

2024 Advocate Holiday Guide I



Let's Give Thanks!

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A celebration of gratitude begins the holiday season

As the crisp autumn air settles in and the aroma of Thanksgiving meals fills our homes, it's the perfect time to reflect on the blessings that surround us. This year's *Marshall Advocate* Holiday Guide is here to help you celebrate the season with stories, traditions, and heartfelt words from our youngest community

members.

This Thanksgiving edition is the first of four special holiday guides we'll publish throughout the season. Look forward to upcoming editions, which will include "Dear Santa Letters" from area third graders, along with more holiday features and surprises.

Inside this issue, you'll find

the cherished Thanksgiving paragraphs written by fourth graders from Marshall, Martinsville, and Hutsonville. Their letters offer a heartwarming glimpse into the simple joys and profound gratitude that enrich our lives. From the love of family and

friends to the beauty of small-town life, their words will inspire you to pause and count your blessings.

We also invite community groups, churches, and organizations to share information about their holiday services, programs, or events with us. Submissions can be sent to advocate@strohmnews.com, and we'll include as many as possible in upcoming editions.

Beyond the paragraphs, this guide features tips for creating memorable holiday gatherings, local events to kick off the season, and creative ideas for spreading kindness throughout our community. Whether

you're hosting a family feast or looking for a way to give back, this guide is packed with ways to embrace the holiday spirit.

We hope this series not only fills your heart with gratitude but also brings our community closer together. From everyone here at "The Marshall Advocate," we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a holiday season filled with warmth, love, and togetherness.

Thank you for letting us be part of your traditions. Let the season of thankfulness begin!

Horn of Plenty

By Tresa Erickson

More often than not, fall harvests are bountiful and nothing displays a harvest of plenty like the cornucopia. A feature of many Thanksgiving tables, horns of plenty come in a wide range of styles.

Some are even

edible. That's right. You can bake your own cornucopia and fill it with the fruit and vegetables of your choosing for a truly spectacular centerpiece. Here's how.

To make an edible cornucopia, you will need some bread dough. You may make your own, or to save time, you may purchase a few cans of refrigerated bread dough. Either way, you will need a couple of rolls of

aluminum foil to build your cornucopia form for the dough. For this, you might want to have a picture of a cornucopia on hand to use as a reference. When you have crumpled the foil into the form you desire, you may add another layer or two to help smooth out the surface. Then, you can give the form a heavy coat of cooking spray and prepare to wrap it in dough.

First, you need to preheat the oven to 350° F and roll out and cut the dough into 1-inch strips. Starting at the end of the cornuco-

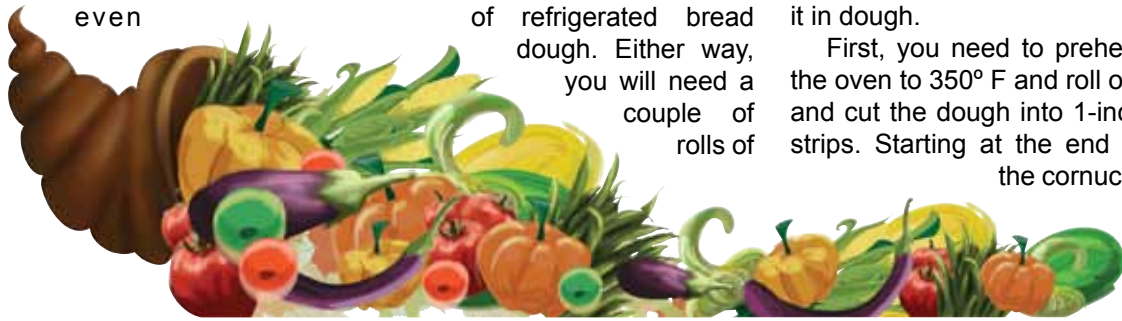
pia form, wrap a strip around it. From thereon out, you should weave strips around the form as though you were building a basket. This will give the cornucopia a textured look.

Don't worry about small gaps. These will be filled in as the dough rises. As you work your way around the form, make sure you tuck in the ends. When you have completed your way around the form, braid whatever strips remain and use it to line the cornucopia opening.

To give your cornucopia a shiny look, beat an egg and brush it on the dough surface. Then place the cornucopia on a cookie sheet and bake it until golden brown, about 10 to 20 minutes. When the cornucopia is done, let it cool for 10 minutes or so and

then gently work it loose from the foil. Because your cornucopia will be susceptible to breaking, you should reinsert the form and allow the cornucopia to cool completely.

Once the cornucopia has completely cooled, you may place it on a platter and fill it with the fruit and vegetables of your choosing. For extra flair, add some nuts and herbs, and voila, your centerpiece is complete. Making an edible cornucopia may take some time, but it will be well worth it in the end when your guests are marveling over your creation.



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Mrs. Emily Bayes' Class - Marshall

During Thanksgiving I feel especially thankful for my friends, family, pets and school. One thing I am thankful for are my friends. They make me laugh and not feel lonely. Next Another thing is I am thankful for is my family. They take me places and they like to go fishing with me. I love when we are all together. Next, I am thankful for my pets they make me laugh and when I'm lonely they make me laugh. Last, I am thankful for my school and my teacher. She keeps me focused when I need it and she is nice to me. She gives hugs when I need it and she helps me with my work when I need it. She now's when I'm down and if I get time I gives hugs to her. If I'm lonely she makes me happy. I love my school because I get to make a lot of friends. Last, to sum it up Thanksgiving is special because of all my family, pets, and school.

Jacob Alison

This Thanksgiving I have many special people and great things to be thankful for this year. One thing I am thankful for is my family they make me happy and they also take me on vacation, and they love me. Another thing I am thankful for



Mrs. Emily Bayes' Class

Front row (l-r): Kennedy Bender, Grayson Leitch, Walker Huffington, Abby Boesiger, Emilia Maurer, Lance Nichols and Axel Gibson. Back row (l-r): Jase Fraker, Eli Beard, Alexis Strohm, Mrs. Emily Bayes, Kay Lynn Hain-Shutts, Emmy Reed, Harper Downey and Jacob Allison. Not pictured: Kaeden Morgan. Photo by Gary Strohm.

is my dogs. They play with me and I like watching because they do the weirdest things. I like to see them fight. Lastly, I am thankful for my friends. They help me when I need help and they play with me. They are also fun to scare. I am thankful for many people and things this year.

Eli Beard

I am thankful for family, school, and holidays because those are my favorite thing to have in my life. First, I am thankful for my happy amazing family. I am happy every day because my family is the funniest and they help with the things that I don't know. Every second I am thankful for my school. I am thankful for school because it helps me learn and I like my teacher every school year. Finally, I'm thankful for holidays. I am thankful for holidays because they are fun and I get to be with my family. I am thankful for all of these things.

Kennedy Bender

During Thanksgiving I am

especially thankful for my family, my friends, and my dogs. I am thankful for my family because they are all really nice and funny. Second, I am thankful for my dogs Molly and Jack because Molly and Jack are really nice and like to play with me. Finally, I am thankful for my friends. My friends help me when I'm sad or mad. In conclusion I am thankful for my family, my friends and my dogs.

