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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 Robert G. Ort

79th Street Elementary School

- Emilee Duffy
- "Emily," McCarthy
- Kayla Putman
- Jacob Quarcini
- Deanne Reuillard

Christian Academy of WNY

- Maria Fell
- Shania Rogers
- Sarah Warner

- Jonathan Woodward

Clifford Wise Intermediate/middle school

- Lillian Wilson

Drake

- Reilly carney
- Elijah Barnes
- haylee brosius
- colton dempsey
- Autumn Deschamps
- ryan grimm
- Trevor Harris
- ryan huber
- hailey kamberaj
- Kayden Lee
- Brandon Marinelli
- skyler privett
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- olivia reimer
- Jacob Tucker
- Ethan Ziehm

Drake Elementary

- Kristian Alicea
- Dakota Andrews
- sukura baker
- Aidan Bavaro
- Mia Bond
- Starleana brisch
- Hailey Bronson
- Emma Correnti
- CHRIS DANIEL
- Jackson Drees
- Jackson Drees
- Lucas Drees
- Aaliyah Follendorf
- Dylan Gagnon
- Dylan Gagnon
- Jahnathan Garman

- Liam Gebhardt
- Sean Goodin-Moeller
- Donna Gram
- samantha grunthaner
- Gabriella Herman
- John Hooftallen
- isabelle insana
- Sienna Janik
- Paul Jeras
- Alexis Juliano
- matthew keleher
- Luke Kolbe
- Aidan Maher
- keoni marazita
- Brianna Moore
- O'Livieyah Morath
- Abby Newson
- Abby Newson
- Abby Newson
- Ariana O'Connell
- Liam O'Neill
- Mikayla privett

- Anthony Putnam
- Jacob Riley
- Hayden Schmitt
- kyler shiesley
- Jacob Skoney
- Emma Snowman
- Monalisa Thompson
- Aestarea Truesdale
- Shelby Walter
- Braydin Weaver
- kim wolf
- Nathaniel Wydys
- Jack Yackamovich

Drake School

- Christopher Chenier
- Aiden Dollinger
- Madison Francis
- Ryder Meyer
- Dakota Priore
- Scottie Russell

Holley Elementary School

- Brianna Heberle
- Liam Jenks
- Aidan Kelley
- Chase Kempa
- Aro Kruger
- Isla Schultz
- Cooper Wolf

Meadow

- Serenity Castoreno
- Nicholas Drabinski
- Joseph Gregori
- Madison Raby
- Aaryn Samsel
- Lilly Wilcox
- Emily Zander
- Zachary Zemrac

Meadow Elementary

- Rihanna Boehring
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- Dominic Caccamise
- Dylan Carpenter
- Elizabeth Duffy
- Miranda Farley
- Isaac Fesmire
- Samantha Holenstein
- Joshua Keenan
- Patrick McNeill
- Casey Reed
- Chloe Rydzik
- Jacob Schiesser
- Daniel Scime
- Grace Stimson
- Austin Vanderwerf

Meadow Elementary School

- Jack Carrasquillo
- Natalie Endres
- Rylee Mulligan

North Tonawanda

- allison behm

Ohio Elementary

- Chloe Bullen
- Matthew Cake
- Rachel CONWAY
- Annabelle Crago
- Meghan Cress
- Gianna D'Agostino
- Kira Gajewksi
- Mason Gioeli
- Samuel Heim
- Taj Kateli
- Natalie M.
- Alyssa Marella
- bilal mukhtasimov
- maxwell peeron
- Angelina Ratzel
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- Angelina Ratzel
- Tyler Starr
- Dakota Stefano-Guzenski
- Taytlyn Stiehl
- Marina Tupchik

Ohio Elementary School

- Isabela Alessandrs
- Jasur Badalov
- Brooke Barone
- Teagan Batt
- warren bennett
- Dominic Burgess
- Audrianna Calderon
- James Campas
- Paige Colegrove
- Owen Denniston
- mark ewart
- colby hadden
- Emma Harnden
- Emma Harnden

- Ethan Harris
- Evan Johnson
- Gabriel Kaiser
- kevin keidel
- Ariana Kennedy
- Gabe Meister
- Tessa Moderacki
- Gwendolyn moran
- Ariana Parmer
- Ariana Parmer
- Brenna Penfold
- Brenna Penfold
- Brenna Penfold
- Gianna Ratzel
- Gianna Ratzel
- Claire Rizzo
- Joseph Shapiro
- Meredith Shaver
- Damon Staub
- Ava Sumi
- Nathan Wetzel
- Tara Yanacek

Ohio School

- anna bass
- Skyla Behrens
- Jesse Bennett
- kenadi butcher
- Natalie Caccamise
- Madison Cocklin
- sean conti
- sean conti
- Paige Cress
- Paige Cress
- Aryanna Debellaistre
- Marissa Fiorentino
- Amber Gambino
- Grace Giesing
- mason goraj
- juliana haacker
- Haley Hebler
- journee hughey
- journee hughey
- Gabriella Ivancic

- dylan jones
- charlotte lyons
- Noah Matyevich
- Aly Mcilhenny
- Tobias Meister
- Delaney Mesler
- Nash Rieselman
- Haleigh Sutor
- Emily Vallone
- Connor Wood
- Skyleigh Wright

Seventy Ninth Street

- Dominick Casal
- Salvatore Constantino
- trevor meidenbauer

St. John Lutheran

- Abigail C.
- Maxim D.
- Kylie F.

- Rafael F.
- Reagan F.
- Anna K.
- Brece K.
- Carter M.
- Donovan M.
- Donovan M.
- Makenna P.
- Julia Q.
- Addison S.
- Ava S.
- Sean S.
- Cali W.
- Natalie W.
- Nathanael W.
- Jason Z.
- Luke S.
- Bradley S.
- Levi S.
- Gianna S.
- Max S.
- Ethan R.

- Jackson R.
- Katelyn P.
- Josh M.
- Grace K.
- Dylan E.
- Bryn D.
- Katelyn D.
- Dante C.
- Lucas B.
- Tori A.
- Josh A.
- Samuel S.
- Madison S.
- Onalee Q.
- Justin M.
- Alexis M.
- Treasure L.
- Brian L.
- Alison I.
- Nicholas H.
- Carter H.
- Ethan G.

- Jared D.
- Jake C.
- Robbie C.
- Brandon B.
- Rita A.
- Kelsey Z.
- Kayla R.
- Riley O.
- Sara M.
- Ethan L.
- Makayla L.
- Ronan K.
- Isaiah J.
- Jena G.
- Jacob L.

Taylor Elementary

- Isabella Bentley
- Dawson Cooper
- Jon DiStasio
- Logan Enge
- Samantha Harrington

- Hannah Hartwich
- Kyle Lovenguth
- Lundy McCutchen
- Katie Michalski
- Ayden Millan
- Avery Monsees
- Alexis Rotoli
- Abby Russell
- Dominic Scibona
- Ashley Smith
- Abby Spaziano
- Kendyl Thiel
- Ryan White
- Selki Wilson