



SCHOOL ZONE

Siuslaw News' monthly school newsletter for the Siuslaw & Mapleton School Districts and community groups serving youth in the Siuslaw Region

TheSiuslawNews.com | November 2019 School Zone

THANKSGIVING FEELS LIKE ...

Siuslaw Elementary third-grade teacher Dolly Greene's class writes poems for the season

Thanksgiving

A sight of turkey, rain and pasta, also potatoes but most importantly family. I hear laughter, rivers flowing, rain dropping, and people talking. I taste tender turkey and mashed potatoes and ham and sweet pumpkin pie.

— **Chase L.**

Thanksgiving:

Thanksgiving is red. Thanksgiving sounds like a river and tastes like a pumpkin pie. It smells like watermelon and looks like family. Thanksgiving feels like a fort.

— **Brayden L., Age 8**

Thanksgiving Poem

It sounds like laughter, rivers and ocean waves. And tastes like turkey, fresh air and corn. And looks like food, family, clouds and pet dogs. It feels like wind.

— **Nick C., Age 9**

Thanksgiving Poem

I see trees, I hear rivers, I taste hot chocolate, I smell cookies. Thanksgiving feels like snow.

— **Cayden H., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

The color of Thanksgiving is Blue. It sounds like wind, and tastes like chicken, pie, cookies, turkey. It smells like pie and looks like family. Thanksgiving feels like family.

— **Liam, Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is red. It sounds like Loveing and tastes like turkey

It smells like pile And looks Love Thanksgiving feels like happiness.

— **Ruby H., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is red and orange. It sounds like rain hitting the roof. It tastes like mashed potatoes. It smells like turkey. It looks like leaves are falling off trees. Thanksgiving feels like snow falling on you.

— **Judah H., Age 9**

Thanksgiving

I see turkey Jello, fudge and cake. I smell pie, corn, and cupcakes I hear my family talking my aunt grama and others saying, "Hi" Thanksgiving is great.

— **Ryan M., Age 9**

Thanksgiving

Color: red/yellow Emotion: calmness It sounds like fire burning And tastes like Pumpkin pie. It smells like Cookies. And it looks like the Sky Thanksgiving feels like calmness.

— **Sydney G., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is orange. It sounds like the river, And it



tastes like turkey.

It smells like COOKies, And looks like trees.

Thanksgiving feels like a fork.

— **Izzy B., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Sounds like wind roosters and rivers.

And taste like hot chocolate and turkey. It smells like Tree Leaves falling and Turkey. And looks like family turkey and trees. It feels like Family and silverware.

— **Caleb M., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is orange, red and brown. It sounds like wind and rain. And tastes like cookies. It smells like cookies and potatoes. And looks like

family and turkeys. It feels like turkey. Thanksgiving is special.

— **Avery S., Age 9**

looks like trees and family. Thanksgiving feels like happiness.

— **Carter G., Age 9**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is orange. It sounds like the ocean. And it tastes like hot coco. It smells like turkey and looks like leaves falling. Thanksgiving feels like thankfulness.

— **Lillyana C., Age 8**

Thanksgiving Poem

It sounds like river splashing around. And tastes like turkey in your mouth. It smells like gravy on mashed potatoes. And looks like rivers splashing all over. Thanksgiving feels like the ocean flowing.

— **Chase F., Age 9**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is red and orange. It sounds like roosters and wind. And tastes like pumpkin pie and Hot chocolate. It smells like gravy and looks like family. Thanksgiving feels like Love.

— **Isaac D., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is Yellow and Blue. It sounds like wind, hens, happy. Ocean and taste like Pie, Turkey, corn,



hot coca. It smells like Turkey, Pie, pasta, Gravy and looks like Turkey, Pie, family, hearts, love

Thanksgiving feels like love.

— **Aleeya T., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is lots of colors, food and trees with beautiful colorful falling leaves. The wind blows side to side. The rain falls down with a cry. Clouds and blue on the sky. Yummy turkey, sweet potatoes, corn, pumpkin pie. Cranberries, apple sider, cookies, mash potatoes and mac n' cheese. It smells like flowers and candles with fresh breeze. It feels like love and happiness. Thanksgiving is so much fun.

— **Sanaiyah S., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is red, orange, yellow and green. It sounds like wind and laughter. And tastes like pie and sweet potatoes. It smells like turkey and kittys. And looks like red orange leaves. Thanksgiving feels like warmth.

