

Northwestern Middle School

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## Editorial

Welcome back to another edition of the Northwestern Monthly. I, personally, have been caught up in this whole semester. The periods seem to rush by and the days seem to disappear as winter break draws near. As I, "stop and smell the roses", I can't help but notice how grateful we should be for the little things in life, not even things like water or a roof over our heads but the small things. Have you ever walked around in autumn, the cool fall wind sending a prism of leaves scattering about, dancing in the wind? How about the squirrel you see every day on your way to the bus stop, how you hope it doesn't get hit by a car while it runs across the road to store nuts for the next year? I have a friend who takes delight in the little things. It fills me with joy to see her run through middle school traffic just so she can compliment someone's clothes, or when we once walked around a park that happened to be after a highschool's Homecoming dance and she went out of her way to tell every highschooler how nice they looked. The joy she brings herself by seeing the small, wonderful things in life is very refreshing to her and to others around her. This Thanksgiving, be thankful for not only the big things but be thankful for the small things in life too.

## Positive Message

Congratulations! You made it, you're almost halfway through the year! Even if you didn't do well this semester, you have a whole other semester to fix it! I'd like to share some inspiration to boost you to winter break.

You've only been in school for 7-9 years and look how much you've accomplished and learned so far. Imagine what you will accomplish in twice that! Even if things aren't going your way, you still have enough time to fix it and have fun along the way. So remember to enjoy the ride and not stress the small things!

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## Northwestern Students Win Prizes in South Forsyth

Northwestern went to the South Forsyth Science Olympiad Meet. Northwestern students showed a competitive show. This is a great start to Georgia Science Olympiad events. The students from NMS won prizes for 4 events. Thanks to Ms. Nikki Rockstroh for bringing the team together.

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November poll!! Vote on some awesome things about fall!!

## Passionate Poem or Song Contest

We all have strong feelings about something or someone, whether positive or negative one way to let loose all those feelings is in writing. Sometimes we write argumentative essays but now you are the author. Write your heart into this. Let's hear it! It will be published if it wins. There are some rules though:

- No names please, no one likes to be called out
- No profanity
- No inappropriate content
- Have fun!

Click [here](#) to give us your best!

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If you want to play some fun fall games press [here](#)

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If you want to do a Quizizz on random November facts press [here](#)!

## Do approve of the dress code?

There has always been a debate about the dress code, whether here or in another place. Recently, an 8th-grade student was dress-coded for showing her bare shoulder. Some argue that this is necessary to ensure the order of school and an undistracted learning environment. Others argue that school isn't interrupted by modern style and the dress code is unnecessary in some cases. Do you approve of the current dress code or do you think it should be changed? Tell us [here!](#)

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November Contest:

Make a poem about your best Thanksgiving memory.

Rules:

1. No plagiarism
2. No violent action
3. No inappropriate content

Due: December 4th

Submit [here](#)

## MYSTERY STORY CONTEST WINNER

I KNOW THAT I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. I KNOW THAT EVERYONE HERE HATES ME. EVERYONE HAS TOLD ME THAT I'M CRAZY. I DON'T THINK I AM. I JUST REMEMBER WAKING UP ONE DAY IN A HOSPITAL BED WITH A HEADACHE AND TWO FRACTURED RIBS. THE NURSE SAID I WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ALIVE AND THEY SAID I KILLED SOMEONE. I JUST DON'T REMEMBER IT. I'M SO CONFUSED BUT I KNOW I BELONG HERE. HERE IS MY HOME FOR I AM SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO IT. IT HAS CAUTION TAPE ON IT. IT HAS A SIGN "FOR LEASE". I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S THERE. I CRAWL UNDER AND GO INSIDE ITS LIKE I REALLY KNOW THIS PLACE I DON'T KNOW WHY. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE JUST RAN OUT IN A HURRY. I GO UPSTAIRS AND LOOK IN THE BEDROOMS THERE ARE TWO BEDROOMS ONE FOR I GUESS A GUEST AND ANOTHER FOR THE OWNER. "HELLO, I AM HERE TO HELP YOU," SAYS A MAN WHO LOOKS ALL BATTERED UP. "EVERYONE THINKS YOU KILLED ME. I STAGED MY DEATH WITH THE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS."

"WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, AND WHO ARE YOU?" I SAY.

"I AM THE HUSBAND OF YOUR ALIVE SELF THIS IS WHERE WE WAKE UP AND WHERE WE SEE WHAT WE DID WRONG IN LIFE" HE SAYS. "THIS IS WHERE WE ARE DEAD". IT RANG IN MY HEAD. DEAD, DEAD, DEAD, DEAD, DEAD.

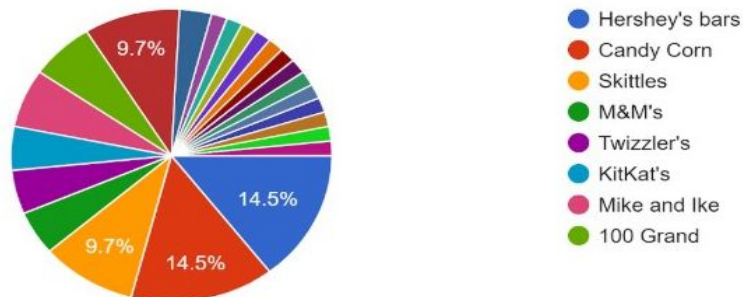
# What is your favorite Thanksgiving fun family activity?

Tell us here



*See the results of our last poll!*

What is your favorite Halloween candy?



## Funny Story

Macy the turkey had no clue what to do! There were rumors going around in the farmhouse that she would be the next turkey to go to the chopper. No turkey had ever come back. Her cousin hadn't come back since last Thanksgiving. She was devastated and had a pretty good idea what this chopper was. It gobbled them alive! She never ate her food and everyone thought that she was trying to cut off a few pounds, I mean she wasn't the slimmest turkey. She was actually procrastinating from eating so Macy wasn't "poisoned". She was sure they wouldn't chose her if she wasn't fat. I mean of course she was copious.

The next morning it was an early dawn as Crooker the rooster started his terrible morning song, Macy was so paranoid that to her it sounded like a funeral song! Macy couldn't stand it much longer she wanted to scream. *At least I still have Bongo* she thought plodding over sadly to gobble her chatter to him.

"Hey there Plumper!" Said the farmer.(that was her nickname even if she was skinny)

"GOBBLE! GOBBLE!" said Macy in a frenzy.

"It's time for your chopping! I'm sure you'll be much happier with Chopper." he said as he tried to pick Macy up

Macy ran around "GOBBLE!"ing for at least one more hour before Farmer Joe caught her. He took her to the chopper, the Chopper turned out to be a... **A FLUFFY, CUTE, BUNNY!!!!** Macy's saw all her turkey friends hanging out with Chopper too, they looked so happy. "So that explains the never coming back." Macy's said to all her turkey friends.

"I thought the farmer had taken you to a head-chopper! The other turkeys down in the barn told me this," She said excited.

"I still have a question though, why do we come here?" She asked.

"Because the farmer thinks we deserve a break from all the other turkeys." They said.

"How is it a break from all the other turkeys if everyone is here?"



## Motivation within Psychology

By Hunter Davis

Why do you perform the actions that you perform? What causes others to do things? Why do some of your peers do what their told while others do not? These questions may seem like little things that may cross your mind once, but to others, it's a great big deal.

Motivation is the reason one does what one does. Motivation comes in two types, Intrinsic and extrinsic. Intrinsic motivation is when you are motivated by something inside you, to get a sense of pride and accomplishment. Extrinsic is when you want to get something outside you, like prize money.

Intrinsic motivation has no component of monetary reward. When someone is intrinsically motivated they are working purely for the internal reward. To work due to intrinsic factors is to work for the satisfaction of a job well done. Extrinsic motivation is to work for an outside reward. Although this sounds suboptimal compared to intrinsic, sometimes this is necessary to get people to do activities they do not enjoy. Extrinsic always occurs to get something from outside an individual.

Motivation comes in various types, good or bad. Depending on how effective it seems or how crazy the motivation being used is, you have the choice on whether if you decided to follow along on what you are being motivated to do, or if you do not follow it.

