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Thanksgiving: Things You Can Be Thankful For

By Eliza O'Connor and Saleen Burnett

There are a lot of things people are thankful for, but family, friends, health and having a job are the most popular things you can be thankful for on Thanksgiving. You can be thankful for more things like animals, Christmas, food, drinks and lots more but our favorites are friends, family, and our houses. We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving this year.



Why Do We Celebrate Thanksgiving?

By Jaidyn Abram

We celebrate Thanksgiving to give thanks for harvest, and it's a tradition that goes back to a 1621 feast that the pilgrims and the Wampanoag people had. Today it is a national holiday that allows people to gather with family and friends to say what they are thankful for.

The Pilgrims were people who wanted religious freedom by sailing to North America on the Mayflower in 1620. The Wampanoag people are Native Americans that were there when the English came to their land.

The Pilgrims and Wampanoag are not against each other. The Wampanoag helped the pilgrims by teaching them how to grow and pick corn, beans and squash and how to hunt and fish. That is why we celebrate Thanksgiving.



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Thanksgiving Traditions
By Stella Kilmer and Ileana Kelley

Here are some Thanksgiving traditions that you may be familiar with:

1. Eating a feast- Stuff your bellies full with seasoned food!
2. Making pies- Pumpkin, apple, pecan, etc.
3. Thinking about what you are thankful for.
4. Hosting parties- Have a great time!!
5. Have everyone bring one food to the Thanksgiving Party.
6. Watching the football games on TV.
7. Watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.
8. Participating in a Turkey Trot.
9. Friendsgiving- Hang out with friends only and have fun!
10. Food Passport- Make Passports for all the foods.



Facts about Turkeys
By Aubry Debiew and Emelia Ashley



For this article we are talking about turkeys! We are going to share facts about turkeys!

1-Turkeys have excellent hearing, but do not have external ears.
2- Turkeys are omnivores and have a diet of seeds, insects, frogs and lizards.
3- They have excellent eyesight, with a field of vision of about 270 degrees.
4-Turkeys have great hearing and can recognize each other by their unique voices.
5- They have over 5,000 feathers.
6- Male turkeys are called gobblers.
7-The Aztecs domesticated another subspecies, *M. gallapavo gallapavo,* the south Mexican wild turkey, and the Spanish brought those turkeys to Europe.
8-Only male turkeys gobble, female turkeys make a clicking noise.
9-Turkeys have stomach stones to help them eat.
10-Wild turkeys are native to America and can be found in any state except Alaska.

This is all of the info we could find for facts!
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Facts About Leaves
By Evelyn Holtz

The leaves are a wonderful part of the world. Did you know that leaves are nature's solar panels? They convert sunlight into energy by photosynthesis. Leaves are needed for their oxygen, food for insects, and shelter. They are also very pretty in the fall because of their colors like red, orange, yellow, green, and sometimes even purple. They can also be any shape or size. There are all different kinds of leaves like a mango leaf, banana leaf, lotus leaf, maple leaf, and pipal leaf and so many more.

Did you know that leaves change color because of chlorophyll and the visibility of other pigments from the seasonal changes? Chlorophyll is the green pigment found in the chloroplasts of plants. They fall because the chlorophyll breaks down. Some leaves have leaflet movements which is a movement that lets the leaf lean towards the sun or to roll to keep the water. Did you know that Venus flytraps and pitcher plants evolved from leaves? Transpiration is a process that gives leaves water and nutrients and helps cool them down from the roots where water evaporates from the ground and surfaces. The wax stuff on the leaf helps reduce water loss and protects it against stuff like diseases. I wrote this because I love nature.

Facts were found from ohmyfacts.co



Why is it called Thanksgiving?
By Gwendolyn McQuiggan and Jenna Aiken

It comes from the act of kindness and giving thanks to the people you love.It is a time to tell a person how you feel. You can share this day with a special person.

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The History of Candy Corn

By Sophia Burnett

Candy corn is a small triangle shaped candy. It has a vanilla flavor. Candy corn was invented in the 1888s by George Renninger. He worked for the Wunderle Candy Company. In 1898 the Goelitz Confectionery Company began manufacturing candy corn. The Goelitz Company is like the Jelly Belly Company. Candy corn was originally called chicken feet candy. The package had a picture of a rooster on it. Candy corn has remained unchanged for over 110 years. More than 35 million pounds are produced each year.

