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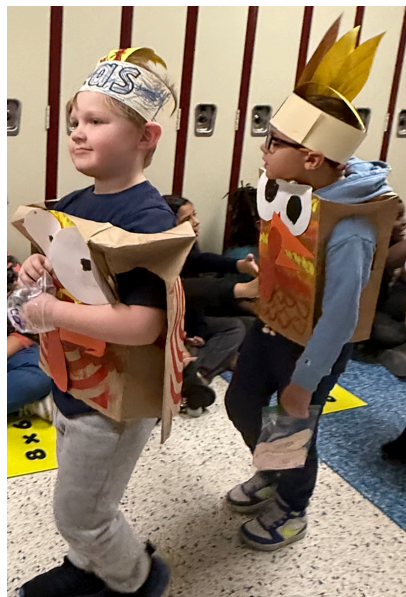


Have a wonderful day!



“Gobbling Up Gratitude!” By: Sophia Deso & Matthew Williams, Student Reporters

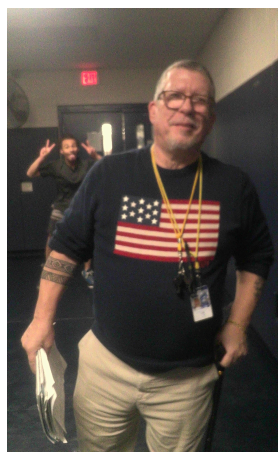
With Thanksgiving right around the corner, our school is buzzing with excitement and gratitude—especially after last week’s heartwarming Kindergarten Kindness Parade! To keep the spirit going, we interviewed faculty, staff, and students about their favorite part of Thanksgiving, and the answers ranged from family gatherings and delicious feasts to cozy traditions and moments of thankfulness. As the holiday approaches, our entire school community is reminded that the season is truly about togetherness, kindness, and appreciating the little things that make life meaningful.



Kindergarteners (above) march in our Kindness Parade with Mr. Cooley and Mr. Palmer.



Hannah Jones, a 5th grade student (left) says her favorite part of Thanksgiving is the delicious food! Mr. Quinn, a 6th grade teacher (right), enjoys spending time with his wife the most.



What’s Up with “6-7”? The Number Taking Over School!

By: Liam Hazzard, Student Reporter



Have you heard kids shouting “6-7!” in the hallways or laughing when a math problem says “6 times 7”? You’re not alone! The number 67 (or “6-7”) has become a funny trend at school, and everyone seems to have something to say about it.

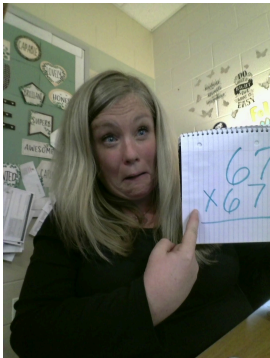


So, what does “6-7” even mean?

Some people say it started as part of a song. Others say it became a meme, or a funny saying shared online. And of course, it can also mean simple things—like counting “6, 7,” or describing a height, like “the bookshelf was 6’7” tall!” But for now, it’s mostly a silly phrase that students like to repeat.

Teachers and staff have lots of opinions about it!

Mrs. Alonzo says, “At first I thought it was funny, but now I cringe every time it shows up in math class. Even my 5-year-old says it at home! I can’t get away from it!”

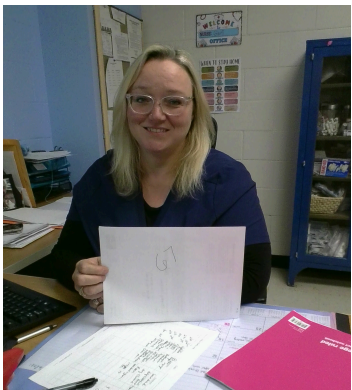


Mrs. Alonzo (left) points to a math problem with “6-7” in it!

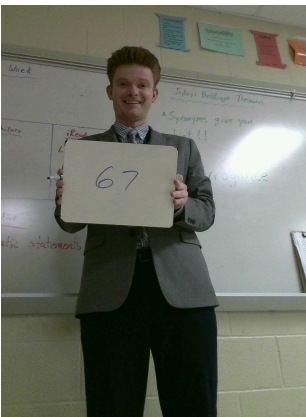
Ms. Hall believes it came from TikTok. “I try not to say those numbers in class anymore because it can be distracting!”

