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Happy Thanksgiving 2010

Wishing the Citizens of Itasca a Blessed and Safe Thanksgiving



Mayor James Bouldin, Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Farquhar, City Council members: Susie Davis, John "Skipper" Laird, Denis Hesye, Steve Solis, City Manager Mark Gropp, City Secretary Cindy Lewis, Police Chief Winson Brewer, Fire Chief Wayland Price, and all of the city employees would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

As all Itascans sit down to their Thanksgiving dinners, hopefully they will reflect on their many blessings. Let us be thankful for our country, our state and our safe and welcoming community with its hard working citizens. We are grateful for the many new families in Itasca and for the improvements that are continuing to be made in our community.

On behalf of the Trustees and employees of Itasca ISD it is my privilege to wish everyone a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope that you will take time to reflect on and be thankful for the many blessings in your lives. May the Lord continue to bless and keep us.

IISD Superintendent Glenn Pittman



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Irving Berlin, 1918; revised 1938

Spoken Introduction:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains To the prairies,
To the ocean white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

Psalm of Thanksgiving

Psalms 100

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His Presence with singing.
Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we Ourselves
We are His people and the sheep of His Pasture.*

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
For the LORD is good;
And His truth endures to all generations*

The Paw Print Press Wishes
Everyone a Safe & Happy
Thanksgiving

Aren Barton, Hannah Johnson, Ashley Spain,
Shelby Ledwig, Brittany Reid, Brittany Boulard,
David Maddox, Brandon Duby, David Corbitt,
Emma Orr, Martin Martinez &
Michelle Ignacz (artist of the turkey),
Carl Sweeney, Barbara Petrash, Sally Crouch

Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon 687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe 687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar 687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar 687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St. 687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion 687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>	254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver 687-2821
<u>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

200 E. Monroe St.

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

Youth (7th - 12th grade) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 p.m. website - itascacbc.org

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475

E-mail: itascaumc@digitex.net

APPLICATION PREACHING!

Sermons for the REAL WORLD that we live in.

What good is a wonderful sermon on Sunday if it cannot be applied to the concerns of your life when Monday morning rolls around?

Find the fun, joy, and comfort you were promised. Bring an open heart and mind.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)

Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Refreshments between Sunday School & Church Services 10:30 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

Light The Night By Being Right!

Obey Jesus Become A Nightlighter!

Join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ

All are welcome

303 E. Monroe Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 a.m.

Itasca, TX 5:00 p.m.

254-687-2774 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca TX 76055

Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

2BC*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

itascafpc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org

"In mission to and with the Presbyterian Children's Home to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall

10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service

6 pm - Praise/Worship (Sanctuary)

6:30-KFC/Hour of Power

Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall

Wed. 6:30 Vespers Service Chapel - 7:15 Choir practice

ANGEL FOOD SITE

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, December 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2010 7:00 p.m.



2010 Holiday Season Calendar

December 4 - Christmas Parade - Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Line up on Monroe St. Santa & Mrs. Claus in Rotary Room after parade

December 6 - Itasca Garden Club/Chamber Brunch

Farrow Room 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

December 8 - City Open House at Fire Station

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

December 8 - Citywide Caroling - First Presbyterian

Church Youth - 6:00 p.m. (All churches & groups welcome to join) Meet at FPC with singers & trailer

December 10 - Itasca Elementary Christmas Program

7:00 p.m. Grades Kindergarten, 2nd & 4th

Special Events Center - Free Everyone Welcome

December 16 - Christmas Lighting Contest - Judging

6:00 p.m. - Out of town judges - New winners every year!

January 31 - Chamber of Commerce Banquet featuring

entertainment by Lincoln Durham - Contact

any Chamber Director to nominate for awards

First United Methodist Church 4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 25, 2010 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For those individuals who are alone and have no one to celebrate with, FUMC would like to extend an invitation to attend their annual Thanksgiving dinner. If you need transportation to and from will call Rev. Tom Wood at 254-687-2475 to make arrangements before Thanksgiving.

Defensive Driving Class

December 1 8:00 a.m. (lunch break) 2:30

Ticket dismissal & or insurance discounts

Available in Spanish also 125 W. Elm St. Hillsboro

254-582-5111 Walk-ins welcome!

Local Organizations are Granted Funds through HILCO's Operation Round Up® Program

Press Release

Operation Round Up® is a voluntary program in which residential members of HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. sign up to have their electric bills rounded upward to the next dollar. Every month, those additional pennies, nickels and dimes are added to a special fund. Money from that fund is then distributed to local qualifying organizations within the community. The most that any member's account would donate in a twelve month period is \$11.88. That's a small investment for such a huge return!