Candy corn now has several flavors for different holidays, not just Halloween and fall. Here are the colors of candy corn for each holiday:

Thanksgiving: fall corn, chocolate, brown, orange, and white

Christmas: reindeer corn red, green, and white

Valentine's Day: cupid corn, red, pink, white

Easter: bunny corn, pastel colors

4th of July: freedom corn red, white, and blue







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The History of Snowmobiles
By Caleb Boyland

It all started with Virgil D. White's 1917 Ford Model T conversion kit creation and then there was Carl Eliason creator of the 1924 "Motor toboggan" which featured a single track and is considered the prototype of the modern snowmobile. It remained a utility vehicle for decades before Joseph Armand Bombardier mass produced skidoo in the 1950s and launched the recreational market. This all led to a boom in popularity, the development of public trails and the creation of major manufacturers turning snowmobiles from niche tools to a mainstream recreational machine.

Fun fact, the first snowmobile that had electric fuel injection was created by Polaris. Skidoo's success spurred competition from other companies like Polaris and Arctic Cat and Driving Innovation and Yamaha. Recreational use exploded and the first public snowmobile trail was built in Wisconsin in 1965.

Snowmobiles have evolved into a diverse range of vehicles for sport recreation and work with continuous technological advancements and a thriving industry for accessories and racing. Another fun fact: snowmobiles date back to the 20th century. Also, the snowmobile capital is Eagle River, Wisconsin.





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The Battle of D-Day
By Owen Davis



The date is June 6, 1944. This event was during one of two of the major world conflicts of the twentieth century. Otherwise known as World War Two. This article is about the event known as the largest invasion of sea history. The Allies (Countries working together against the Axis which included Germany, Japan, Italy, etc.) had sent thousands of soldiers to take back Nazi occupied France. The invasion was known as lots of things. Operation Overlord, the largest invasion by sea in history, but the most widely known name is The Battle of D-Day.

The allies started attacking the Nazis on the night before with nighttime airborne assaults, followed by the Naval Bombardments. Then in the morning, the thousands of allied ships sent small landing crafts otherwise known as Higgins Boats which were like a flat-bottomed barge that held soldiers and some vehicles started landing at the beaches in Normandy, France, at about 6:30 in the morning.

About 160,000 soldiers landed on the beaches that morning. It was a bloody battle. The allied forces had about 10,000 casualties. (wounded or dead.) The allies had also sent amphibious American M4 Sherman tanks and British Churchill tanks. These tanks were either amphibious, mine sweepers, or tanks for breaching obstacles. The Nazis had machine gun nests, artillery, and much more waiting on the beaches. Slowly, the allies advanced up the beaches and eventually made it to some sandwalls. These sandwalls gave the soldiers cover. Then they could send a special kind of bomb called Bangalore

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Torpedoes (A type of bomb like a long rod used to clear paths in minefields.) so they could advance farther up the beaches. Finally, thanks to the paratroopers that had made landings on the beach earlier had helped the soldiers get to the cliffs so they could clear the pillbox bunkers and help other soldiers up the cliffs. The allies successfully captured the beaches of Normandy and were crucial to the end of the Nazis in WW2. This was a small summarization of the Battle of D-Day.



This is an example of an amphibious M4 Sherman on the battle of D-Day.

A Churchill tank is below.



An Interview with a Veteran
By Ella Saulsigver

Veterans are pretty cool. They serve our country, and they risk their lives for us. My Papa is a veteran. He joined the Navy in October, 1982 and retired in April, 2003. He served our country for 21 years. My Papa's name is Leonard Gardner, and I was able to ask him some questions about his time in the Navy.

Ella: How old were you when you joined the navy?

Papa: I was 17 years old and because I was still a minor my Mom had to sign

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paperwork giving me permission to join.

Ella: Why did you join the Navy?
Papa: Because I wanted to serve my country.

Ella: What was your proudest moment in the Navy?
Papa: I was offered a job to work for President Bill Clinton.

