



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Creative Celebration

DAVID J. VALESKY December 22, 2011



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. In our first year, we received outstanding poems, essays, and artwork that exemplify the creativity of New York State's young people.

The submissions received are remarkable in what they represent – showing gratitude and respect for family, friends, our troops fighting overseas, and many other important subjects

and activities. I am humbled and honored to see such inspiring contributions in response to what is a deceptively difficult question: "What are you thankful for?"

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I would like to offer my wholehearted congratulations to all of the participants in this year's Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration.

Sincerely,

Senator Valesky

Brookfield Central

- Jenna B.
- Ileana Belfiore
- Max Elliott
- Jenna Head
- Natalie Head
- Alex K.
- Brooke King
- Cody King
- Madilyne Kuprig

Brookfield Elementary

- Ileana Belfiore
- Erika Boise
- Star Crespo
- Ivy Furgison
- Tori Johnson
- Marissa Kupris
- Shianne Morgan
- Ryan NA
- Kayla Owen
- Caleb Worden

Cato Meridian Middle School

- Amber blake
- aidan Candall
- zachary cerio
- Lindsey Condon
- Skylar Davis
- Olivia Ford
- Carson Gotham
- McKanna Kuhlmann
- Jacob Mossow

- Miranda Myhill- LaForce
- Morgan Na
- Tanya Peckham
- Jacey Phillips
- Sage Ray
- Evan Rivera
- nicholas schmitt
- Virginia Slobe
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- Elizabeth Spratt
- Gabriel Stavenhagen
- Austin Stoch
- Melissa Ward
- Kelly Warol
- Alicia Workman

Finger Lakes Christian School

- Samara Lewis

Memorial Park Elementary School

- Devin Barnes
- Angelina Bensani
- Emma Boice
- Lillian Broedel
- Gwenyth Edwards
- Cole Greene
- Ethan Greene
- Ethan Greene
- ETHAN HADLEY
- ETHAN HADLEY
- Katlyn Harris
- Laney Hinman
- Anna Jasper
- Patrick Kelley
- Owen Lacombe
- Fredrick Lewis
- Leila Morris

- Robert Noon
- Holley Perry
- Jared Prindle
- Gregg Sebastian
- Matthew St. Peter
- Gage Tardy
- Maya veronneau
- Nora Vick
- Stanley Welsh
- Jacob Williamson

Percy M. Hughes Magnet School

- Roda Ntiranyibagira

Seneca Street School

- Kurt Babcock
- Aamyia Barks
- Aamyia Burks
- Tommy Campanie
- Braydon Disalvo
- Braydon DiSalvo

- Abby Egger
- Jannessa Leahey
- Olivia Parker
- Alex Tooker

St. Joseph School

- Margaret Sciria
- Cooper Wilson

Syracuse Hebrew Day School

- Rebecca Blumenthal
- Talia Zames

Wellwood Middle School

- Joey Burns
- Evan Bybee
- Andrew Byrne-King
- Nicolas Gascon
- Jacob Gerardi
- Robert Hey
- Hannah Komar

- Briana McMurchie
- Frida Ni
- Cassandra Richter
- Kathryn Shanley
- Fatma Sula
- Kathryn TenEyck