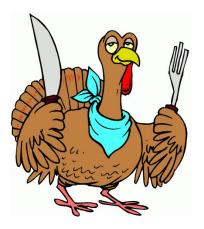


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(Special Thanksgiving Edition)



## **Thanksgiving Holiday Recipes**

(By: Shandra Griffin)

#### Homemade Kit Kat Bars Ingredients

75 Club crackers

- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar2/3 cup creamy peanut butter1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips1/2 cup butterscotch chips

#### **Directions**

1. Line 9- by 13-inch rectangular baking pan with one layer of Club crackers (you may need to break some to fit). 2 Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add graham cracker crumbs, dark brown sugar, milk, and granulated sugar. Bring to boil. Boil for five minutes, stirring constantly. Remove pan from heat. Pour half of butter mixture over crackers in pan. Smooth surface with spatula.

3. Arrange another layer of
Club crackers over butter
mixture. Pour remaining butter
mixture over the surface.
Smooth surface with spatula.
Arrange a third layer of crackers
over top.

4. Combine peanut butter, chocolate chips, and butterscotch chips in small saucepan. Melt over medium-low heat, stirring constantly. Spread evenly over crackers.

> 5. Cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate two hours. Cut into 2-inch bars. Bars will keep for two weeks, stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator.





Most people know the story of Thanksgiving- how the Pilgrims came over on the Mayflower, the Native Americans helped them survive the winter, and they had a big meal together to celebrate the harvest. But what you may not know is that the main course of the first Thanksgiving was most likely deer. The "dinner" lasted around three days, and the holiday staple of pumpkin pie wasn't even invented yet.

Backing up a bit, the whole reason the Pilgrims came here in the first place was to get away from the Church of England. In the 1500s, England broke away from the Roman Catholic Church, formed their own, and forced everyone to take part in it. The Pilgrims desired religious freedom, so they set sail for Virginia in hopes of receiving just that.

Trouble hit right away, however, as

### **Thanksgiving History**

#### By Alyvia Zeigler

the voyagers had left right in the middle of storm season. Many of the passengers became extremely seasick due to the enormous waves, which were so massive that they swept one passenger overboard. However, one account reads that this "stranger" was "proud and very profane", so chances are he wasn't missed.

After two miserable months at sea, the Mayflower finally landed near Cape Cod, as they were blown of course by the storms. More bad things were in store however, as the first winter hit, killing almost half of the Pilgrims that made the journey. They were plagued with frostbite, hypothermia, and lack of food. Things looked bleak for the travelers until they met the Natives, who taught them how to grow food in the sandy soil, and showed them the best places to fish

and hunt. Now that the Pilgrims had a



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good idea on how to survive, they decided they could start their new lives here in the New World. In order to do this though, they would need to negotiate with the Native American Chiefs over things like who-owned-what-land, and how the two very different groups can live in peace among each other. So the first Thanksgiving dinner was really more of a political gathering, which also meant that women and children probably didn't get an invite.

So as you sit down with the intentions of demolishing an entire turkey with the help of a few relatives this year, be thankful that you have the luxury of diving into a beautiful bird instead of picking through deer meat, that you have the privilege of slicing into a delicious pumpkin pie, and that you only have to do a ton of dishes for one day instead of three.

## Student Spotlight: 7th Grade - Candyce Engling

By: Alexandria Eledge

- □ What is your favorite school subject and why?
  - **Gamma** Science because I like to do experiments
- Do you have a favorite extracurricular activity/sports, if so what is it?
  - Basketball
- □ What is your favorite color?
  - Pink
- Describe yourself with three words?
  - Funny, active, fast
- □ Favorite movie, song, band, TV show?
  - Movie: 42, Song: Glorious, TV Show: The Mic
- □ What do you like to do in your spare time/hobbies?
  - Go to the park and shoot baskets
- □ If I had a million dollars I would .....?