The Operation Round Up® Trust Board, which is comprised of representatives from all of the HILCO districts, meets once a quarter



to review applications and to decide how the funds are to be allocated. At their October meeting, HILCO Electric's Trust Board voted to disburse \$10,947.34 to thirteen organizations in the HILCO service area. These funds were donated during the third quarter of 2010. Grant checks were presented on Wednesday, November 3 at the Itasca HILCO office. On hand to help with the presentation was Trust Board Member Richard Turner and Board Directors Jan Smith and George Thiess. The following organizations were recipients of the third quarter funds disbursements:



- Central Texas Senior Ministry dba Meals & Wheels (Waco) \$950 - Meals for homebound elders (pictured)
- Daniel's Den Ministries (Waxahachie) \$1,200 - Two portable heater-a/c units
- First Christian Day School (Waxahachie) \$308.70 - 1st grade curriculum - Handwriting without Tears
- Grandview Zebra Strings Performance Group (Grandview) \$500 - Meals for Branson, MO trip
- Hill County CPS "Adopt-A-Caseworker" (Hillsboro) \$450 - school clothes for children
- Isaiah's Place, Inc. (Whitney) \$1,070 - Educational materials and one scholarship fund
- Itasca Booster Club (Itasca) \$500 - Food for band trip to Florida (pictured)
- Joint Committee for Christmas (Whitney) \$750 - Christmas food boxes
- Lake Whitney Ministerial Alliance - Food Bank (Whitney) \$1,500 - replenish food bank supplies
- Lakeview Volunteer Fire Department (Whitney) \$1,000 - One set of personal protective equipment
- New Beginnings for Peabody (Hillsboro) \$1,250 - coats and shoes for children
- Salvation Army - Waxahachie Corps (Waxahachie) \$200 - Christmas food expenses
- White Bluff Volunteer Fire Department (Whitney) \$1,268.64 - face shields for helmets

Most Improved Tae Kwon Do Students Selected

Press Release



In August students from the Hillsboro Unified Tae Kwon Do School-125 W Elm in Hillsboro tested for new belt levels. At this time students are selected as "Most Improved" for the past grading period by instructors of the school. Pictured are these students. (Left to right) Heather Odom-Itasca-Black Belt Division, Imani Powell-Hillsboro-Advanced Division, Guillermo Santiago-Hillsboro-Beginner Division, Spencer Molina-Whitney-Intermediate Division, Jeida Bibles-Hillsboro-White Belt Division, and Timothy Friesenhahn-Black Belt and Instructor.

Classes are taught each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45. The first two classes are free and parents are always welcome. Anyone who would a free informational packet can call 582-5111 or check out the website at www.hillsborotkd.com. The new fall session began on November 15.

Senior Spotlight Brekin Shuffield

Reporter Emma Orr
Caricature by Martin Martinez



She stood nervously amongst many other teenagers looking down at her goat and smiling hopefully. Then, at long last, the judge announced: "First prize goes to Brekin Shuffield and her goat!"

This is the dream that 18-year-old Brekin Shuffield has every night after she feeds her goat, which she is planning to show at the Hill County Fair in January. Brekin is very passionate about being a part of Ag, playing the baritone in the IHS band and her animals. In her spare time she enjoys riding her horses and spending time with her family and boyfriend, K.C.

"I love my animals," said Brekin. "They mean a lot to me."

Brekin is the daughter of Chris and Melissa Shuffield, and has two stepbrothers, Clayton and Mackenzie. Her role model in life is her mother.

"No matter what has happened to her," Brekin said proudly, "she's made it through with a smile on her face."

Brekin describes herself as rambunctious, lovable, and caring. In 10 years she sees herself with a husband and children, as well as having a good, steady job. Her plans include attending college after high school to study pediatric nursing.

Brekin's favorite memories are when she used to spend time with her grandfather before he passed away.

"I loved him so much," Brekin said. "It made me really sad when he died."

Her wise words to the under classmen are "Be yourself. Don't let anything or anyone change who you are."



2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

January 11

Basketball - Junior High & High School, Cheerleaders - Junior High & High School

May 5

Class Groups-(Pre-K-12th) "Buddy" or Individual



Little Dribblers Needs Your Help



Itasca Little Dribblers 2010 season is about to begin. This year we will be operating in both gyms and will need everyone's assistance. LeAnn and Jason Kirkpatrick are asking anyone that wants to help in various areas needed, to please contact them at 817-219-6134 or leannkirkpatrick@sbcglobal.net.

Some of the areas that require assistance are: Score books, time clock, referee, cleanup, gate keeper, and general assistance. If you have any questions about the listed areas, please contact us.

Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

November

27	Castleberry	Away	JV, V	2:00
30	Venus	Away	JV, V	5:00

December

3	Blooming Grove	Home	V	5:00
2-5	Southwest Christian (Tourn)	JV		TBA
7	Alvarado	Away	JV, V	5:00
9-11	Axtell Tournament	Axtell	V	TBA
11	Itasca JV Tournament	JV		TBA
14	Waco Vanguard	Away	JV, V	5:00
17	Burleson Centennial (Tourn)	JV, V		TBA
27-29	Godley Tournament	Godley	V	TBA
28	Southwest Christian (Tourn)	V		TBA

District January 7 - February 15

January

7	Blum	Away	JV, V	5:00
11	Bosqueville	Away	JV, V	4:00
14	Meridian	Home	JV, V	4:00
18	Moody	Away	JV, V	4:00
21	Valley Mills	Home	JV, V	4:00
25	Blum	Home	JV, V	4:00

2010-2011 Wampus Cat Basketball

November

30	Alvarado	Away	JV, V	5:00
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December

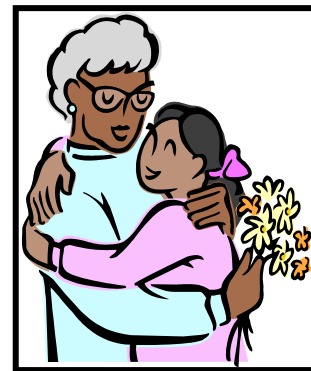
2-5	Era Tournament	Era	V	TBA
7	Brock	Away	JV, V	5:00
9-11	Axtell Tournament	Axtell	V	TBA
14	Dallas Life	Away	JV, V	5:00
17	Grandview	Away	JV, V	5:00
20	West	Away	JV, V	5:00
21	Burleson Centennial	JV, V		TBA
28-30	Clyde-Eula Tournament	Clyde	V	TBA

January

4	Waco Rapaport	Home	JV, V	5:00
7	Avalon	Home	JV, V	5:00
11	Venus	Home	JV, V	5:00

I'm Thankful For . . . Pre-PCD

“Apa,” “Ma Ma,” “Two babies at home” – Hector Duron, Mom and the trampoline in class – Billy Watts, Mommy, my cousins, and my sister Brandi and my girlfriend Pepe and Daddy, too! – Xavier Fontanez, Mom, Dad, and Ally (my sister) – Justin Baskett



I'm Thankful For . . . Pre-Kindergarten

Momma and Daddy – Deryk Caraway, Ms. Christy and puppy – Analicia Leal, Turkey and dogs – Tory Brooks, Mrs. Crummett and Santa Claus – Dominik Alford, Coloring and eyes – T.J. Hunt, Toys and Ms. Christy – Lilli Anderson, Family and friends – Lizbeth Morales, Mom and Dad – Ronnie Diaz, Mommy and Ms. Christy – Taylor Arellano, Mommy and Ms. Christy – Lynnashia Brooks, Mommy and Daddy – Coldyn Horn, House and Family – Kale Forester, Mommy and Daddy – Alyssa Houston, Mrs. Sherry and friends – J.T. Bottorff, New puppy and Hannah – Jocelyn Renfrow, Momma and computer – Alyssa Upton, Toys and Mommy – Ezra Hale, Mom and Dad – Colt Rhea, Making dresses and big sister – Jacey Hubbard, Mommy and Daddy – Christan Marshall, God and family – Kaivdance Olson, Christmas and snow – Joseph Willman, Sharran and snow – Tyran Jackson, Mommy and Daddy – Justin Holder, Food and house – Colton Stanford, Truck and toys – Jordan Valentine, Mamma and cookies – April Battleson, Momma and Daddy – Gabi Ross, Apples and bananas – Jesse Camarena, Mommy and Daddy – Triston Upton, Play at school and to go home – Wesley Stinemetze, Dog and Daddy – Payslie Stephenson, Family and food – Makayla Neito, Mommy and home – Landen Jensen, Teachers and family – Parisia Dyer, Mommy and sister – Hailie Swanson, Mommy and toys – Jake Comer, Cowboys and Indians – Frank Arellano, Tiger and house – Jesus Castillo-Santos, Friends and family – Jackson Eaddy, Family. – Adan Garcia, My Momma, – Tyler Griffith, Family. – Lillian Johnson, My teacher Mrs. Crummett. – Emily Persons, My dog Milo. – Ashley Zavala, My teachers. – Makala Rodriguez, My cat, Mom, Dad, and dog. – Madison Cooksey, Mom. – Gabi Edgar, My teacher Mrs. Crummett. – Colten Brandsetter