## Delicious Thanksgiving Recipes

By Sriya

Thanksgiving is one of the best times of the year to try out fun recipes with family, friends, or by yourself. Sometimes we struggle to find that “just right” recipe. This article may help you find the perfect recipe to try out this Thanksgiving!

### Recipes with some spice

If you are looking for a recipe with some spice then definitely look at some of these!

This first recipe is for those people who want that traditional turkey but with a slight twist. This recipe is fairly easy— if you’re ready to do some pre-prep, it requires you to make a delicious spice mix that will have to be made at least a few days before you cook the turkey. Then you can begin to roast the turkey with the guidance of the preparation notes within the article by *bon appetite*.

#### Cajun Spice Mix

#### Cajun Spiced Turkey

The second recipe will need more work. This recipe will serve a whole party! (20 servings) You’ll be making spicy cornbread stuffing with chorizo and sweet potatoes. It will include a great variety of ingredients, many of them add a spicy touch to the recipe. The preparation has many important details that will make your stuffing wonderful! So be sure— if you’re making this dish— to read the preparation carefully so that you get a stuffing in the end that you’ll want to gobble up! This recipe includes a ‘do ahead’ so it is important to read the recipe, the WHOLE recipe, before you begin. This stuffing can be a part of many dishes such as turkey roasts and casseroles or can be eaten by itself.

Warning! This recipe will be spicier than the cajun chicken so please be mindful about the amount of fresh chillies that you put in the stuffing. Epicurious— the website where this recipe is from— also states that the chillies are OPTIONAL, so keep that in mind when you prepare this dish.

#### Spicy Cornbread Stuffing

## Thanksgiving Desserts

Who doesn't love having a course of sweet or savory desserts after eating a delicious meal? These are just 2 of the many wonderful Thanksgiving dessert recipes:]

This is a recipe for making mini salted pumpkin cheesecakes. This is absolutely the perfect recipe if you would like a bite-sized desserts to pop into your mouth. These little bites have both sweet and savory taste profiles. This is a recipe that is simple but does require some time as it needs to cool in the refrigerator for a MINIMUM of 2 hours. The author of this recipe gives straight-forward steps to make the mini cheesecakes. A bit of shopping is required if you do not already have most of the basic ingredients at home (e.g- pumpkin, eggs, sugar, vanilla, cream cheese)

### Mini-Salted Caramel Pumpkin Cheesecakes

The second dessert recipe is *fancy*; the recipe has 3 parts to it and the measurements are precise so pay attention to those notations. What's special about this recipe is that it requires no baking! (Except for cooking the apples on the stovetop which can be done a few days ahead as stated by Chris Cockren in his recipe) For this delicious dessert you'll be making a "No Bake Caramel Apple Cheesecake Trifle":D Making this will take 70 minutes (1 hour and 10 minutes) and will include 8 to 12 servings- all of this information and additions will be included in the recipe. This dessert is for those of you who like to try new things and experiment around in your kitchens; however, don't be scared to try this recipe, as long as you read the directions carefully a few times and gather the correct ingredients you're all set for making this appetizing dessert dish. As for many recipes, please read the whole recipe over once or twice before starting anything (the shopping and the preparations).

### Caramel Apple Cheesecake

## Macy's Day Parade



### Background Info + History

The Macy's Day Parade is a nationally broadcasted Thanksgiving parade located in Manhattan, New York. It is held for three hours from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Macy's department store presented its first parade 1924 New York City. It was actually a Christmas Day Parade at the time, The original parade followed a route along 145th Street and Convent Avenue to the Macy's store at 34th Street and Broadway.

### Events

The Macy's Day Parade is a tradition in many households. It starts with the people of a news company coming and introducing the parade. They then get the person that gets to cut the ribbon to start the parade, and one that happens the fun breaks loose. This includes large floats that look like iconic characters, from Snoopy to Pikachu. They then cut out and go to commercial, but you can feel the excitement in the city that never sleeps. They would cut back and show a new or already existing new show that is coming or on Broadway. There are several performances that they cut to while the floats are going around. They also show some popular musicians who are waving to their fans down on the street. Near the end the turkey float comes out to represent that it is Thanksgiving with some pilgrims on the huge turkey. Usually a huge float comes out with one of the highlights of the parade, in the float is Santa Claus, in which they then wrap up the parade and wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.