#### Buy a house

What is your favorite nickname?

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- If you were an animal what would you be and why?
  - **Cheetahs because they're fast**
- What countries/states have you traveled to?
  - Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming



## Student Spotlight: 7th Grade-Jared Griffin

(By: Shandra Griffin)

- U What is your favorite school subject and why? Science because we get to do experiments
- U What was your favorite childhood toy and why?
  - □ New Holland Tractors because I played farm with them
- What has been one of the happiest moments of your life?
  - □ When I got my first bike
- Do you have a favorite extracurricular activity/sports, if so what is it?
  - Football
- □ What is your favorite color?
  - Green
- □ Who is your hero and why?
  - Dad because I've learned a lot from him
- □ If you could have one wish, what would it be?
  - □ To play in the NFL
- Describe yourself with three words?
  - □ Athletic, fun, adventurous
- Favorite movie, song, band, TV show? Movie: The Amazing Spider Man 2 Song: Honky Tonk Badonkadonk by: Trace Adkins Band: Nitty Gritty Dirt Band TV Show: Chicago Fire
- □ What do you like to do in your spare time/hobbies? **Be outside**
- □ If I had a million dollars I would .....? Buy my own farm
- □ What is your favorite nickname? **Griffinator**
- □ If you were an animal what would you be and why? Horse because they can eat whenever they want
- □ What countries/states have you traveled to? Colorado Nebraska Kansas



### World News: K-State Racist Car Graffiti

By: Alexandria Eledge

Dauntarius Williams, former K-State University student vandalized his own car with horrifying, racist comments as a "hoax," or a practical joke. Williams referred to this as a " Halloween Prank." His car was allegedly parked in an apartment complex near K-State's campus. His car was covered in yellow washable paint with derogatory sayings such as: *"Date Your Own Kind, White's Only, Die"* 

Williams said in a statement released by police."The whole situation got out of hand when it shouldn't have even started. It was just a Halloween prank that got out of hand. I wish I could go back to that night but I can't. I just want to apologize from the bottom of my heart for the pain and news I have brought you all," he said. Law enforcement did not press any charges towards Williams. Police said after they found out that Williams defaced his own car, he was held to a series of conversations leading to the case. Reports of the incident led to an African American student, calling a meeting to talk about racism on campus.

However, after the incident happened the Black Student Union at the University were not impressed with the leniency towards William's case. "No matter who wrote the despicable and hateful speech,we, the K-State Black Student Union, will never stand for hate or threatening speech. We urge the Riley County Police Department to strongly reconsider pressing charges," the statement read. "The K-State Black Student Union is disheartened that no charges were filed by the Riley County Police Department," the organization said in a press release. "The fact that an African-American man committed this act should not undermine its effect on K-State students. The conduct of Williams does not negate the current racist and discriminatory actions that continue on campus, community, the state and nation."

Information Found on: Kansascity.com, theroot.com



### World News: Texas Church Shooting

(By: Alice Ling)

On November 5th, a gunman, identified as Devin Kelley, killed 26 people in a church in Sutherland, Texas. He killed people from the ages 18 months to 77 years old. Sutherland is a very small town of around 400 people. In this shooting, 4% of Sutherland's citizens died. One family lost eight members. A neighbor heard the shooting and was able to shoot Kelley. After he was shot, he escaped in his car but later crashed.

Kelley died and the police are still not sure what he died from. There are several theories. One is he died from the crash, some newspapers says it is from when he shot himself, and others say it is from when he got shot. People describe Kelley as an aggressive man and he had a history of abuse against his wife and son. He was not supposed be able to buy a gun with his history of domestic violence but somehow he passed the background check.

He also tried to get a Texas Conceal and Carry Licence but was denied.

Information found on CNN.