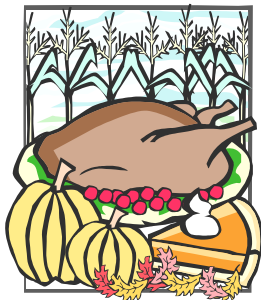
I'm Thankful For . . . Kindergarten



My paints, dog, my dad, sister, and mom – Cash McIntyre, My cousins, mommy and daddy – Kierstyn Moore, My teacher, mom, dad, brother and my sisters – Gracelyn Walker, Barbie, my brother, and my sissy – Amiyah Wills, My mom, dad, dog and cat – Omar Zavala, My family, friends, and wonderful students – Mrs. Cole, My dad, mom, sister, grandma and grandpa, and my toys – Alex Andrade, My mom and dad, and grandma and grandpa – Hayleigh Arellano, Money and my family – Hannah Brackin, Play dough and toys – Damon Caraway, Toys, Play Station and games, and my mom and dad – Brayden Cole, My grandma and grandpa, and my daddy – Alexsandra Comer, My dog – Joseph Davis, My mom and sister and my grandpa – Samantha Forbus, My toys and my sister – Gavin Grisham, My puppies and my grandma – Lori Johnson, My sister – Jada Kellum, My sister and mom and dad – Seianna Massey, Football – De'Reyon Mayberry, My family – Daisy Morantes, My family – Gabby Rodriguez, My family and sports – Braylon Stafford, My cousin and my horse, gravy – Kirstyn Sword, My wonderful family and my awesome class – Mrs. Rounsavall, My mom, my sister, my brother, my dad and my bed – Dakota Ostic, My sister, my mom, my dog, my brother, and my dad – Alondra Ramirez, My family, my dog, my brother, my friends, and my toys – Canaan Richters, My dog, my cats that ran away, my mommy, my daddy, Gracee and Reagan – Ava Rugh, My toys, my mom, and dog and cats – Laney Bell, My dog, Snickers, my daddy, my sisters, my mommy, my grandma, and my grandpa – Alyssa Botello, My brothers, for food, my house, my mother and my dad and my friends – Tomas Castillo, My mom, my dad, my friends, my sisters, my brother, my dog, Precious, my cat, Pink, and my house – Gracee Cole, My mom, my dad, for food, my brothers, my teacher and my house – Kaden Cordell, My puppy, for food, for my stuffed animals, for carpet, and for my house – Jaedon Fain, My toys, for food, for my home, and for school – Victor Garcia, Learning my letters, for learning my color words, and my home and food – Heaven Gonzales, God, my brothers, my mom, my daddy, Susie, and horses – Alyssa Jackson, My house, my dogs, my TV, the computer, my dad, my momma and Kaleigh – Kayd Lightsey



I'm Thankful For . . . Kindergarten Continued



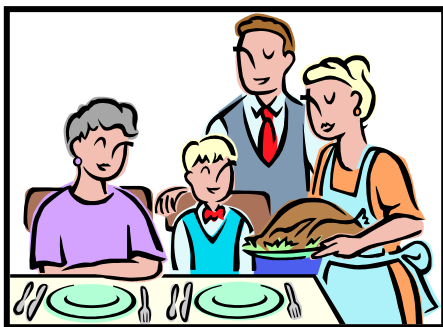
My dad, my house, food, my toys, my dog, my brothers, my mom, my bed, and my stuffed animals – Aliyah McGill, My sister, my brother, my dogs, my mommy, my daddy, and my toys – Becca Salinas, My cousins, my grandma and grandpa, my mom and dad, my aunt, uncle and new baby cousin, Eli – Ryan Volcik, My dad, mom, my brothers, and grandpa – Jose Gutierrez, The baby puppies, my mom, dad, sister, and my cousin – Casey Hernandez, My mom, dad, and brother – Mason Hyder, My mom, dad, friends and my dogs – Haley Jenkins, My sister, mom, dad, and also my toys – Gwendolyn Brown, My sister, mommy, my daddy, and my granny – Tyra Crawford, My mommy, daddy, cat, brothers and sisters – Michelle Chavez, My mom, daddy, puppies, my sister and my Bubba – Cadence Edwards, My mom, dad, brother and dog – Alley Baskett, My mom, brother, horse, dog and my grandma – Wyatt Beam, My mom, dad, dogs, baby cats, momma cats, and my baby sister – Cole Billingsley, My baby kittens, my dog, my dad, mom, grandma and grandpa, and my cousin, Isabella – Landon Botello, Bananas and cars – Quentin Seward