Mr. Gildart says, “I’m OVER 6-7! I hear it everywhere—school, home, even in my dreams!”

Mr. Gray has a calmer take: “It’s harmless. As long as learning isn’t being interrupted, it’s not a big deal. It’s just a little annoying.”



Nurse Geri (left) and Mr. Gray pose for pictures with the infamous 6-7.



Nurse Geri and the nurse team even made “6-7” their Halloween costume! “It was funny,” she says, “but it’s time for a new trend.”

Mrs. Cooley agrees, saying, “It’s just a fad—it’ll fade away like all the others.”

Ms. Leonard, on the other hand, joins in with the students. “It’s silly and harmless,” she says with a smile.

No matter what people think, it seems like the “6-7” craze is everywhere—for now! So enjoy the fun while it lasts, because as Mrs. Cooley says, “this too shall pass.”

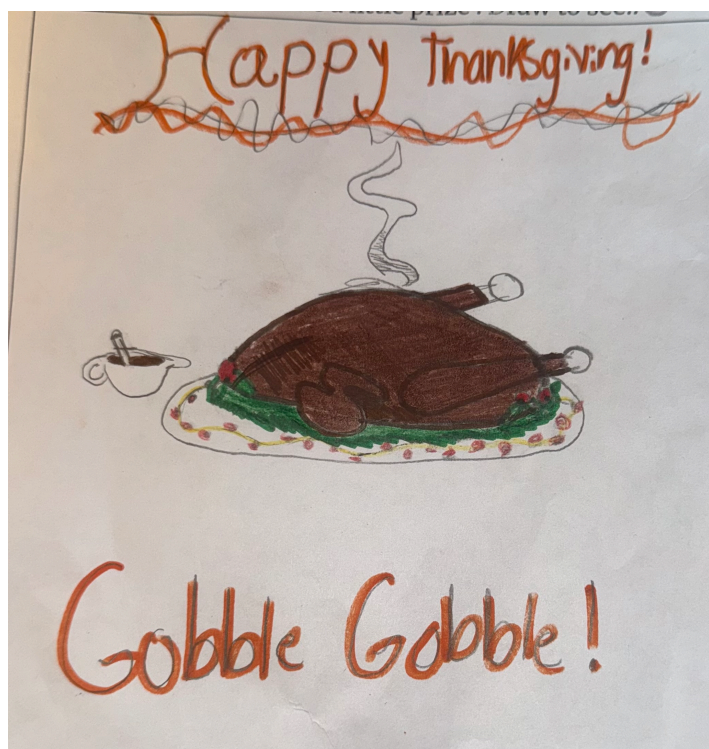
November Art Contest

By: Victoria Primeau-Kattes & Denver Williams, Student Reporters

November's art contest is officially done, and wow - it was really hard to choose the winners! Everyone did an amazing job drawing their turkeys and mashed potatoes. After lots of careful looking and thinking, we finally picked our top four artists. Great job to everyone who entered, and big congratulations to our four winners! Be on the lookout for December's art challenge.



First place goes to Krithik Tati from Mrs. Alix-Hansen's 4th grade class.



2nd place goes to Ariella Gibson from Mrs. Crouch's 5th grade class!

Art Contest Continued...



Third place goes to Mila Mooney from Mrs. Blake's 1st grade class.



Eh Ju Re Soe from Mrs. Clum's second grade class won 4th place. Congratulations!