Ella: What did you do in the Navy?
Papa: My main job was a cook but I was also a medic, radio operator, and helmsman.

Ella: What did you do for fun while deployed?
Papa: We would go on tours of the different countries we visited and got to swim in the ocean a lot. The USO (United Service Organization) would also bring country music singers onto the ship to perform for us. One time Sheryl Crow came.

Ella: Where was your favorite place you visited?
Papa: Israel. I got to go on a tour of where Jesus walked. I saw the cave he died in, the hill where the 3 crosses were, and swam in the Dead sea.

Ella: Where are some of the places you got to go?
Papa: I went to France, Spain, Portugal, Israel, England, Switzerland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and many more.



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Interesting Military Facts
By Maci Ford and Ella Saulsgiver

The Poppy is a symbol worn to remember military personnel who have died in conflict.

The American flag was to honor Veterans and our country.

There is an unknown soldier that people do not know their identity so people guard his grave.

The unknown soldier always gets a new wreath every year on his grave.

There are different branches of the military. There are the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Space Force.

The U.S. Department of Defense is one of the world's largest employers.

The Army is older than the country itself, it inspired Ray-Ban sunglasses, and it was the last U.S. military branch to adopt an official song.

There are over 18 million U.S. veterans, with about 78% having served during wartime.



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Opinion Article: In It To Win It Hunting By Landon Conti and Bexley Smith

Bang Bang! Down goes that buck. Hunting season 2025 has begun and we are having fun. I hope you get a big buck down on November 15th. Don't hate hunting. It is made to protect the game animals.

These are fun hunting facts. Hunting is so popular that more people participate in it than some sports like snowboarding.The saluki is one of the oldest dog breeds, and it was bred for hunting.

In the U.S when rules are followed, people use deer for food and clothes.

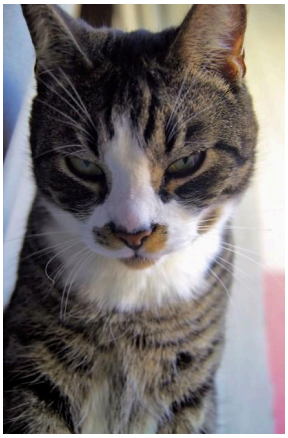
Hunting season is for wildlife management and conservation, ensuring animal populations remain healthy and sustainable for the future.

BE safe please, BUT ALWAYS HAVE FUN!



Opinion Article: Our Thoughts on Cat Facts By: Leo Diate and Lillyanna Davis

There are Siamese cats, British shorthair, Ragdoll, American shorthair, Birman, Munchkin cat and American Bobtail cats. These are all great cat breeds. They're cute and good mice hunters. Cats are known for their ability to jump up to six times their height. Cats don't have a sweet tooth, they also have zoomies after using the litter box, and you know a litter of cats is not called that. It's officially called a clowder of cats, but the last thing is that the whiskers are about the width of the body. Did you know these things about cats?



Point of view when you say you're mad.

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Opinion Article: Types of Pie on Thanksgiving

By Ileana Kelley and Stella Kilmer

1. Coffee Pie-Tastes just like coffee! Parents would love it!
2. Classic Pumpkin Pie- You can never go wrong with it!
3. Pecan Pie- Enjoy this nutty crunchy pecan pie!
4. Chocolate Pie-Smooth and creamy chocolate tickles your taste buds!
5. Apple Pie- A beloved classic!
6. Lemon Meringue Pie-Enjoy this tart treat some fellows like to eat!
7. Raspberry Pie-For those people who love Raspberry Jelly!!
8. Strawberry Rhubarb Pie-This dessert is tart and sweet!
9. Sweet Potato Pie- Not too sweet but still good!
10. Cranberry Pie- A blast of flavor!



SPORTS SECTION

Fun Facts About The Buffalo Bills

By Jack Lerow and Easton Johnson

- The name “Bills” was chosen from a contest and is a play of the name frontiersman Buffalo Bill Cody.
- Before the AFL-NFL merger, the Bills won back-to- back AFL championships in 1964 and 1965.
- Before the stadium was the current name of Highmark Stadium, it was called the Ralph Wilson Stadium and was named after founder Ralph Wilson. It was The Ralph from 1998-2015.
- Spencer Brown, the offensive tackle, is from a small farm town in Lenox, Iowa, and was part of a small 8 man high school football team.