I'm Thankful For . . . 1st Grade

Tuesdays – Garrett Slagle, My mom and dad – Oscar Alvarado, My dogs – E. J. Montes, Food to eat – Yakziry Garcia, The earth – David Arellano, My pet – Abby Weaver, My dog – Michael Battleson, Mrs. Dyer – Anyah Villarreal, My mommy and daddy – Kodey Benitez, My family – Dixie Pelt, My friends – Grace Anderson, My teacher – Brinden Johnson, God – Jacoby Searcy, My mom, dad, brothers and sisters – Daniela Chavez, My first grade class, my family, friends, and health – Mrs. Rachel Dyer, My little sister – Madison Rodriguez, My home – Brendon Heath, School – Colt Horn, My school and home – Mackenzie Hernandez, I love my mom, dad, Gabby, Jessica, Jesse, Rose, Peyton and the dogs, too – Rose Edgar, Our love for dogs – Morgan Holliday, People like my mom and dad – Kendall Bryan, My mom cleaning my bed – Carlos Ortiz, My dogs, cats, food, family and my mom and dad – Kylie Sayers, My clothes – Jasmyn Rodriguez, Cats and cat food – Andorra Thao, My family – Willie Bible, Family and dogs and cats – Natalia Savala, My mom and dad – Abby Salinas, Love – Kristen Vaughn, Family – Mario Martinez, Family – Naomi Chavez, My dog – Noona McGee, My friends – Miguel Gamez, Mom and dad – Chase Price, My dog, cat and my mom – Cameryn Hyles, My colt – Ismael Garcia, My mom – Gabriel Dyer, My husband and my children – Mrs. Maddox



I'm Thankful For . . . 2nd Grade



God, my family, my friends, and my birthday, and my dog and Thanksgiving – Eli Jacks, My family, my grandma, my dog, my cat, my grandpa, and for my friends – Mercedes Castillo, My grandma, my grandpa, and my mom and dad, and my aunt and uncle, and J. T., Joshua and Tori – Emmersyn Cardona, My four wheeler, because it helps me escape from this dog that chases me. Also, my mom and dad because they make me dinner – Justin Seward, A wonderful family, a great teacher, a wonderful brother, and food on my table – Kalee Payne, My dad and my mom, my whole family, my dogs, and my teacher – Raymond Arellano, My whole family and Mrs. Kirk – Joe Gonzales, My parents, my sister, my dogs and cats, my cool teacher, and my friends. And God and Jesus too! – Aidan Sargent, My two sisters and my mom and dad. Also, my grandma and grandpa and my dog – Anahi Botello, My grandmother, my parents, my teacher, and my horse – Jaedyn Campos, My family, my fish, my dad and mom, my dog and friends – Zamaria Christopher, God, Jimmy, Logan, Santa, my mom and dad, and my friends – Braeden Castro, My family, my dogs, and God. And I am thankful for my friends and my teacher – David Hernandez, My dad and my mom, my brother and sisters. Also my dogs and my cats – Jimmy Heath, Having a cool teacher and a pet. I'm thankful for my family and God taking care of me. And everything – Elizabeth Wright, Meme and Papa. Papa is the best, and so is Meme – John Wesley Rhea, My friends, my life, my bed, God, my mom and dad and sister and brothers, my grandma and grandpa and Mrs. Kirk – Hannah Whitlock, My dad, mom, brothers and sisters – Leu Thao

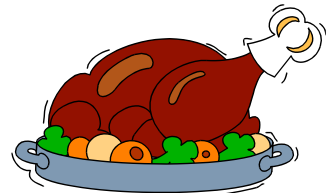
I'm Thankful For . . . 2nd Grade Continued