Abbie Boesiger

Every Thanksgivings I think of all the great and wonderful things in the world. First, I am thankful for my loving and fun family. I am thankful for my parents because they take care of me, my brother because he keeps me company, my grandparents for babysitting me and my brother, and my cousins because we have sleepovers and they make me laugh by being funny. Another thing I am thankful for is school. I am thankful for my teacher she helps me learn new things. I feel grateful for the lunch ladies they work

hard to make us delicious food to eat! I am really thankful for my friends because they hang out with me and always are at my side. I am also thankful for my pets. They are all my best friends. My dogs Louie, Ozzie, and Stella always cuddle with

me and play with me and my cat Spencer who lays with me in the night. I am most thankful for my Guinea Pig. He is very cute and I like laying with him.

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Best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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Miss Gowin's Class - Martinsville

There are many things that I am thankful for. First, I am thankful for my teachers because they are smart, nice, funny, and pretty. Ms. Gowin is the best teacher because she is kind and funny. Ms. Grace is the second best teacher because she is nice and smart. Kids can learn from them and teachers are funny sometimes. One more thing is that teachers can be fun, which makes learning more enjoyable. Finally, I love my teachers because they are the best in the whole world. My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey.

-Arianna Davidson.

I am thankful for my family and friends. My family cooks for me and they care for me and my friends are nice to me and they also care for me. The second thing I am thankful for is God because if God was not here we would not be alive. My third thing that I am thankful for is school because kids could not learn without school. I think school is fun because we do a lot of games and activities. The teachers always help kids with all sorts of stuff. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Briley Reynolds .

I am thankful for many



Miss Laney Gowin's Class

Front row (l-r): Malachi Piehl, Azlyn Hays, Briley Reynolds and Mathew Kemper. 2nd row (l-r): Jaxon Sewell, Jazmyne Nichols, Emry Janssen, Rachel Rankin, Arianna Davidson and Tyler Blankenship. Back row (l-r): Greyson Gard, Charlie Rhodes, Ruby Archer, Miss Laney Gowin, Ollyve Scroggins, Everly Tingley and Peyton Shotts. Photo by Gary Strohm.

people in my family. The first person that I am thankful for is my baby brother who makes me happy when I am sick. My

mom is the best mom in the world because she cooks for me and I love her so much. Another part of my family that I am thankful for is my dog Oliver because when my sister is not at my house he makes me happy when I am sad. I am also thankful for my dad because I love to go deer hunting with him and he is the best dad in the world. I also love my sister. Lastly, I am thankful for myself because I love myself and I am happy to be here. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Emry Janssen.

I am thankful for my family because my dad helps me and my sister plays with me and my mom feeds me. We do a lot of fun things like going to the pool when summer is here and the pumpkin fair in fall. Also, in spring we go to my Meme and Papa's house. I call them that because they act like my mom and dad when they are away. But sometimes

I have to go to my big sister's house with my two nieces. One of them is 2 and the second is 4. I love my family so much. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Everly Tingley.

I am thankful for my family. For a start, they are always willing to do something with me when I am bored. Another, they are always there for me, when I am sad, mad, or need some help. Last but not least, my family always encourages me to do things when I think I can't. I don't know what I would do without them! My favorite Thanksgiving food is mashed potatoes.

Greyson Gard.

I am thankful for my family and the house that I live in because my family gives me a lot of food to live. Also, my mom and dad are very nice to me and are always there for me. When I need help I get help, and normally when I need help it's when I feel sick, or on my

homework, or when I'm doing something I can't do. When I'm thirsty I can ask for water from my parents and they will always get it for me. I am also thankful for my friends because they are very nice to me and help me to be entertained and they play with me. We normally play kickball or just talk, and we really just talk about anything like history. This is why I am thankful for my whole family and all of my friends. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Jaxon Sewell.

I have a lot of things I'm thankful for but the number one thing I'm thankful for is my family. First, they are always there for me when I need them no matter how hard it is. Second, they take care of me and make my life amazing with love. Finally, they always work really hard for me and my sibling. My favorite Thanksgiving

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Miss O'Rourke's Class - Marshall

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm thankful for food. Finally, I am thankful for friends. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is my grand-ma's noodles.

Asher Beals

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for pets. Next, I'm thankful for my family. Finally, I am thankful for my friends. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is turkey.

Sofia Blair

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for water and food. Next, I'm thankful for my family. Finally, I am thankful for all my teachers. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is ham.

Gannon Brandenburg

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next I'm thankful for pets. Finally, I am thankful for home. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is turkey.

Lincoln Clark

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for mom/dad. Next, I'm thankful for my friends. Finally, I am thankful for pets. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is rolls.

Blakely Dashiell

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for life. Next I'm thankful for family. Finally, I am thankful for teachers. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is noodles.

Colton Hightshoe

This Thanksgiving I have a

lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for family. Next, I'm thankful for food and water. Finally, I am thankful for school. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is stuffing, turkey, ham.

Hunter Jones

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm thankful for music.

Finally, I am thankful for lights. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is turkey.

Cain Quinn

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be

thankful for.

First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm

thankful for my dad and mom.

Finally, I am thankful for my siblings. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is mashed potatoes.

Dane Scott

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm thankful for basketball. Finally, I am thankful for my friends and my talents. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is turkey and sugar apples.

Raegan Scott

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm thankful for God. Finally, I am thankful for friends. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is cranberry sauce.

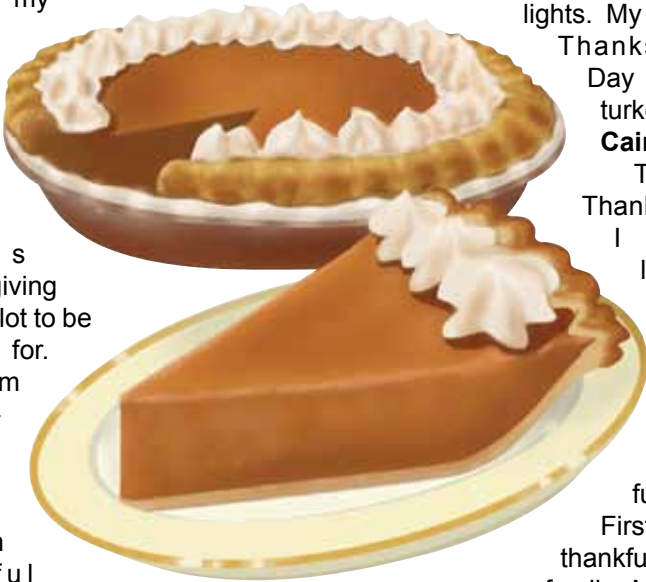
Brinley Southard

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my grandparents. Next, I'm thankful for my mom. Finally, I am thankful for my baby sister. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is ham.

Kaelyn Spittler

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm thankful for food. Finally, I am thankful for Jesus. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food is all of it.

Brantley Wallace



Mrs. Katie O'Rourke's Class

Front row (l-r): Raegan Scott, Brinley Southard, Brantley Wallace, Gannon Brandenburg and Sofia Blair. Back row (l-r): Asher Beals, Blakely Dashiell, Mrs. Katie O'Rourke, Gabriella McCallister and Lincoln Clark. Photo by Gary Strohm. Not pictured: Colton Hightshoe, Hunter Jones, Cain Quinn, Dane Scott and Kaelyn Spittler.

This Thanksgiving I have a lot to be thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. Next, I'm thankful

for everything. Finally, I am thankful for God. My favorite Thanksgiving Day food

is everything that's for us on Thanksgiving.