On November 10. Natoma-Paradise-Waldo USD 399 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 109 put on their 8th annual Veterans Day Salute. The students asked questions at the panel that started at 8:30. Starting at 9:30 Shawna Dunlap played Patriotic Favorites. Superintendent Larry Geist gave the welcome and Shawna said a prayer. The American Legion Post 109, Natoma and VFW Post 6240. Russell Veterans did the Presentation of Colors while Rev. Randy Gibbs played the Bagpipe March. All attendants said the Pledge of Allegiance and the 6th grade boys did a great job singing the "Star Spangled Banner." The welcoming address was presented by Dale Eickhoff, Natoma's City Mayor. Chelsey Ladd.

### **Veterans Day Salute**

(By: Shandra Griffin)

Representative for United States Senator Jerry Moran, and Troy Waymaster, Kansas Representative 109th District were given a few minutes to speak.

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students sung "My Country Tis of Thee." Laah Tucker and Mary Murphy of the American Legion Auxiliary Post gave a few remarks on Veterans Day. 5th grader Emily Cheek spoke "Standing in the Mist" and the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders sang "We Won't Forget Our Veterans" by Marla Yoell.

Special Sgt. Natasha Florian Mondero (45th Infantry Brigade, Special Troops Battalion) had inspiring words in her address.. The Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" by George M. Cohan.



Shari Paget introduced the Essay Contest Winners, Freshman Carley Chrisler read her Patriot's Pen Essay and Senior Peyton Ostmeyer read her Voice of Democracy Essay. The JH/SRs sang "A Patriotic Salute" and Shawna Dunlap played a Patriotic Medley while Elementary Students and and American Legion Auxiliary Presented cards and flowers to the veterans. At the end of the Salute, Alexandra Rome sang "Taps" and Rev. Randy Gibbs played the Bagpipe March while the American Legion Post 109, Natoma and VFW Post 6240. Russell did the Retiring of Colors. Rev. Randy Gibbs, played "Amazing Grace" by John Newton on the Bagpipes.

### Veterans Day Salute



American Legion Post 109, Natoma and VFW 6240, Russell.



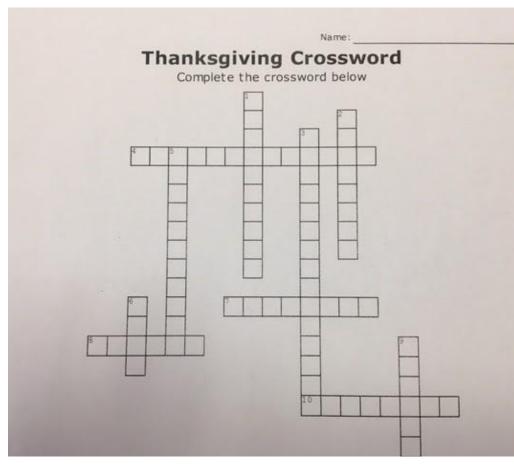
6th grade boys singing Star Spangled Banner.



3rd, 4th, and 5th graders singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee".



Special guest speaker Sgt. Natasha Florian Mondero sharing her inspiring words.



#### By Alyvia Zeigler

#### <u>Across</u>

4. White, fluffy heaven- served with gravy

- 7. Rode over on the Mayflower
- 8. Thanksgiving main dish

10. Mix of bread pieces, meat, onion, celery, and spices



#### <u>Down</u>

1. Classic Thanksgiving dessert

2. Set, hut!

3. Helped the pilgrims survive after their journey

5. Eat too much and get one of these.

- 6. Can be made into a side dish or a maze.
- 9. Aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents



### Letter to the Editor - Thanksgiving Traditions



We would like to know if our readers have any unique Thanksgiving Traditions. If you, your

family, or friends have any special traditions for Thanksgiving that you would like to share, send an email to Alice at (<u>18aling@natoma-usd399.net</u>). We going to put a list of Thanksgiving Traditions in the next newspaper. We would be happy if you wanted to share your way of celebrating

Thanksgiving with us! Stories must be shared with us by **November 28.** 





