

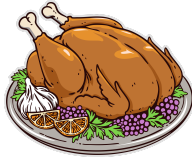
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Gratitude Around the Table



The first Thanksgiving started in the autumn of 1621 and is now celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. This is because of a proclamation that Abraham Lincoln enacted 1863, stating that this would be the official celebration day. There are different ways people celebrate this holiday. Cole Taylor (32) said, “I have Thanksgiving dinner with my relatives and we play bingo.”

There are also many things that people are thankful for. Xavier McVicker (31) was new at our school this year. McVicker (31) said, “I am thankful for my family because they put me in a good school and they support me.”

Foods like, turkey, mashed potatoes, and rolls are traditional, but there are also many unique foods families have on Thanksgiving. Adeline Farr (32) said, “The weirdest food I have had on Thanksgiving is my family's sweet potato walnut casserole.” There are foods some families would never go without. Jude Turvey (32) said, “My family would never go without cranberry jello on Thanksgiving.”



Winning Writers

During October students were challenged to write a “Scary Saga” for a contest put on by Young Writers.

Mrs. Thomas presented the contest to all the middle school. Students who were chosen to be published received an award on November 6. The scary sagas had to develop the whole plot in 100 words or less. Braunn Peters (31) said, “My story was based on Johnny Boy’s Pizzeria.”

Being a winner out of the many people in the contest can encourage students to write more. Mrs. Thomas said, “I think that the writing process grows students’ brains making them smarter; I’ll always encourage my students to write.”

Out of the 23 people that got an award all of them were 7th graders except for one. Maya Rousseau (30) said, “I felt proud because it is the second year I will be published.”





November Sports



7th Grade Basketball

On November 3, the 7th grade basketball team won their game against Summerfield by a score of 29-21. Basketball games can have challenges. Aaron Consear (31) said, "A challenge our team faced in the game was that we didn't understand our plays very well." Every game can have highlights. Logan Richardson (31) said, "A highlight from our season so far is when I scored 11 points." Whiteford players sees basketball as more than winning every game. They see it as improvement in skills.



8th Grade Basketball

On Monday November 3, the middle school basketball teams had their first game. They played Summerfield at home. Even though, the 8th grade team did not win, it was still a learning experience for them. Liam Fielder (30) said, "We had a hard time because we did not run our offence correctly." It is also important to the team to be positive. Lucas Bub (30) said, "If you have a bad mood, you won't play as well, and then we won't do well as a team."



• Quote of the Month •



November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our lives."

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Coach Highlight



Nick Abalos

One of the sixth grade basketball coaches is Nick Abalos. Coaches are important because they help athletes improve. Abalos said, "It's important to teach the fundamentals of the game, like showing the correct way to shoot, dribble, pass, and play defense." People coach sports for different reasons coaches want to support their athletes, so they set goals to help improve little by little. Abalos said, "I've been coaching for 14 years now." Coaches set goals to help their athletes. Abalos said, "The goals for our athletes is to improve our skills over the season."

Connections

Find four sets of four words that connect with each other in some way.

Dimonds	Verb	Orchid	Spect
Adverb	Hydro	Hearts	Iris
Lotus	Spades	Hypo	Noun
Ject	Adjective	Clubs	Lily