Gabbi McCallister

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from our families to yours!
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Common cooking mistakes

We've all been there. You're in the kitchen whipping up your favorite dish when the phone rings, the kids start yelling or a neighbor knocks on your door. You take care of business, but then you're distracted and forget an ingredient or set the oven timer for far too long. You end up with a not-so-great dish, most of which ends up in the garbage disposal. Mistakes happen, even with the best of cooks. This year as you begin planning for all of the holiday dishes ahead, keep these common cooking mistakes in mind to reduce the risk of kitchen mishaps.

Skimming the recipe

Good cooks read the recipe from beginning to end long

before they set out to prepare the dish. They understand what is entailed and make sure they have all of the right tools and all of the right ingredients to complete all of the right steps.

Skimping on ingredients

Good cooks use the highest-quality ingredients they can afford. They understand the quality of ingredients makes all the difference in the quality of the results and select good ingredients and handle them with care.

Making too many substitutions

Good cooks use the ingredients recommended. They understand the taste of the final product depends heavily upon the ingredients used and

make substitutions only when necessary.

Measuring haphazardly

Good cooks measure ingredients carefully. They understand the difference between liquid and dry measuring cups and know how to use them to get an accurate measurement.

Rushing steps

Good cooks take their time in the kitchen. They understand cooking is a multi-step process and take the time necessary to chill the dough, heat up the pan, simmer the gravy, etc.

Poking at food too much

Good cooks know when to back off and leave the food be. They understand food needs time to cook, some-

times hours, and make sure the food is ready before they stir or flip it.

Leaving the taste tests to the end

Good cooks taste the food as they go. They understand there are a lot of variables in cooking and rely on their palate to make sure the seasonings, cooking times and results are spot on.

Overfilling pans

Good cooks use the size of pan recommended and fill it properly. They understand food needs space for steam to escape and allow for it, even if it means they have to discard leftover batter or get out another pan.

Overlooking oven variances

Good cooks know their oven's quirks. They understand not all ovens work the same

and make the necessary adjustments to accommodate for their oven's quirks, whether moving a pan over to avoid a hot spot or extending the cooking time.

Refusing to admit mistakes

Good cooks know when they have made one too many mistakes and are willing to start over. While some cooking mistakes can be overlooked or corrected, big ones, like forgetting to use a meat thermometer and burning the meat, cannot be undone. No amount of gravy will camouflage the taste and texture of charred meat. Good cooks understand that, admit their mistakes and are willing to start over, even if it means pizza tonight and a traditional holiday dinner tomorrow or next week.

Gowin

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food is pumpkin pie.

Ollyve Scroggins

I am thankful for God because he brought me here and I love him for that. God can make wishes come true, for example if you pray to him about a problem, he sometimes will make it better. Second, I am thankful for my friends because they are so nice and kind. Mybff is Everly because she is very kind, help-

ful, and pretty too. Everly and I like to play with toys together and share toys. Everly helps me when I'm sad and hurt by cheering me up. There are a lot of things to be thankful for in life. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Rachel Rankin.

I am thankful for my mom and dad because they saved me from a virus called RSV. I had to stay in the hospital for a couple days, up to a week so they could make sure that it was gone. The 2nd thing I am thankful for is God because he created me, my friends, and my family. God made this world so more people can live here. Finally, the 3rd thing I am thankful for is my friends, they help cheer me up when I need it. Emry and Briley are some of my best friends and they are such nice kids. My favorite Thanksgiving food is

pumpkin pie.

Azlyn Hays

I am thankful for my family for many reasons. First, my dad is teaching me the song, "Call Me Little Sunshine" by Ghost on guitar. Second, my family and I will laugh at jokes and stories. My favorite story was when my grandpa fell down the stairs with mario sounds holding a pie. Lastly, my grandpa takes me to Steak n' Shake and my favorite thing to get there is a burger and cheese fries. My favorite Thanksgiving food is ham.

Charlie Rhodes

I am thankful for my teachers because they are kind and smart. Ms. Gowin teaches us stuff like math, reading, science, and social studies. She is kind because we get to do fun activities together in class. Another teacher that I am thankful for is Ms. Grace. She

is kind to me because she always tries to make me happy. These teachers make coming to school better and exciting. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Ruby Archer.

I am thankful for my teacher at school. Miss. Gowin is very kind, she is my favorite because she helps me learn new things. Miss. Gowin is very fun because she reads books to us that have a movie too. She lets us watch the movie and talk about how it is the same as the book or how it is different from the book. I am most thankful for Miss. Gowin because she does not get angry at me when I am not trying my best, she just talks to me and we work together to finish my work. My favorite Thanksgiving food is the same as Miss. Gowin's, which is pumpkin pie.

cheer me up when I am down by trying to make me happy. One time my glasses broke at school, but my friends helped me out by telling me to not be so rough during kickball. Friends and family are great things to be thankful for. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Tyler Blankenship.

There are many things in life to be thankful for, but I'm most thankful for my parents. First, I am thankful for them because they are nice to visit. They are fun to play games with, for example my favorite game to play with them is go fish. Second, they are nice to me because they don't yell at me all the time. Lastly, they will always love me no matter what. My favorite Thanksgiving food is pumpkin pie.

Malachi Piehl.


I am thankful for mom and dad because they help me when I get hurt. For example, when I fall off my bike and my scooter they help me stand back up and tell me to keep trying. Next, they help me when I am sad or mad. When I'm mad they make me laugh by tickling me. My favorite thanksgiving food that I eat with my family is pumpkin pie.

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Mrs. Ellington's Class Martinsville

I am thankful for my family. First, my family helps me out when I ask them. Second, my family is really kind, funny, and smart. Also, we all help each other out a lot. Next, we all have each other's back. Lastly, we all love to spend time with each other. I love spending the extra time over break with my family.

My favorite Thanksgiving food to eat is noodles.

Annsey Tedesco

I am thankful for my family and a roof over my head. First I'm thankful for my family because they help me push myself. My family is a reminder to keep going and to be thankful for many things. Also I'm thankful for my house. It is one of the best things I could ever imagine. My house gives me somewhere to sleep, eat, and relax. This Thanksgiving I'm thankful for my family and house.

One of my favorite foods to eat at Thanksgiving is ham.

Bryson Comstock

I'm thankful for Christmas. I get presents that I've wanted for a very long time. Also, I get to spend time with my family and play with the toys that I got for Christmas. Next, I'm also thankful for my family and friends. My family gives me food to eat, water to drink, and a roof over my head. Lastly, my friends play with me and stand up for me. That is why I'm thankful for Christmas, family, and friends.

One of my favorite foods to eat at Thanksgiving is ham.

Coen Lovell

I am thankful for having something to eat every night. First, I know some people don't get to have any food. Food tastes good and it's good for you. Also, I am thankful for having a nice, loving, and amazing family. They love me and keep me safe. Lastly, I'm thankful for my friends. They cheer me up when I'm sad. I love to eat chicken and noodles for Thanksgiving. These are some of the things I'm thankful for. What are you



Mrs. Emily Ellington's Class

Front row (l-r): Coen Lovell, Ellie Hollingsworth, Raiden Beaty and Vivi Shotts. **2nd row (l-r):** Bryer Trammel, Annsey Tedesco, Lucy Higginbotham, Vedam Chaudhari, Rayzer Dodd, Sarah Wilson and Hayden Shotts. **Back row (l-r):** Haddie Maxwell, Patrick Gross, Grace Evers, Miss Sheila Cribelar, Mrs. Emily Ellington, Nevaeh Garrard and Bryson Comstock. *Photo by Gary Strohm.*

thankful for and why?

My favorite Thanksgiving food is ham.