My family – Brenda Morales, My mom, and dad, and such a good teacher and my dogs and cats – Logan Strona, My friends and family and teachers – Ashton Tinklenberg, School and animals, teachers and family – Rafael Martinez, My sisters, dad, mom, grandma, my family, my friends, my teacher, that I'm alive, my cousin, money and food – Aleesia Sarli, My family, food, school, my teacher, money and clothes – Elizabeth Brown, Helping others and by caring of others and my animals – Bernardo Garcia, Money, fireworks, meat, farmers, family, turkey, food, clothes and teacher – Daniel Burns, All the animals I have and my teacher – Yeni Delgado, My friends, mom and dad, my teacher, my dog, all zoo animals and Ms. Daniel – Allison Strickland, My brother and sister, my class mates, animals family and friends – Joshua Cardona, To be at school with my friends and my best teacher, Ms. Holli – Alanna Jeffers, My family and friends and teacher, and animals – Jesse Harris, My teacher and my class – Lane Burt, My baby sister, my brother, my mom and dad, my family and my teacher – Marcus Yanez, My mom and dad – Erick Diaz, Daisy, my pig, my mom and my dad – Desiree Rasco, I am thankful for my friends, my sisters, and my Granny – Anna Anderson, I am thankful for my grandpa, my grandma, my mom, my dad, my brother, and God – Tempest Arellano, I am thankful for my brother, my sister, and my family – Susie Balch, I am thankful for my grandma in Mexico and my family – Felicity Cockerham, I am thankful for my dad because he teaches me things – Angel Diaz, I am thankful for my family, friends, food, shelter, and clothes – Chloe Fain, I am thankful for my mom and dad – Ja'khia Gatewood, I am thankful for my dog, my brothers, my sisters, my cousins, my neighbors, my Grandma, and my Papa – Freddy Gonzales, I am thankful for my mom and my dad because we are happy together – Davont'e Grisham, I am thankful for my food, my sister, my things, and my cousins – Juan Hernandez, I am thankful for my sister, my mom, my dad, and my family – Kyle Kirkpatrick, I am thankful for my friends and family – Dustin Latray, I am thankful for my family and my friends – Ashley Tetreault, I am thankful for my family and my friends – Courtney Upton, I am thankful for my mom, my dad, my sissy, and my dogs – Marshall Woods, I am thankful for my family, my dog, and our military that is fighting for us – Bradford Wright, I am thankful for my pets, my brothers and sisters, and my mom and dad – Arly Zavala, I am thankful for my dad, my mom, my brother, and my sister – Orlando Hernandez

I'm Thankful For . . . 3rd Grade

Playing with my friends – Sammy Bonds, My mom and my dad and my family and my brother and my two sisters and my grandma and grandpa – Eric Mozon, School and learning – Ethen Agreda, Having a mom and dad – Dylan Jones, My mom and brother and god and grandma, my family and Val – Kyrstin Botorff, Having mom and dad and having friends – Bree Brown, Making my bed – Fayth Searcy, For my teacher, my family and friends and my grandparents – Brisia Garcia, Having a home, parents and nice brother – Alexsandra Gonzalez, My family, my friends and my teacher – Danny Molla, Family and my friends – C-lay Pittman, Pumpkin Pie – Dionicio Cruz, Church, school and the best teacher in the world Mrs. Lightsey – Nathalie Willman, My cell phone, my DSI, and my laptop – Torrah Brooks, My friends, family and my teachers – Antonio Arellano, My family and food and clothes – Alicia Whitlock, My class and my teacher, Mrs. Lightsey and family – Chase Rutherford, Having a PSP, having a teacher like Mrs. Lightsey and family – Terry Harris, Parents, good friends and food – Travis Abbott, My life, family and my world – Andrew Arellano, My family, my teacher and my friends – Deacon Lair, My family, my class and my teachers – Kaylei Cole, My teachers, and Jesus and my family – Hannah Verhaagen, God, my mom and Mrs. Lightsey – Kyerra Rockuemore, My sister, my cousins and my brother – Destini Ramsey, My family, friends and health – Mrs. Lightsey, My family, fun video games, and bikes and cars. – Trevor Cockerham, My dad that works all day and my mom when she takes care of me and for my brother – Reyes Gamez, Doing stuff good – Trinity Jacks, My mom and my dad and my meme and my popo and my nana and my pa and God – Anthony Salazar, My family and my teachers and my friends – Morgan Ward, A wonderful mom and three wonderful teachers, and a wonderful God – A'leayah Hogan, My life and my mom and dad and sister and brother. I love you Lord – Cherokee Carr, My mom, my dad, my cousins, and everything in everywhere. I am thankful for God most of all – Patrick Runyon, My mom and dad and our food for Thanksgiving – Jared Persons, Me, Mom, God, Jesus because they love me a lot – AnnaLisa Marquez