— **McKenna J., Age 8**

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is orange. It Sounds rosters cawing and wind howling. It tastest like corn and mac and cheese photas. It smells like turkey and looks like bare trees. Thanksgiving feels like thankful-

— **Afton L., Age 9**



Apply now for 2020 Rhododendron Court

Applications for the 113th Rhododendron Court are due before Monday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m.

The Senior Court is open to high school senior girls and boys who exhibit exceptional character and are Siuslaw region residents. The Junior Court is one girl for each elementary school grade.

Queen Rhododendra and her Junior and Senior Princess Courts, as well as the King of the Coast and his Senior Prince Court, will reign over the 2020 Rhododendron Festival, act as the goodwill ambassadors for this event and make many promotional appearances between the start of the year and the annual Rhody Festival, May 15 to 17 in Florence.

The Rhododendron Court will benefit from experiences with public speaking and media relations. Queen Rhododendra and the King of the Coast, along with their Senior Court, will be awarded scholarships on the night of the coronation.

Applications for the Rhododendron Court are available through Siuslaw and Mapleton schools, the Florence Visitor's Center and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce website at florencechamber.com. Call 541-997-3128 with questions.

For information about the festival, parade participation, vendor registration or volunteer opportunities, visit florencechamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

SKIPPING THANKSGIVING

November is already here, and as we're already celebrating the next

BY RAMIRO RAMIREZ, JR.
SIUSLAW HIGH STUDENT

big holiday. But it appears as if we are fast-forwarding to December and waiting to be part of the huge stampede that thunders down the entrance of a Walmart, Target, Kmart or any shopping center.

That's right ladies and gentlemen — we are celebrating Christmas well before Thanksgiving has arrived. I haven't been a fan of this trend since I started to notice it a few years back.

Thanksgiving deserves its attention, and in my opinion it is ok to think about Christmas prior to Thanksgiving, but you shouldn't be shoving it in so early.

Look, I know we're all starting to anticipate earlier for the hectic holidays, and that's ok. However, we shouldn't have to get to a point where we forget things. And that, I believe, may be the reason why people aren't concerned for Thanksgiving nowadays. The November holiday should be remembered and continue to be an annual celebration we all enjoy, not some lesser known holiday.

The reason why there is no school during Thanksgiving week is not to help out with the upcoming Christmas season, but to help us understand what

we're thankful for in our lives.

Let me ask you this. What are you thankful for? What are some things in your life that give you the power to do what you want? Now imagine that not being in your life.

That's one of the reasons we have Thanksgiving.

It is to be thankful for the things we have. Family, friends, TV, phones or our favorite activities. Thanksgiving is a time where we pause our lives to appreciate the stuff we have in our lives. And it's OK to be thankful for the upcoming month. In fact, you can be thankful for the ones closest to you, and spend time with a bigger group later in December.

I ask all who are reading this to please slow down. Don't rush to get the decorations up right now. We still have a few weeks left until you can start putting up the decorations. Take a look around you to see the things you didn't know were positively affecting your life.

Thanksgiving is a holiday that should be remembered for the strong message it holds: to be thankful for the things, events and opportunities life has given to us. To be thankful we are in or approaching a desirable place.

So why fight over the last item on sale during Black Friday after saying you were thankful for the things you had yesterday?

PTA holds Hands-On Craft Bazaars

The Florence Community PTA will be hosting a hands-on craft bazaar on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 11 and 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Siuslaw Elementary School, in the south building.

This will be an opportunity for participants of all ages to make something special for family and friends for the holidays.

A large variety of crafts supplies will be available for a minimal cost, with some craft stations having no cost. There will be a special station just for parents as well. All supplies are provided.

PTA has also invited local vendors to sell their handmade and homemade items at the fair.

PTA will provide hot cocoa, fresh cookies and a gift wrapping area.

Come and enjoy some family time together while getting into the holiday gift giving spirit.

PTA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m., in the Siuslaw Elementary School Library. Refreshments, childcare and a door prize are provided at each meeting.

For more information about Florence Community PTA or to become a member, contact Crystal Osburn, this year's PTA president, at florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com. Like us on Facebook at Florence Community PTA and visit www.florencepta.org.

Look for KID SCOOP

Kid Scoop runs every Wednesday in the Siuslaw News and features educational stories and fun activities for families. The page is part of the Siuslaw News' Newspapers In Education program, in which teachers from Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts may request copies of the local paper to use as curriculum in their classroom. Call 541-997-3441 for more information.

Submit to School Zone

Be a part of the Siuslaw News' monthly newsletter for students in the Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts. It runs September to May each school year. Email Siuslaw News Features Editor Chantelle Meyer at cmeyer@thesiuslawnews.com