Ellie Hollingsworth

I am thankful for a lot of things. But let me tell you about one of the things I am most thankful for this year is friends. First, I really love my friends because when I'm feeling down, they always check on me and will help when I need it. Next, my friends come up with the best ideas, and will share the ideas with me. Also, they always encourage me, even on my bad ideas. Last, my friends and I always work as a team and are always responsible. That is why I am thankful for my friends.

My favorite Thanksgiving food is yeast rolls.

Grace Evers

I am thankful for my friends. They are kind and we have fun playing with each other. While at PE my friends play volleyball with me. Also, I am thankful for my cat Emerald. She always makes me happy

when she sits on my lap. Emerald loves to sit on the lawn chairs in the garage. These are just two things I am thankful for this Thanksgiving.

My favorite food to eat on

Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie.

Haddie Maxwell

I am thankful for my family because they always support me and keep me safe.

My parents always cook good

meals and provide me with what I need to live with. Also, my sisters are nice most of the time and are very helpful. I am the oldest, so I get to do most

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Miss Fuller and Mrs. Monan's Hutsonville Classes

Hello there! I hope you are ready for the 2024 Thanksgiving! I am Lairyn T, and I am a 4th grader at Hutsonville Elementary School. I am 10 years old and super excited to tell you about my Thanksgivings!

I am excited for Thanksgiving this year. Everybody thinks of turkey, but I think of my family. I love them. If they see this, they'd be proud! I am looking forward to sitting at the table and having a meal with them. A special meal that means a lot to me.

We usually go to my Mom's side of the family, who live in Tennessee. However, we are staying at home this year. I am glad. It is usually crazy there. Haha, I still love them. But I like to have some time with just my household, where my dog can eat some yummy scraps! Anyway, every year we list some things we are thankful for. Last year, I made everybody a drawing and one thing I thanked them for. I think I will do that this year, too.

My favorite food is my grandpa's tater tot casserole. It is very cheesy, and sometimes we add bacon on the top. I love the crunchy bacon. I am talking about my Dad's side of the family now, if you were wondering. Anyway, we usually stop there after we visit Tennessee, but I think we will go on Thanksgiving day this year. They give us some leftovers, and they are yummy. I wish my Mom's family lived around here. Then we could all have Thanksgiving together!

I am thankful for a lot of things in life. I am thankful for my family, who has guided me through thick and thin. I am thankful for food, because it gives me the energy to run and play. I am thankful for art, because when I feel sad, I can express my feelings through it. I am thankful for a lot of things, and I'm even thankful for you reading this.

Lairyn T

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. My name is Fletcher. I'm nine years old and go to school at Hutsonville Elementary. My favorite subject is science. My favorite thing to do is play football. My favorite things are stickers and books.

I'm bouncing for Thanksgiving this year. I am ready for it because every year we go to my Aunt Tracey's house and play fun games. We



Miss Brittney Fuller's Class

Front row (l-r): Dalton Liffick, Calden Titsworth, Luna Hood and Hayliana Taylor. Back row (l-r): Owen Edwards, Killian Baker, Miss Brittney Fuller, Kamie Knoblett and Easton Neely. Photo by Gary Strohm.

play games like pickleball and basketball. Sometimes we do a scavenger hunt.

I'm also ready for the apple pie. I like it because it's like an apple with more crunch and whip cream. I'm not sure who makes it in my family, but I love it.

I'm thankful for food, water, and all my family.

Fletcher S.

Hi! I hope you have a good Thanksgiving! My name is Angela. I am 9 years old and enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to Thanksgiving this year.

We go to many different houses on

Thanksgiving. We go to my mom's friends' places and some family that do not live far away.

We play a game called thankful. We also play Sorry and jump on the trampoline.

My favorite food is turkey. I like turkey because it is really juicy. I dip it in gravy. We also have corn, mashed potatoes, coconut pie, and coconut milk. My mom has a lot of fun with this, but I don't like coconut,

so I don't eat it.

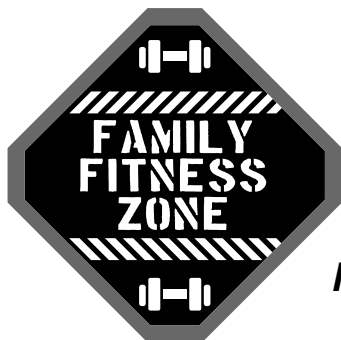
I am thankful for the people who fought for our country, my family, and friends.

Angela F.

Hello! Happy Thanksgiving! My name is Carlee and I go to Hutsonville Elementary School. My favorite things to do are play with my cousins on Thanksgiving and EAT!

I am VERY excited about Thanksgiving this year. We go to Benton, Kentucky to my

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Mrs. Paula Monan's Class

Front row (l-r): Dalelyn Stewart, Fletcher Strohm, Lairyn Titsworth and Lyam Woodard. Back row (l-r): Keelie Harden, Blake Fancil, Mrs. Paula Monan, Angela Fancil and Carlee Salee. Photo by Gary Strohm.

uncle's house to celebrate Thanksgiving with all of my cousins and Grandad and Grandma Farmer. This is my mom's side of the family and there is a LOT! My cousins get a little wild when I am with them.

My cousins and I play hide and seek. This is how we play. First, I hide and my cousin seeks, but there is a twist. The hider has to send a picture on their phone and then the seeker has to find them.

We eat turkey, baked potatoes, fruit, ham, and a dessert. Can you guess what it is ...DR-UMROLL... cheesecake. IT'S SO GOOD! Sometimes I put pineapple on top.

I am thankful for my family, the food, and how we have such a great time together!

Carlee S.

Happy Thanksgiving to all who read this. I am 9 years old and I am in 4th grade at Hutsonville Elementary School.

What I like about Thanks-

giving is spending time with my family, friends, and cousins. I am excited to see all of them. We go to my dad's side of the family and then my mom's sometimes.

My favorite food is ham because it is sweet, but not too sweet. What we have after, for dessert, is coconut and pumpkin pie.

Then, we play Uno and maybe hide and seek. If it is nice we play outside. I am thankful for my family, my home, friends, teachers, and my pet rabbit, Thumper.

Keelie H.

Happy Thanksgiving! I am

9 years old. I am in 4th grade at Hutsonville Elementary School. My favorite things to do are fishing, shopping, and math.

We usually stay at my home for Thanksgiving. My family plays games like Uno and Triple Play Uno. I am most excited about seeing my cousin who lives all the way in Missouri. I don't get to see him very much.

My favorite food to eat for Thanksgiving is turkey, corn, cauliflower, and water chestnuts which are in a salad. The chestnuts are crunchy, taste like butter, and have a smooth

texture.

I am thankful for seeing my cousin, my Dad, my Mom and the whole family. Dalelyn S.

Hi! My name is Blake and I am nine years old and in 4th grade at Hutsonville. I like fishing in the summer, playing in snow during the winter, and driving ATVs. I like reading, taking tests, and going home from school. I don't like school because sometimes it is boring and wastes the day. I like the fun days at school or if

there is drama, which entertains me the most.

My favorite food is ribs. My favorite food at Thanksgiving is deviled eggs. We usually take a walk in the woods while we are waiting for the food to cook. I am thankful for my family and everything I have.

Blake F.

Hello, my name is Lyam and I hate a lot of things like cancer because it kills too many people. Storms because it takes people's homes away. The devil is the worst of them all because he's evil.

My favorite food is turkey. My Grandma makes it with cheese. My other favorite is drum roll please_ melty cheese with broccoli because it melts in my mouth.

