

Kiddie Prep
School

TEAM NEWS

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Shared Fun Facts

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The U.S. Congress in 1941 split the difference and passed a bill requiring that Thanksgiving be observed annually on the fourth Thursday of November, which was sometimes the last Thursday and sometimes (less frequently) the next to last. On Dec. 26 of that year President Roosevelt signed this bill, for the first time making the date of Thanksgiving a matter of federal law.

U.S. tradition compares the holiday with a meal held in 1621 by the Wampanoag and the Puritans who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts. This element continues in modern times with the Thanksgiving dinner, often featuring turkey, playing a large role in the celebration of Thanksgiving.

In the United States, certain kinds of food are traditionally served at Thanksgiving meals. First and foremost, baked or roasted turkey is usually the featured item on any Thanksgiving feast table (so much so that Thanksgiving is sometimes referred to as "Turkey Day"). Stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn (maize), other fall vegetables, and pumpkin pie are commonly associated with Thanks-

giving dinner. All these primary dishes are actually native to the Americas or were introduced as a new food source to the Europeans when they arrived.

The tradition of giving thanks to God is continued today in various forms. Religious and spiritual organizations offer services and events centered around Thanksgiving themes the week-end before, the day of, or the week-end after Thanksgiving.

In celebrations at home, it is a holiday tradition in many families to begin the Thanksgiving dinner by saying grace. Found in diverse religious traditions, grace is a prayer before or after a meal to express appreciation to God, to ask for God's blessing, or in some philosophies, to express an altruistic wish or dedication. The custom is portrayed in the photograph "Family Holding Hands and Praying Before a Thanksgiving Meal." The grace may be led by the hostess or host, as has been tradition, or, in contemporary fashion, each person may contribute words of blessing or thanks. According to a 1998 Gallup poll, an estimated 64 percent of Americans say grace.

Since being fixed at the fourth Thursday in Nov. by law in 1941, the holiday in the US can occur as early as Nov. 22 to as late as Nov. 28. However, when Thanksgiving falls on Nov. 22, it is not slated as the last Thursday, but the second to last. As it is a Federal holiday, all US government offices are closed and employees are paid for that day. It is also a holiday for the New York Stock Exchange, and also for most other financial markets and financial services companies.

Future Thanksgiving 2008-2014

Thursday, November 27, 2008
Thursday, November 26, 2009
Thursday, November 25, 2010
Thursday, November 24, 2011
Thursday, November 22, 2012
Thursday, November 28, 2013
Thursday, November 27, 2014

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_(United_States))

November 2008				
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Current Month Calendar News

November 5 and 19 - Pay Day!!

November 6 and 7 - Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences from 12-3:00

November 10 - Birthday Lunches 1:00-2:45; Joy, Tonya, Esther and Lisa

November 11 - Veteran's Day; FWCS is closed. The school age kids will be here all day.

November 12 - FWCS has a 2 hour delay.

November 18 - Kindergarten Fieldtrip to McMillen

Health Center 12:30-2:30

November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving! KPS CLOSED

November 28 - FWCS is closed. The school age kids will be here all day.

Gobble, Gobble!!

- Attention team members that come in to help during naptime. Please remember that you are in the classroom to work with the children during naptime. The lead teachers are initially responsible to help the children snuggle down but you are responsible to assist and give the lead teachers ample time to complete their study time and curriculum needs. You are expected to walk around the room and help the children with their needs.
- Absent Requests - Please remember that the seniority policy has begun. Remember to check your email to find out when it is your turn to hand in requests. Some team members have chosen to email me their dates immediately so they don't miss their window of opportunity. Do not forget to fill out your request slips as well. Your request will not be completed until they are handed in.
- Spring Program is beginning to

creep up on us. It is five months away and it is time to begin taking group pictures of different events in each classroom. If you have a digital camera, you are more than welcome to take pictures on your own and then have me transfer them to my computer. We are in the process of replacing the KPS camera.



Affirmation Box

- Joy - For getting my cots and helping me on a crazy day! Thanks
- Thank you, Amy, for helping to unload the fundraiser truck.
- Thank you, Susan, for taking Bryshon to the school bus while it was pouring down rain.
- Thank you, Ryan, for helping to unload the fundraiser truck.
- Thank you, Tonya, for helping to unload the fundraiser truck.
- Thank you, Kezia, for helping to unload the fundraiser truck.

"Congratulations RYAN!
You have won the Team
Spirit award for this
month."

Q: Can we put a reminder in the Newsletter about naptime helpers?

A: This issue has been addressed above.

Q: Do we need to clock in and out for our breaks (30 minutes) when we stay in the building?

A: Yes, you need to clock in and out each time you take your 30 minute break. It is a paid break but we have to show that it was taken. I know that some people clock out and then back in right away so they don't forget to do so later. This is not preferred but at this time it is acceptable. If you do this, please do not clock in and out at the same time. The computer will not recognize your punches and it will create errors on your timecard. Your time clock punches must be more than a minute apart.

Q: Do we have to do accident reports on a staff member's child?

A: Yes, you MUST complete an accident report on ANY child who is enrolled in this facility. No exceptions.

Anonymous
Bag

Nov 2 - Esther H.

Nov 14 - Lisa J.

Nov 30 - Tonya B.

Happy Birthday!

Welcome!
Karen Henderson
Beth Vetter

Nov 10, 1986 - Cindy

Nov 10, 2003 - Melanie

Nov 18, 1977 - Joy

KPS Anniversaries!

- October 1st, Carrie was awarded her CDA . Congratulations!! She continues her hard work for an Associates.
- Esther and Griselda have had their initial CDA Observation and now await their formal visit from Washington, DC.
- Denise and Donita wait patiently for the initial CDA observation.

CDA Updates!