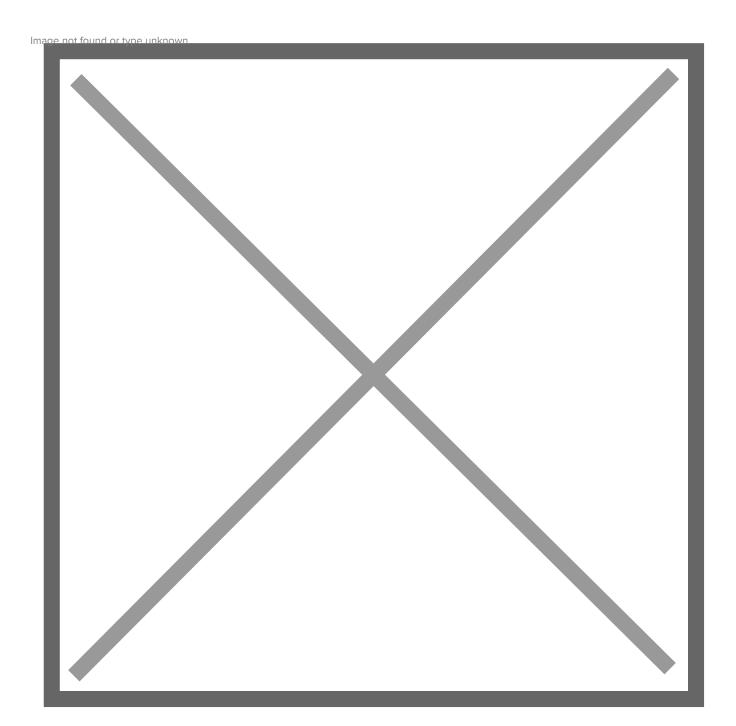


Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

GREG BALL December 6, 2013



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. We received outstanding poems, essays, and artwork that exemplify the creativity of New York State's young people.

The submissions received are remarkable in what they represent – showing gratitude and respect for family, friends, our troops fighting overseas, and many other important subjects and activities. I am humbled and honored to see such inspiring contributions in response to what is a deceptively difficult question: "What are you thankful for?"

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I would like to offer my wholehearted congratulations to all of the participants in this year's Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration.

Sincerely,

Senator Greg Ball

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

• Enza Nikolic

Hillcrest Elementary School

- Cristian Alvarez
- Ashley Berisiartua
- Jessica Carchipull
- Christina Diaz
- Sujeiry Duarte Lemus
- Jennifer Erraez

- Sheila Gomez
- Sheila Guaricocha
- Nallely Loja-Dacto
- Kevin Lojano
- Maria Marcatoma
- Daily Martinez
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- Madelin Morquecho
- Abraham Nieves
- Gabriela Ortiz
- Jilda Pauta
- Jahaira Quezada
- Anibeth Rivero
- Erica Sanchez
- Alex Suscal
- Jennifer Torres
- Wendy Yunga

Lewisboro Elementary School

- Miles Capobianco
- Liliana Carey

- Zara Clott
- Ben Cohen
- Thomas Day
- Daniel Gonzalez
- Kieran Heneghan
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- Kaitlyn Machado
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- Lauren Mullaney
- Abigail Scinicariello
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- Eliza Wein

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- Dylan Brower
- Rogelio James II
- Adrian Ponce
- Daniel Silverman
- Tom Smith
- Andrew Zabatta