The things I love to do on Thanksgiving are to play with dogs. I like to see my brother and sister a lot because I do not get to see them every day.

My brother who is 5 likes to play with dinosaurs. My sister who is 4 likes to play with Barbies. My dad is 52 and he likes to make glass candy and I've tried it. The Cinnamon one tastes sweet.

My entire family has a lot of chickens and roosters. My Grandma has a couple of dogs. We have between 15-20 cats. I don't know how many we have.

I am most thankful for GOD because he died for our sins.

LYAM W.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! My name is Easton and I go to Hutsonville Elementary School. I am 9 years old and in 4th grade. My favorite thing to do is play sports like tackle football and the video game Fortnite.

I am thankful for all the great food and my Papa's Birthday is really close to Thanksgiving day this year. It is two days before Thanksgiving. We give presents to my Papa for him to open. We have a ton of family that comes over too.

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Stress-free Thanksgiving tips for time-crunched hosts

While gathering for Thanksgiving is intended to be a joyous occasion, everyone who has hosted the feast knows it can also come with a lot of stress, and expenses.

The good news is that whether you're a Gen Z-er hosting your first Friendsgiving on a budget or you're a busy family preparing for guests, there is a lot to be thankful for this year.

That's because this holiday season, Sam's Club's private brand Member's Mark is unveiling an innovative pre-

cooked Thanksgiving meal that is ready to serve in under two hours, priced under \$100 for up to 10 people and available to be delivered. Crafted with mindfully made premium ingredients, the meal offers convenience without compromising quality, ensuring a stress-free, memorable and delicious Thanksgiving. Here are the traditional Thanksgiving favorites that the meal includes:

- Member's Mark Smoked Turkey
- Member's Mark Yukon

Gold Mashed Potatoes

- Member's Mark Pumpkin Pie
- Member's Mark Sweet Potato Mash
- Member's Mark Brussels Sprouts
- Member's Mark Yeast Dinner Rolls
- Member's Mark Macaroni and Cheese

• Member's Mark Cranberry Crunch Salad

Along with purchasing a convenient Thanksgiving meal, here are a few additional ways to eliminate stress around holiday prep:

1. **Start Early:** Get your shopping and other hosting tasks done in advance. For example, don't wait until Thanksgiving Day to tidy up your home. Doing a deep clean in advance can help ensure your kitchen is organized and ready for the big day, and that guests feel comfortable and welcomed. Set the table and do any decorating you have planned the evening beforehand.



2. **Save on Festive Flair:** You can further reduce costs by going DIY with items like centerpieces and seasonal wreaths, or by shopping with retailers offering great value, such as Sam's Club, which provides solutions for flowers, décor, wine and other hosting essentials.

3. **Rely on Friends and Family:** Even if you have the main meal

covered, it's still nice to get a little help from guests, who will likely ask if they can bring something. Don't be shy about asking them to contribute an appetizer or beverage!

For more information on the Member's Mark Holiday Meal, visit samsclub.com.

By eliminating holiday hassles, you can focus on what really matters, giving thanks and spending time with the people you care about.

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Kick off the holidays with a festive cookie recipe exchange

When we think about the holidays, a lot of the special moments we remember most fondly from years past involve sharing food with loved ones — from festive cookie exchanges to the scents and smells of family-favorite dishes and desserts, to warm beverages on cold nights.

That's why McCormick is dishing up these cooking tips for creating special moments:

- Incorporate seasonal herbs, spices and seasonings like sage, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon and nutmeg into your cooking and baking to provide long-lasting fresh flavors, vibrant colors and appetizing aromas.

- Use ready-to-make dry recipe mixes, such as turkey or brown gravy, to easily create perfectly blended flavors

for sauces that elevate your holiday meals.

- Rely on extracts like pure vanilla and peppermint to enhance the flavors and aromas of holiday treats.

This holiday season, the McCormick brand is also going on a virtual quest for the best holiday cookie recipe through the McCormick Cookie Quest contest. If you have a winning cookie recipe, consider joining in the fun. Official Rules and entry instructions can be found by visiting: mccormick.com/cookie-quest-terms-and-conditions. [NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Starts 11/19/24; ends 12/8/24. Sponsor: McCormick & Company.]

In the spirit of the virtual cookie recipe exchange, Mc-



Cormick is partnering with famed bakery Milk Bar and its rule-breaking, award-winning founder and CEO, Christina Tosi, to create and share Milk Bar x McCormick Candy Cane Pretzel Bark Cookies. On Dec. 4, which is National Cookie Day, select Milk Bar locations in New York City, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. will give away these scrumptious cookies to the first 100 customers,

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Mrs. Haines' Class - Marshall

I am thankful for having my family. They always help me when I need help. My favorite Thanksgiving food is the mashed potatoes. My mom makes them. I think they taste really good. My mom puts gravy on it. My mom tells me it's special.

Kinsley Butler

I am thankful for my family and my pets because they are very sweet, also I'm thankful for my house and my life. All of my friends I am thankful for too but I like everything in my life. Food, water, the roof over your head, now is the time to thank everyone for who they are and what they've done for you. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because you get together with your family. My personal favorite thing about Thanksgiving is when we sit around the table and pray about everything Jesus and God has done for us after we line up and get our food. My favorite Thanksgiving food is chicken and noodles because they just taste really good. I always get pumpkin pie, chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, and corn.

Olivia Clark

I am thankful for my granddad. I'm thankful for granddad because he teaches me a lot of the stuff I know, like how to cook. He's really loving and caring. He's always willing to watch me when mom needs him to. I don't know what I would do without him. My favorite Thanksgiving food is my sister Anna's mashed potatoes and my grandma's chicken noodles.

Evie Houpt

I am thankful for math. I love math. It's my favorite subject of school. My favorite Thanks-

giving food is salmon ball. My nana makes her homemade salmon ball and she brings the best crackers ever!!

Brayden Kozloff

I am thankful for family because they give me food and a house and they help me with homework. My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey because it tastes good and I like it.

Jase Maskell

I am thankful for my mom. She helps me with everything I need to get done. My favorite Thanksgiving food is the turkey. The turkey has a nice flavor.

Ethan Mattis

I am thankful for my dad because he is the best. My favorite Thanksgiving food is stuffed turkey because it's very, very good.

Maurino Mayer

I am thankful for Mr. F. Because he was the best ever because he helped me. And he is cool and nice and very kind to people and nice to me and I don't want him to go by. My favorite Thanksgiving food is ham. Ham is because it has taste to it.

Alec Morgan

I am thankful for my mom and my dad and pop pop and Miss. Haines and I am here. My favorite Thanksgiving food is my pop pop's famous cheese balls, mashed tarts, cookies, and chicken nuggets.

Zelda Priser

I am thankful for my friends and family. Because they listen to me and are nice to me, they like my opinion and cook me food, and I am kind to them to repay them. My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey because my grandma makes the best of it.



Mrs. Amie Haines' Class

Front row (l-r): Ethan Mattis and Zayden Storer. 2nd row (l-r): Kinsley Butler, Evie Houpt, Maurino Mayer, Nova Veach and Jase Maskell. Back row (l-r): Sawyer Schiver, Olivia Clark, Mrs. Amie Haines, Brayden Kozloff and Hayden Smitley. Photo by Gary Strohm. Not pictured: Zelda Priser, Alec Morgan and Benjamin Ray.

Benjamin Ray

I am thankful for the people that put food on my plate and keep a roof over my head. I'm also thankful for my pets. My favorite Thanksgiving food is mashed potatoes and salads. They taste good.

