think the true meaning of Thanksgiving is getting your whole family together and eating turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, etc. I also think the true meaning of Thanksgiving is that the Pilgrims are the reason why we have this land we are living on today."

~ Kara Stanton

**Students in Mrs. Teresa Schultze's Sixth Grade Class**



Juliana Miller

"I think the true meaning of Thanksgiving is where you get together with family and just take the time to be thankful for all you have. Thanksgiving is where you take the time to just slow down, have a family dinner, and just talk, and catch up with each other. Most importantly, have fun."

~ Juliana Miller, daughter of Shane and Jennie Miller

"I think that Thanksgiving is a time to spend time with friends and family and give thanks for what you have. It's also a time to be thankful for food. That is why we all get together for a big Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving is all about giving THANKS!"

~ Kayleigh Norwood

**Students in Mrs. Bonita Slipke's Sixth Grade Class**



Teslee Nickell

"To give thanks to people that are important to you and be thankful for people who have done things for you, especially the soldiers in Iraq."

~ Teslee Nickell, daughter of Lari Ann and Denny Nickell

"Thanksgiving is a time of being with family and friends. Also to thank the Lord for all the food that we have, and the relatives that we have and to rejoice after a good year's crop. That is what I think the meaning of Thanksgiving is."

~ Alexander Riggins

"Giving thanks for all the things that you have. Celebrating with a great big meal!"

~ John Risewick

## "HOW TO COOK A TURKEY!"

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS OF MRS. GAIL ROY

"I make one in the oven. Cook it for 45 hours! We cook it with the feathers on it. No, I forgot. We take the feathers off. We take it out of the oven and eat it."

~ Levi Ellis

"My dad first buys it at a store and then we're probably gonna cook it in the oven for like three minutes, actually like two minutes. We kind of put some kind of dressing on it. I'm not sure what kind it is. And then we take the turkey out of the oven and then we eat it! Oh yeah, I think my dad drains and squeezes the blood out of it."

~ Raelynn Slipke

"My mom hunts and kills one. She cleans it off and then she dries it. Then she cooks it. She puts it in the oven for 55 minutes and then she puts some salad with it. Then she makes pumpkin pie! And you get some grapes, apples and carrots to eat with your turkey. Also, some green beans."

~ Madison Stephens

"First, you make a fire. Then you

drop the turkey in the fire for 16 minutes and then it burns and runs away! But remember, let an adult help you! Put a pot on it, salad and cheese on it and cranberry patties and it's good to eat! And some rice."

~ Samantha Knoll

"We go to the grocery store and get some turkey. I've never ever saw my dad shoot a turkey! Clean it when we get home-there are no feathers but we have to clean it so it won't be dirty to eat. Then he puts it on the stove and cooks it for 20 minutes, up to 30 degrees. Put some mashed potatoes and gravy on it, and a little bit of dressing. Maybe like 1/2 cup of salt-no pepper because it's too spicy! Add 1/4 cup of sugar and mix it all together in a bowl. Then we put out some plates and forks and spoons, and then eat it!"

~ James Sturgill

"I want salt on my turkey. My dad will shoot the turkey for mom. And then we cook it in the oven. It cooks for 20 minutes at 40 degrees.

We put an apple in its mouth. Then we have salad with our turkey. We need to add turkey juice to the turkey and then we eat it."

~ Shelby Tanner

"My dad will shoot our turkey. Use your hands to clean and scrub the turkey. Put salt on the turkey and put it in the oven. It cooks for 40 hours at 40 degrees. We get it ready and put gravy on it. I am going to eat potatoes, too!"

~ Rylee Ankenman

"We go to the grocery store and get a turkey. We cook the turkey on the stove in a big pan. We put pepper, salt and bread with the turkey in the pan. We cook it for 40 minutes. We take it off the stove, put it on a pan, and then we put salt on it. We also have corn, pie and chicken for our dinner."

~ Garrett Esslinger

"My dad shoots the turkey. He cuts the feathers off. He puts pepper on it and puts it in the oven at 50 degrees. He cooks it from 3:00 until 5:00. He cuts it up and serves

with mashed potatoes and gravy. We might have some pie, too."

~ Matthew Gordon

"My dad shoots the turkey. We cut the feathers off. We cut the body off. We put salt on it and cook in oven for five minutes at 60 degrees. We cut turkey in little pieces and have rice, mashed potatoes and gravy and apple pie."

~ Seth Nielsen

"My daddy shoots the turkey. Pulls the feathers off. My mom puts salt on it and puts in microwave. She cooks it for six hours. Then she puts it in water and washes it. She cuts it up and serves with pepper and green beans. We have pumpkin pie."

~ Brady Sumner

"My mom buys a turkey. She puts it on a machine that goes round and round. I think this cooks the turkey. Then she cuts it up. We have potatoes and beans, too. Then we have some ice cream."

~ Lena Shelton

"My dad shoots the turkey. He brings it home and takes the blood, bones and feathers off. Mom cooks the turkey in oven. She cooks it out and lets it cool for a little bit. Mom cuts it, puts it on a plate, then we eat it."

~ Zachary McKinley

"Mom buys a turkey at the store. She puts it in the hot oven. Mom cooks it one hour. She takes the turkey out and puts it on the table, cuts it and puts it on a plate. We eat it."

~ Kailey Gill

"Mom buys a turkey at the store. Take the turkey home and put it in a big pan. Put the monitor timer on the turkey then put it in the oven. She leaves it in the oven for six minutes. Then she takes it out and puts it on the cooling rack. Let it cook for six minutes. Next, cut it up and put it on a plate. Take it outside and put it on the picnic table. Then we all sit down and eat it."

~ Chloe Nielsen

"Mom buys a turkey at the store. Mom takes the blood out. Puts turkey in the oven and turns the timer



on. Turn the timer off. Put the turkey on a plate. Now she cuts it. We eat it."

~ Samantha Mulford

"I use a microwave. I get my turkey from the grocery store. Then I clean it with a towel. I leave the feathers on! Then, I put corn on it. Then I put it in the microwave for 45 minutes. Add grapes and apples or vegetables. Then I put carrots on it. And I never, never saw my mama shoot turkey for my dad, grandma or grandpa. Then, I put more corn on it and then I eat it!"

~ Michael Hanlon