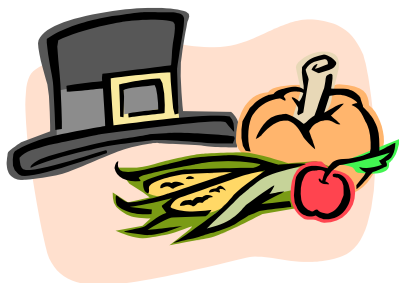


I'm Thankful For . . . 3rd Grade Continued



School, family, the world, and God – Breona Castro, My family, my friends, my pets, my education, God, Jesus, My house, my clothes, my car, my furniture, my family's love – Niccona Olson, My family because they're the ones that bought the house I'm living in now – Donavon McGill, My mom's house – Michael Kirkpatrick, My family, and God and Jesus – Thomas Walker, Me, my life, my Mom, my Dad, my God and Jesus – Damian Sanders, My family, my home, my TV – Parker Richters, My family and Jesus and the Pilgrims, and the Army for fighting for our country – Weston Helms, My dad, mom, sister, and my other sister – Jessica Rojo, My house, family, friends, freedom, and good pets – Dakota Price, My family – Gavin Botello, My parents and my house and God and His son and my sister and myself and my school and my teachers – Brian Pelt, All the things I have – Avery Barfield, My dad because he gives me all the stuff I want and he feeds me every night – Lily Cleveland, America, freedom, family, land, war and veterans – Gillian Brackin, My mom – Mason Griffin, Sharing with my family and not doing anything bad to them – Chris Diaz, Bubba because he was fun and I miss him very much – Devin Gorman, For being free – Vanessa Ramirez, People who protect us from harm and our freedom – Jennifer Martinez, Food, life, family and friends – Cahl Horn, My family and friends – Ryan Markwardt, I'm thankful everyone is so cool! – Nicky Johnson

I'm Thankful For . . . 4th Grade

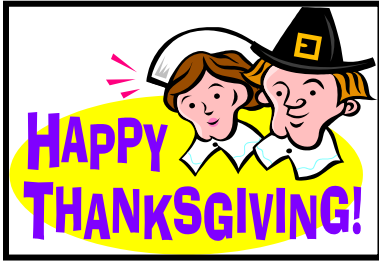


My family, friends and food – William Marks, God, my family and friends, and Jesus – Elisa Persons, My family, food, God and Jesus – Katelyn George, All the technology, family and schools – Dean Adams, Movies, games, books and my school – Neo Arellano, My family and school – Samantha Faries, My family and friends – John Tomas Cardona, The holidays and everything – Justin Basye, Being a live, having what I have – Mikayla Soward, My family, friends and my school – Ladybug Mayberry, Being able to go to school and for the things the school gives us – Chasity Roberson, My friends family, books and doctor – Jordan Shelby, Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, Cameren Hight, My family, friends – Lupita Gobellan, My family and

four-wheeler – Jacob Farquhar, My family to accept that we can adopt a kitten and that I'll never be bored again – Angelina Thao, My friends and family and teachers – Anistashia Rockuemore, Being alive, having a home, food and family – Maddie Reyna, My nanny and mom – Brook Soward, My mom, dad and Aunt TayTay – Bethany Kirkpatrick, Animals, my family and friends – Kenzie Boyd, My mom buying me a television and loving me – James Savala, Food and water – Alyssa Andrade, My teachers because they teach us new things and work really hard – Meadow Valeriano, All the teachers and my friends – Jesse Edgar, My parents and my family and pets – Austin Karr, Xbox 360 and the games – Samuel Sulak, Football, basketball, learning in school and try my best at everything – Rowdy Rhea, My parents, my brothers and sister's and everything – Michael Sifford, My family and teachers – Timothy Jacks, Work the teachers give to us, and the pencils and desk and lunch and P.E. and music – Kobe McGruder, The god who gave everyone their life – Stephen Upton, My house, land, family dogs, horses, fishes, cats, food, clothes, friends and God – Rachele Wood, My teachers teaching me things that I did not know when I first came here – Cameron Brandstetter, My house, four wheeler, food, go cart, family and my clothes – Dylan Beam, My grandparents, mom & dad and for my teachers – Hallie Runyon, My family because they love me and I love them and my teachers – Nolan Davis, A nice proper good life and to be here with my friends and family – Isabel Avila, My great family – Whitley Alverson, My mom and dad, my big brothers, dog, house, my bed, food, granny meme, and pop, Jaren and Jade – Sophie Hennig, My whole family and ancestors, life is the best – Ethan Greeson, All my teachers do the best to help me – Bo Barnes, My parents they love me so much and my cousin Alicia Massey and my family and sister – Sabrina Massey, A home and food and someone who can take care of me – Haley Hubbard, God and what he did for me and he died on the cross for everybody – Jeff Knight, My family and being able to get to school, to be free and have a home – Wesley Frederick, Christianity, God, Jesus, family, friends, teachers and school – Alan Freeman, My friends and Family – Katie-Lynne Younger, Church, God and friends – Blaze Payne, My family, school, friends, stuff, teachers, pets, churches and God – Armando Yanez