Hayden Smitley

I am thankful for my family and my pet. The reason why

I'm thankful for my family and pet is they both love me. My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey.

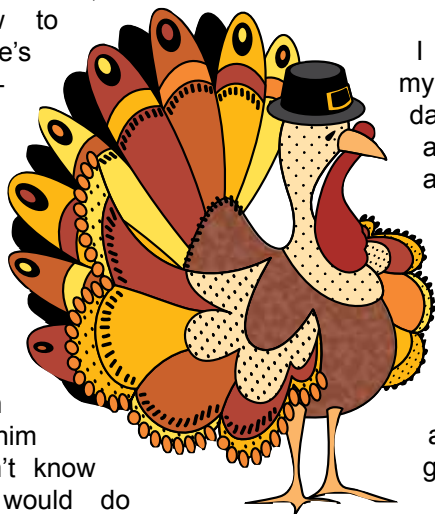
Zayden Storer

I am thankful for God and life. God died on the cross for us; he is our father. My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey and fresh fruit.

NovaLeigh Veach

I am thankful for my friends and family and my dogs and cats. Because they make me feel better when I am sad. My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey, chicken noodles, and beans.

Sawyer Schiver



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while supplies last. The limited-time cookie will also be on sale at select locations starting on National Cookie Day through December 31. And as part of the collaboration, McCormick and Milk Bar are also sharing the recipe, so you can make these delectable cookies at home!

Ingredients:

- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups white chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup plus 3 table-

spoons McCormick Candy Cane Sugar, divided

- 1 1/2 cups mini pretzels

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray two half-sheet pans with no-stick cooking spray or line with parchment or silicone baking mats. Mix butter and sugars in large bowl with heavy spatula for about 2 minutes until well blended. Add egg and extracts, stirring until combined and fluffy, about 1 minute.

2. Mix flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda in medium bowl. Add dry ingredients to butter and sugar mixture, stirring just until combined. Stir in white chocolate chips, 3 tablespoons of the Candy Cane Sugar and mini pretzels, mixing until evenly blended.

3. Place remaining 1/4 cup Candy Cane Sugar in medium bowl. Use a 1/3-cup measuring cup or 2 3/4-ounce cookie scoop to portion dough into

balls. Toss dough balls in Candy Cane Sugar to coat and place 2 to 3 inches apart on prepared baking pans.

4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until edges are golden brown. Cool completely before serving.

Tip: Can't get your hands on McCormick Candy Cane Sugar? Increase McCormick Peppermint Extract to 1 1/2 teaspoons, stir in 2 tablespoons of red colored sugar along with the chocolate chips, then use 1/4 cup red colored sugar to roll cookies before baking.

"The holiday season is all about sharing. That's why we're so excited to share one of our favorite holiday cookie recipes and encourage creative bakers all around the country to do the same," says Giovanna DiLegge, vice president of Marketing, North American Consumer at McCormick. (StatePoint)

food, and friends. First, I am thankful for nelly my dog she keeps me entertained. My mom helps me with my homework. My dad takes me to soccer. Second, I am thankful for food. If you did not have food you could not survive. Rudy's is my favorite restaurant chicken is my favorite food. Last, I am thankful for friends. If you did not have friends you could not have fun. Every thanksgiving I think about all these wonderful things.

Walker Huffington

This Thanksgiving I want to take a moment to appreciate all the things I am thankful for. First, I am thankful for my family. The reason I am thankful for them is because they love me and they spend a lot of time with me. The second thing I am thankful for is my dog spike. He is the best dog in the world and I am happy to have him. The third thing I am thankful for is my friend Chris. He is so funny and good at video games. He is also really good at basketball. Lastly, my favorite Thanksgiving food is cranberry. People think it is sour but to me it is just good. I like Thanksgiving because it reminds me of how important it is to be grateful.

Grayson Leitch

I am thankful for my new cat and dog, family, and friends. First, I am thankful for my funny family. I have a lot of comedians in my family. I am also thankful for my dog Hedwig and my cat Clove. My pets are really funny and important to me. Lastly, I am thankful for my things I have at home. My things at home are the reason I'm alive. My family, friends and pets are really important to me.

Emilia Maurer

I have many special people and great things to be thankful for this year! I love thinking about all of the people and things that I am most thankful for during thanksgiving. For thanksgiving I eat turkey and we have a Big party. We have 15 people coming to celebrate Thanksgiving with us

We will decorate the house before thanksgiving dinner. I am thankful for Thanksgiving, my family, and dinner.

Lance

This Thanksgiving I think about all the things I'm thankful for like family, my dog and friends. The first thing I'm thankful for is my family. I like being with them because they are fun. I'm thankful for my mom because she makes food for us and she's crafty. I'm also thankful for my dad because he is funny and he always asks if I want to talk to him if something's bothering me. I'm also thankful for my dog Rip. I'm thankful for him because he cuddles on the couch with me every day and cheers me up when I'm sad. Lastly, I'm also thankful for my friends. I'm thankful for my friends because they are funny. My very close friends are Ellie, Lexi, Emi M., Harper D., Vivi and Blakely. In the end Thanksgiving reminds me of how important it is to be grateful for Family, my pet and friends.

Emmy Reed

This Thanksgiving I want to think about the things I am thankful for like family, friends, and shelter. I am first thankful for my amazing family. I am thankful for my mom because she makes me my meals. I am grateful for my dad because he is the best dad ever. I appreciate my brother because he helps me learn new things. I am thankful for my sister Lainey because she shares her stuff with me. I am grateful for my sister Iivi because she hugs me when I need a hug. I appreciate my cat because when I am having a bad day he will curl up on my lap and take a nap. Next, I am very grateful for my friends. My friends help me when I am feeling down. My friends also make me laugh. Me and my friends also really like to tease each other. Lastly, I am really thankful for shelter. Shelter is an amazing thing because when it is raining you won't get wet. Overall being thankful helps me realize how grateful I should be.

Lexi Strohm

Bayes

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In conclusion I am thankful for all the wonderful things in my life, I am most grateful for my family, school, and my pets.

Harper Downey

I have many special people and great things to be thankful for this year. I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my mom and my dad because they cook me food. I am thankful for my brothers because they give me someone to play with. Then I am thankful for my grandparents. Some let me go fishing. Some let me drive and some let me ride on the fire truck. Finally, I am really thankful for farming. I'm really thankful for it! Farmers give you all the food that

we need. I am really thankful for my family, grandparents and my farming.

Jase Fraker

During Thanksgiving I feel especially thankful for family, pets, and school. This Thanksgiving I want all of my cousins to come over. I'm thankful for my family Abby, Ricky, Little Ricky, Rowan, Murphy, Binx, Kulisy, Milo, Nacho, BB, Kim Kardashien, Drago, and Beefus. I'll always love them. Another reason I'm thankful is my pets. Two of my favorite pets are my kitties, and doggy! They are adorable and sweet! I'm really, really thankful for my friends and teacher there the best! There some of the best people in the world! The people that I'm writing about

are my favorite!

Axel Gibson

Everybody can be thankful. Some people can have the same ideas and some people don't have to have the same thing. Here are a few things I am thankful for this year. One thing I am thankful for is my family. I have lots of fun playing fortnight, Minecraft, and Jenga. Also, we like to go everywhere together. Additionally, I am thankful for my pets. My cat Lilith likes to play and bite me and she likes to spend time with me. Another reason I feel thankful is because my teacher is the best teacher in the whole entire world. She has the best room ever. To sum it up, Thanksgiving is special because Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday to celebrate. It is a day that you can think about family, pets, and teachers and also good luck.

