



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

KENNETH P. LAVALLE December 14, 2012



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the Thanksgiving Day Creative Celebration. 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 Kenneth P. LaValle

Andrew Muller Primary School

- [Kailey Broome](#)
- [Drew Buscemi](#)
- [Emmy Shattes](#)
- [Carly Shurbet](#)
- [Christian Tarsia](#)
- [Kate Walter](#)

Bicycle Path Pre-K / Kindergarten Center

- [Joann Giannino](#)

Dayton Ave. school

- Alana Kiceina

Eastport Elementary School

- Julia Ducos
- Peter Grogan
- Lisa Jornitz
- Thomas Lavallee

Hampton Bays Middle School

- Brittany DeJesus
- Erik Morastitla
- Amelia Salvatore
- Gary Tetrault

Montauk Public School

- Derek Adamcewicz
- Erika Dumacela
- Kai Esposito
- Chris Loffreno
- Jameson Ostroff

- Bryan Pannasch
- Alex Sayay

New Suffolk Common School

- Tia Flythe (5th) Thomas Cooper (5th) Sarah Wegley (6th) Flythe (5th) Cooper (5th) Wegley (6th)

Oysterponds Elementary School

- McKenna Demarest

Raynor Country Day School

- David ANdrews
- Sean Beaver
- Gwen Bogash
- Ekaterina Calandra
- Madison DeFelice
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- Deborah Francis
- Bella Gershonowitz
- NIkita Gribanov

- Ben Grodski
- Alyvia Kappel
- Hannah Lecci
- Sarra Mall
- Tyler Peters
- Grady Roppelt
- Maya Terry

South Street School

- Danielle Dragos
- Katherine Tassone

Springs Public School

- Colleen McGowan
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Tangier Smith Elementary

- Mallie Bowerman
- Giavanna Marco

Terryville Road Elementary School

- Julianna Acosta
- Hayley Chaino
- Amanda E.
- Kayli Gregory
- Amani Hafeez
- Christine Lang
- Christopher Macomber
- Ericka Marrero
- Diego Morales
- Lucas Pisano
- Vincent Riviezzo
- Anthony Salierno
- Connor Voelpel
- Mahnoor Zafar

William Floyd Elementary School

- Ashley DeFalco
- Edward Gubelman
- William Rosa