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- James Cook's brother Dalvin Cook is also a NFL running back.
- Jim Kelly's number 12 was retired and that is a rare honor.
- Jim Kelly had squamous cell carcinoma cancer in his top jaw in 2013 and he also had surgery, chemo, and radiation.
- The Buffalo Bills were originally named the Buffalo Bisons.
- The Buffalo Bills were once tried to be bought by a Canadian man Jon Bonjobi and made a Canadian team.
- Josh Allen has a partnership with Oishei Children's Hospital which is why you see the Bills logo all over the hospital.

GO BILLS!

Thanksgiving Football

By Triston Rendell



These are the teams playing on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2025/Thanksgiving. First, are the Green-bay Packers with a 5,3,1 record playing at 1:00 p.m. Second, are the Detroit Lions with a 6,3 record playing also at 1:00 p.m. Third, are the Kansas City Chiefs with a 5,4 record playing at 4:30 p.m. Fourth,are the Dallas Cowboys with a 3,5,1 record playing also at 4:30p.m. Firth, are the Cincinnati Bangles 3,6 record playing at 8:20 p.m. Sixth, are the Baltimore Ravens with a 4,5 record at 8:20 p.m. These are the teams playing on Thanksgiving Day.

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STORY SECTION

My Camping Trip
By Isaiah Main

In October, I went camping in Panama, New York with my friends and the Pathfinders Youth Group in Jamestown. We went camping for two nights. We went on a Friday and stayed until Sunday afternoon. We slept in tents. I slept on a cot and the other people slept in sleeping bags.

We woke up one day, and I got a pocket knife. It was cool, it was black and it had a big big blade and then I carved a hole stick and put it in the fire and it got big.



A Mistake
By Clinton Fenton

Hi, my name is Clinton and I go to my grandpa's house after school and my mom picks me up. Today I forgot and I went to my grandpa's house and I said, “Oh no! I forgot that I have Newspaper Club!” So I went back like half way to school and I saw my mom and I had to go back to tell my mom and so she looked and asked, “Do you really want to go?” I said, “Yes, I do.” I went back to school.

If you want to know what it is like here we get a snack, pick an article and write about it, and talk quietly. Then wait for our families to pick us up.



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Teacher of the Issue: Interviewing Mrs. Kelly By Ileana Kelley and Stella Kilmer

1.What is your favorite book?
"My favorite book is The Phantom Tollbooth."

2. What do you like to do in your freetime?
" I love to read and cook."

3. What is the best thing that a student has said to you?
"One student said, Wow, Mrs. Kelly, asking a question really does help!"

4. What is your favorite Christmas movie?
" Klaus, a mail man that gets shipped away."

5. What is your favorite food?
" My favorite food is rice and veggies."

6. Besides math, what would be your favorite subject?
"I love reading."

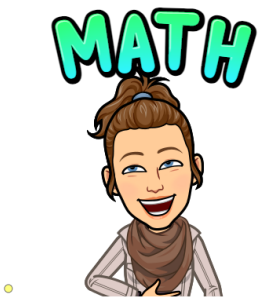
7. What is your favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving?
" Watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and making crafts for family dinner that I make for dinner while eating cinnamon rolls.

8. What is your favorite holiday?
" My favorite holiday is Easter."

9. What's your favorite pie?
"My favorite pie is pumpkin pie."

10. What is your favorite thing to do in school?
" I like to teach number strings."

Thank you for teaching here at SES!



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Teacher of the Issue: Interviewing Mrs. Zahm
By Madison Oldro

1. What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?
   : The parade and delicious food

2. What's your favorite color?
   : Purple

3. What's your favorite food?
   : Blueberry crepes

4. Who do you spend time with on Thanksgiving?
   : My family and dogs

5. What do you do in your freetime?
   : Read, play with my dogs, and work out.

6. Do you eat turkey or ham on Thanksgiving?
   : Turkey

7. What's your favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving?
   : Watching the Macy's day parade

8. When do you put your Christmas tree up?: The day after Thanksgiving.

9. How long have you been teaching here?
   : 25 years