KayLynn Hain-Shutts

This Thanksgiving if I were you I would think of all the things you are thankful for. I am thankful for my family,



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Mrs. Huffington's Class - Marshall

I am thankful for my grandparents being able to come to my house and be with us for Thanksgiving because my grandpa is not feeling well. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie because my grandma makes it sometimes on Thanksgiving.

Sadie Claypool

I am thankful for my parents because they give us food, water, shelter and love. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie because it is so delicious and the best part is the texture. I also like the stuffing, the taste is amazing.

Andrew Crisman

I am thankful for my family because they all care for me. I am all so thankful for all my friends because they all are very nice. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie because my mom always makes it.

Dillionger Cross

I am thankful for my great grandparents because my great grandparents are still alive and I have 3 great grandparents. I am also thankful for my family because they are who I love the most. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is turkey, mashed potatoes, cookies, Mac and cheese and apple sauce.

I like all this because my grandma makes the best apple sauce and Mac and cheese, I really like mashed potatoes as well.

Tucker Dahnke

I am thankful for my parents because they cook dinner for me, they play games with me, and they watch tv with me. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is biscuits because I love bread and I love it with butter.

Maverick Johnson

I am thankful for Jesus because he did two wonderful things. One, he died on the

cross for our sins. Two, he made us. Another thing that I am thankful for is my parents. They raise me and feed me! My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is mac and cheese because it is yummy! Another food I like is green beans because they are good and salty. One more thing I like is mashed potatoes because my mom makes THE BEST mashed potatoes!

Grace Kollman

I am thankful for my family because they help me, support me in sports, and they love me. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is mac and cheese because my mom makes the best mac and cheese! I also like ham, turkey, and rolls!

Parker Morey

I am thankful for my family because they make food for me and they give me shelter. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is turkey and noodles because it is so delicious in my opinion!

Oliver James Nichols

I am thankful for my family because they help with a lot of things. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and ham because it's so good and easy to make.

Weslee Sanders

I am thankful for my family because every Thanksgiving me, my grandma and my grandpa set up a big table for all of the food. We need a big table because we always eat all of the it! My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is mashed potatoes, turkey, ham, green beans, and Mac and cheese because it's what I always eat.

Remington Smallwood

I am thankful for music, cars, a home and my family because they help me with homework sometimes. My fa-



Mrs. Michelle Huffington's Class

Front row (l-r): Dillionger Cross, Scarlett Wright, Oliver Nichols and Andrew Crisman. 2nd row (l-r): Tucker Dahnke, Grace Kollman, Sadie Claypool and Maverick Johnson. Back row (l-r): Weslee Sanders, Charlotte Wells, Mrs. Michelle Huffington, Parker Morey, Remington Smallwood and Jameson Truelove.

Photo by Gary Strohm. Not pictured: Christina Tapp.

favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is mashed potatoes and turkey. I like it because it's yummy!

Christina Tapp

I am thankful for my Mother. She is the best. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is Pumpkin Pie because my Aunt Teresa makes it and it's

delicious.

Jameson Truelove

I am thankful for my grandparents, because they do a lot for me. I am also thankful for my dog Hazel because she cuddles with me and gives me licks. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is chicken and noodles because my

grandparents make the best!

Charlotte Wells

I am thankful for my privileges because I am lucky enough to have privileges. My favorite thing to eat at Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie because I help make it and we add extra pumpkin.

Scarlett Wright



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- 1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine, substitute butter
- 5 large celery stalks, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 loaves (16 ounces each) sliced firm white bread, lightly toasted and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh parsley leaves, chopped

1. Heat oven to 325 F. In 12-inch skillet, melt margarine or butter over medium heat. Add celery and onion, and cook 15 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.
2. Stir in thyme, salt, pepper, sage, chicken broth and 1/2 cup water; remove skillet from heat.
3. Place bread cubes in very large bowl. Add celery mixture and parsley; toss to mix well.
4. Spoon stuffing into 13-by-9-inch glass baking dish; cover with foil and bake 40 minutes or until heated through.

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My favorite foods are dumplings, mashed potatoes, and fresh picked green beans. They are so good because they are very sweet and tasty.

I am most thankful for all the family that comes together and all the love they have for

me.

Easton N.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! I am 9 years old and I am in the 4th grade at Hutsonville Elementary School. My favorite things to do are play video games and play basketball.

I am excited about Thanksgiving this year because we

have a break from school and I get to go to my Mimi's house.

My favorite food is my Mimi's chocolate pie because it is so chocolatey and the crust is so soft and it is so good.

We have turkey costumes to dress in and battle each other like a pillow fight. The last one standing is the winner! The loser has to give the winner five dollars.

I am thankful for my family and friends because they support me on everything I do.

Calden T.

Hi! My name is Kamie. I am 9 years old, well about to be 10, in December. I go to Hutsonville Elementary School, My favorite hobby is roller skating. I love it! I am also a huge fan of Thanksgiving. It is so much fun.

I am so excited about Thanksgiving and looking forward to seeing my friends and family. I hope you are too! The reason why I enjoy Thanksgiving is the food and seeing my family. You are probably wanting to know who is there and what food.

There are green beans, corn cake, mashed potatoes, desserts, and of course a turkey. My favorite food is the cheesy potatoes. They are so cheesy and tasty. My aunt makes them every year.

My cousins, aunts, grandpas and grandmas, my siblings, and my parents. We normally go to my Papaw's or my Nana's house. We always play games and visit each other

I am so thankful for my family, I could never get through my life without them.

Kamie K.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! I am 10 years old and

in 4th grade at Hutsonville Elementary School. My favorite things to do are play football, watch and do car derbies, fish, deer hunt, make mud pies, and hang out with my family.

I am ready for Thanksgiving this year. I am looking forward to doing games, eating food, and hanging out with my family.

My Mimi makes the best food which is green beans, mashed potatoes, ham with Coca Cola in it, and yummy macaroni and cheese. I love it because it melts on my tongue and it is delicious.

I'm thankful for family, friends, my food, my home.

Luna H.

Hi, Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! I am 9 years old and I am in 4th grade at Hutsonville Elementary School. I love to play video games like Fortnite and Minecraft.

Whenever I go to my grandma's house, it is really fun there. She has a lot of stuff ready for us and she makes the best food. My favorite food for Thanksgiving is turkey. It has lots of flavors and seasonings. It's the best turkey every year!

We play board games like Monopoly, Sorry, and a card game called War. We also play cornhole outside.

I am thankful for my (lame)ly and my life.

Killian B.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I am 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Hutsonville Elementary School. I like to play video games, go outside and take walks.

I am excited about Thanksgiving this year because we have a break from school and going to my grandpa's house.

We usually just sit around and visit.

My favorite Thanksgiving food is turkey or ham. Whenever my grandma makes it, it is really juicy. It has a lot of flavor and it reminds me of Lay's BBQ chips!

I am thankful for my family and friends.

Dalton L.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I am Hayliana and I am 9 years old. I go to Hutsonville Elementary School. I like to play soccer, lift weights, do yoga, go outside, play video games, and I am an animal lover.

I'm most excited about Thanksgiving because my family and I all get together. My grandma makes delicious food. I love her turkey and her green beans with bacon bits.