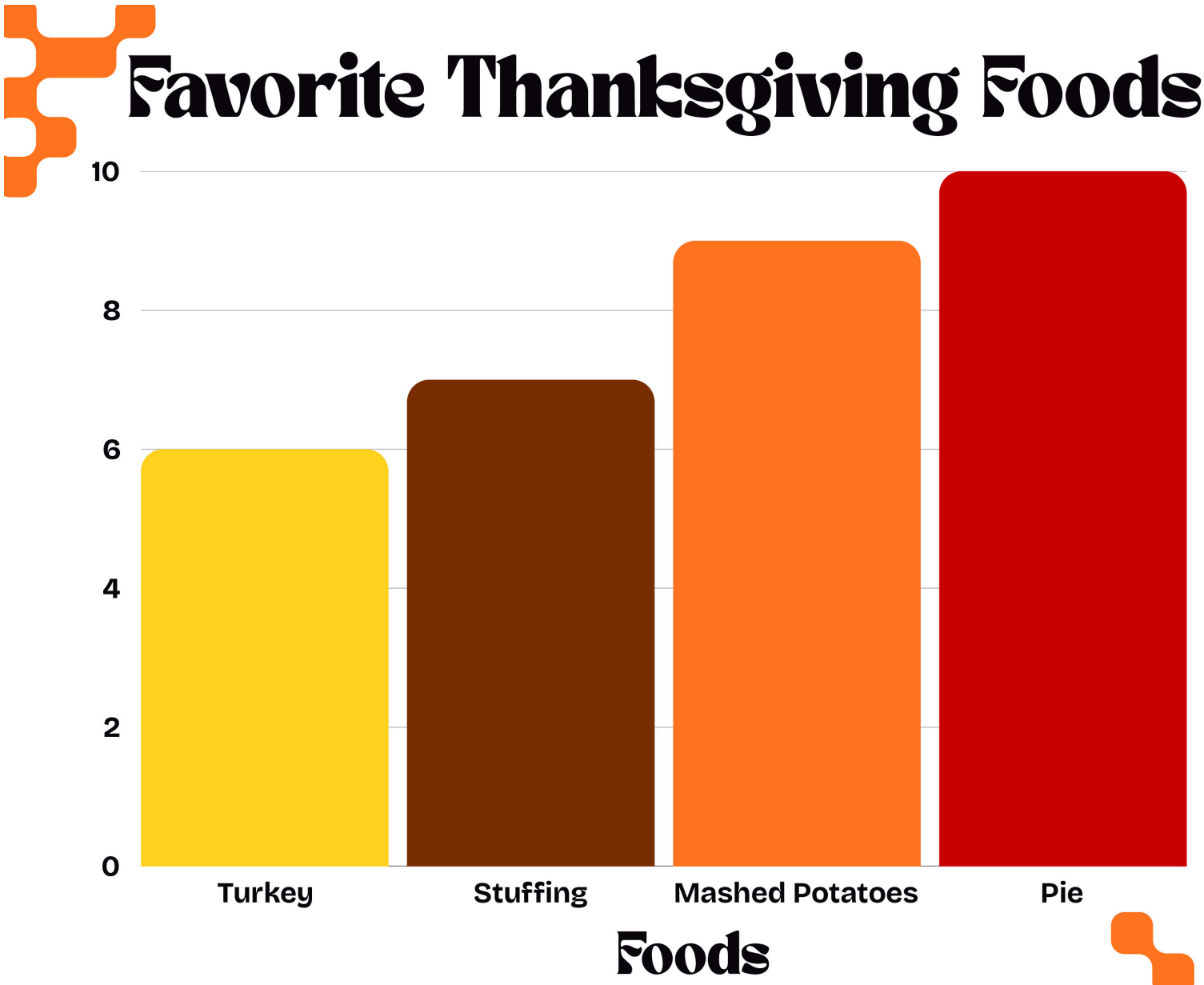




Thanksgiving Tastes: And the Winner Is... Pie!

By: Sophia Deso, Trey Lossi, Gio & Keegan Phipps and Matthew Williams, Student Reporters

We had a fun time asking kids and teachers all around the school about their favorite Thanksgiving food! We collected everyone’s answers and turned them into a colorful graph for you to explore. Take a look—you’ll see that pies were the big winners! Whether it was pumpkin, apple, or pecan, pie stole the show in our Thanksgiving food poll!



5th Grade Shares Gratitude and Global Flavors



The 5th grade Thanksgiving celebration was a delicious trip around the world! Families brought in special dishes from their own cultures, filling the room with amazing smells and flavors. Students, families, and teachers enjoyed tasting foods from many different countries and spending time together. It was a wonderful afternoon of sharing, learning, and being grateful for one another!



5th Grade Shares Gratitude and Global Flavors Continued...



A good time was had by all!



Happy Thanksgiving
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