I'm Thankful For . . . 4th Grade Continued



My family and friends – Imelda Hernandez, My friends, family and my life – Ariel Gonzales, My class mates of every kind, they are all my friends – Brianna Bolden, To be in fourth grade, my teacher, respect me and my lord and my friends – Jerry Watts, My family, friends, shelter, clothes, school to learn, food, water, my dog Tex and everything else – Kristen Clary, All the teachers teaching us everything and all they have done for us – Jon Ramsey, My mom because she always feeds me – Itzayana Pacheco, My family and for having clothes on my back and for having food on my table and place to live – JaMesa Long, A wonderful horse, wonderful family and a wonderful mechanic – Wyatt Helms, Our freedom and everyone is safe, everyone in Irac is safe and God – Brenna Barnes, My family and food I eat and thank you for toys and goodies you bring – Mariah Whitlock, My little sister and my whole family – Harley Snider, Everything I have, my house, friends and family and my pets – William Burns, My mom and my dad – Evelyn Garcia, Mom, dad, Dakota, Heather & Crista – Garrett Cox, My mom, dad, brother, sister, Aunt Stacy, Wii games, PS2 and my Nintendo – Keilan Harris, Everything I have – Malacia Guy, Family, God and everything I have – Aileene Diaz, Mom and dad – Fabyan Hernandez,

Just for fun – Freshmen - 5 Years ago

We thought it would be fun to go back five years ago and see what this year's 9th graders said they were thankful for when they were in the 4th grade. It is a little trip down memory lane and just another way to make the moms, dads and teachers feel a little bit older.

I'm Thankful For . . . 4th Grade (2005)

My mom, dad, and me being on this earth - Laquavion Diggs, My family, my home, and for food - Jessica Farquhar, Being alive, my very great family, and this great and loving school - Ema Payne, Holidays, schools, and my family - Susie Rodriguez, My parents, and for my sister, I am thankful for all my family - Marisela Ochoa, Having a mom and dad and having Thanksgiving for a holiday - Deazhane Davis, My family, friends, the men and women who went to Iraq and the United States Navy - Carter Reid, Food because without food we would starve, clothing because without clothing we would be naked, and water because without water we would die from thirst - Drew Fails, The shelter we have, the food people provide and vehicles - Kaleigh Lightsey, Shelter, food, and my family, so I won't be lonely, hungry, or shelterless - Ashlie Rodriguez, Having food, shelter, and vehicles - Nic Arellano, Patches and Scratches (my cats), my kind and loving family and my friends - Amber Shelby, My loving family and my lord Jesus Christ - Joshua Lacy, Giving my life to God, getting baptized, and Jesus dying on the cross for us! - C.J. Bruton, I am thankful for my family, food, water and shelter - Amanda Anderson, Family to take care of me, house to live in, toys to play with - Chelsae Faries, I am thankful for my family and for the people who fought for us - Darion Diggs, My family and the roof over my head, I am thankful for Jesus Christ my savior - Noah Karr, My home and my backyard, and my family too - Johnny Castro, All the teachers that are telling us all we need to learn - Elsa Castellanos, My family, my school and my house - Jesse Johnson, My family, food and shelter - Shelbee Coleman, All of the Holiday seasons and that I am alive - Haley Johnston, My family, friends and my Playstation - Darrell Rasco, Making friends and loving my family - Destinie Gutierrez, My mom, brother and my family, I am thankful for my best friend - Brittany Cook, My family and my dogs, and my friends - Tristen Prescott, Having a family, food, and a place to live - Natalia Filio, Food, Jesus and friends - Revmundo Jimenez, For a free country, to have two arms and two legs, and to see in color - Fisher Hennig, Church, friends, and family - Megan Spain, Mom, dad and sister - Melissa Prosser, My grandma and doing good math - Eduardo Castellanos, My teachers, family, and that my mom did not die from her surgery - Breelle Garcia, The holidays, and for life - Taylor Minyard, My friends Eva and Breisha, my family, and my dog - Brandy Webb, My parents, my brothers, and shelter - Karen Coronado, A very loving family, God, and friendship - Emma Orr, My family, my friends, and food - Kameron Mayberry, My family, food and water, my teachers - Destiny Brooks, Turkey, trucks, remote control Hummer my family and sister Christy - Cody Lewis



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“Thanksgiving In Itasca”

As we begin the 2010 Holiday Season with the celebration of Thanksgiving we would all do well to read, reflect and implement some advice that was sent to me by my grown son (the older I get the more my children think that I need guidance). These suggestions should be started young and continued through out your lifetime in order To Stay Young.

***Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay them

***Keep only cheerful friends. - The grouches pull you down.

***Keep learning. (Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever... Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

***Laugh often, long and loud. - Laugh until you gasp for breath

***The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.

***Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

***Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help

***Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

***Tell the people that you love them, at every opportunity and always remember:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

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