My cousin and I play games, then we all eat together. Sometimes we host at my house and other times my grandma hosts. My mom and I mess around with each other. My parents love snuggling and messing around. We all have the best time together.

I'm thankful for my house, my friends, my family, my food, and pets. I'm thankful for lots of things.

Hayliana T.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I am 10 years old. I go to school in Hutsonville.

I am so excited for Thanksgiving because we are eating a big meal and then playing video games at the arcade next to my grandpa's house. I also will read a ton of books that day. My mom, grandma, great grandpa, and stepdad will be there. My stepdad brings me gifts. He is nice to me.

My favorite food for Thanksgiving is turkey. We will have a lot of other food, but turkey is the best.

I am thankful for all my family and their love and attention they give me.

Owen E.

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Mrs. Boyer's Class - Marshall

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family. They love and help me. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is ham and my grandma's homemade pudding.

Avery Asbury

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my four wheeler. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is ham.

Ryder Bohannon

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my mom and dad. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is ham.

Josh Bracken, Jr.

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for church and my family. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is cranberry pie.

Jaylee Church

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my big brother. I like playing games with him. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is apple pie.

River Craemer

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my mom and dad and sometimes my brothers and sisters.. My favorite thing to eat is my mimi's ham!

Tess Gard

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my body, friends, and family. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is strawberry and vanilla swirl ice cream.

Elijah Harryman

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is corn. My greatgrandma used to make the best corn!

Vivi Henry

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is rolls.

Dalton Higgins

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my show pigs. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is Turkey.

Tabor Howard

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is turkey.

Karver Kile

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for the world. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is ham at my grandma's house with all my family members.

Kayzlee Platt

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my grandma. My grandma takes care of me. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is mini hot dogs.

Channing Plew

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family. Sometimes I help my mom cook and help dad with the laundry. My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is ham.

Sansa Schiver



Mrs. Melissa Boyer's Class

Front row (l-r): Ryder Bohannon, Jaylee Church and Elijah Harryman. 2nd row (l-r): Dalton Higgins, Sansa Schiver, Channing Plew and Vivienne Henry. Back row (l-r): Tabor Howard, Josh Bracken, Kayzlee Platt, Karver Kile and River Cramer. Photo by Gary Strohm. Not pictured: Avery Asbury, Tess Gard and Mrs. Melissa Boyer.

Roasted Sweet Potatoes Pecan Crunch Topping

No more marshmallows! A pecan-pie-inspired topping brings a festive twist to classic sweet potatoes.

- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar, divided
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger, ground
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 6 tablespoons butter, cut up, divided
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Mix 1/4 cup of the brown sugar, orange juice, vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon each of the cin-



namon and ginger, and salt in large bowl. Add sweet potatoes; toss to coat well. Spoon into 13-by-9-inch baking dish.

Sprinkle evenly with cranberries. Dot with 2 tablespoons of the butter. Cover with foil. Bake 30 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, mix flour, remaining 1/2 cup brown sugar and remaining 1 teaspoon each cinnamon and ginger in medium bowl. Cut in remaining 4 tablespoons butter with a fork until coarse crumbs form. Stir in pecans. Remove sweet potatoes from oven and stir gently. Sprinkle evenly with

pecan topping.

3. Bake, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes longer or until sweet potatoes are tender and topping is lightly browned. Serves 8.

Each serving: About 439 calories, 19g total fat, 4g protein, 63g carbohydrate, 6g fiber, 23mg cholesterol, 257mg sodium.



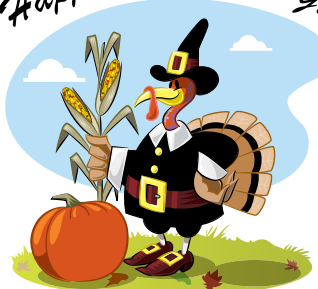
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The right way to store Thanksgiving leftovers

¥ Store leftovers in serving-size containers for food safety and cooking ease. Dig into the containers to make sandwiches, turkey and mashed-potato burritos and turkey stir-fry!

¥ Remove the stuffing from

the turkey and refrigerate it separately to be eaten within a couple days (or freeze it to be eaten within one month).

¥ Turkey should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours after roasting. Remember,

bacteria form rapidly in a cooked bird sitting at room temperature. Wrap the turkey as airtight as possible in aluminum foil and refrigerate.

¥ Turkey dries out fast, so remove the meat from the

bones within a day or two and cut into slices or cubes for freezing. Store the meat in zipper bags (with all air forced out before sealing) in 1- or 2-cup portions for easier thawing and use.

¥ For the best quality and flavor, freeze for no more than two months. Don't forget to label and date the bags! Thaw in the refrigerator or microwave -- NEVER at room temperature.

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of the fun stuff. My family will always love me. I hope you have a wonderful family. That is what I'm thankful for.

My favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving is chicken and noodles.

Lucy Higginbotham

I am thankful for my animals and family. First, I am thankful for my animals because they know when I am feeling unhappy. Next, I am thankful for my family because they help me when I ask them for it. Also, they all love me. My animals and family are very important to me.

One of the foods that I like to eat on Thanksgiving is stuffing.

Nevaeh Gerrard

I'm thankful for my family and friends. First my family is loving, cool, and helps me

alot. Second, my friends are nice, cool, and funny. Also my friends and family are both nice to me. That's what I'm thankful for.

My favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie.

Rayzer Dodd

I am thankful for my family and friends. They love and take good care of me. First, my dad fought in the Army and my mom gets us food to eat. Also, My sister entertains me, but sometimes My brother can be annoying. I love having my family in hard times. Next, I love my friends too. They keep me happy and they like to play with me. My friends are kind, helpful, funny, and loving. These are some things I'm thankful for.

My favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving is mashed potatoes.

Sarah Wilson

I am thankful for my friends and family. First, my family gives me joy every day. My Mom and Dad get me toys that bring me joy. My family loves me for who I am. Second, my friends play with me every day. Next, My friends cheer me up when I am sad. That is why I am thankful for my friends and family.

My favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving is turkey.

Vivi Shotts

I am thankful for my family and my freedom. First; I am thankful for freedom because not a lot of people have as much . Freedom lets me do everything that I want. Also I am thankful for my family. They stand up for me and they keep me safe. These are some things I am thankful for.

One of the foods that I enjoy eating on Thanksgiving is

green bean casserole.

Raiden Beaty

I am thankful for my friends at school and my family. My friends at school help me if I'm sad. My friends make me happy. They play kickball with me. My family and sister play with me at home. They help me with my reading and they always take care of me. I Love my friends and family.

My favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving is samosa

Vedam Chaudhari

I am thankful for my family and friends. My family is sweet and kind to me. They help me with my reading and math. Also, my family always cheers me up, if I'm sad. Next, my friends make me happy. They play with me. I am very thankful for my family and friends.

My favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie.

Bryer Trammel

I am thankful for my teachers. They are all nice and sweet.

Next, they have nice voices and nice classrooms. Also, they have beautiful faces and good personalities. That's why I'm thankful for my teachers.

My favorite food to eat at Thanksgiving is pumpkin pie.

Hayden Shotts

I am thankful for school and my house. First, at school we get to practice and learn math. Also, we have chrome-books to type on and learn skills. Next, I am grateful for my house because it has a nice kitchen and food. Also, I like my TV in the living room. I am so thankful for all these things.

My favorite food to eat at Thanksgiving is cranberry sauce.

Patrick Gross

Warmest wishes for a peaceful celebration this year

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