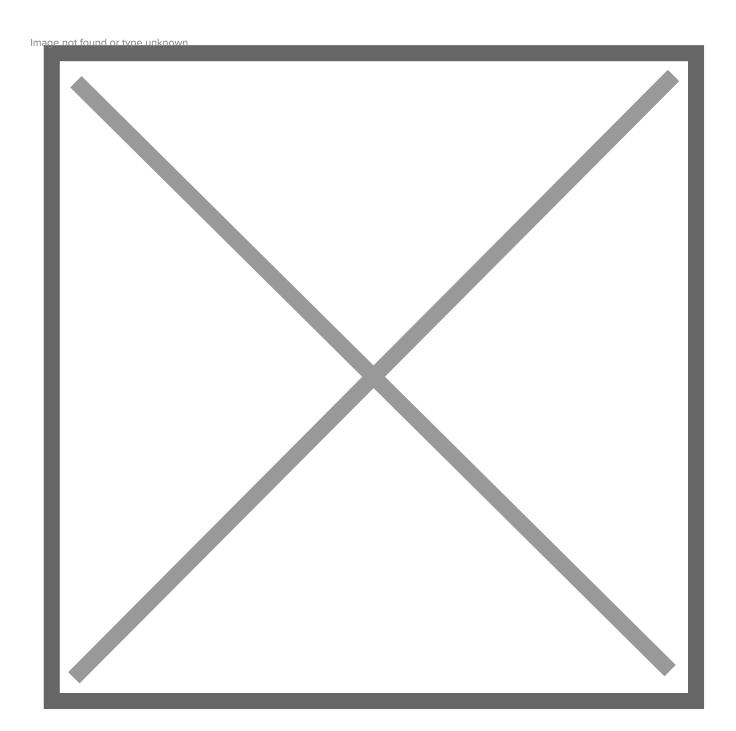


Thanksgiving Essays and Contributions

WILLIAM LARKIN 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 William J. Larkin Jr.

Leptondale Christian Academy

- Hannah Abreu
- Joshua Alicea
- David Ayala
- Sade' Gage
- Michael Kelly
- Jennie Koch
- David Leino

- Michael Link
- Emily Vincenzo

Marlboro Elementary School

• Megan Bach

Monroe Woodbury Middle School

- Alexandra Daugherty
- Matthew Dilorenzo
- Kevin Gardener
- Jacqueline Gentile
- Kajetan Leitner
- Carlton Marseille
- Dristin Quackenbush
- Danielle Velez
- Sabrina Velez

Pakanasink Elementary School

- Jonny Aguilar
- Kristi Cheung

- Kayla Doris
- Deanna Munoz
- Gianna Nazzaro
- Robert Smith

Tuxedo Park School

- Camila Arthur
- Ben Kotch
- Aman Patel
- Auriel Rosenberg
- Karly Saliba
- Alex Tolis

Washingtonville Middle School

- Stephanie Fabela
- Emily Gerdin
- Robert Lawless