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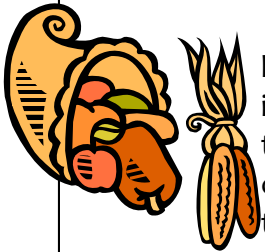
ELI Weekly

Origin of Thanksgiving

The American Thanksgiving holiday began as a feast of thanksgiving in the early days of the American colonies almost four hundred years ago.



In 1620, a boat filled with more than one hundred people sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to settle in the New World. This religious group had begun to question the beliefs of the Church of England and they wanted to separate from it. The Pilgrims settled in what is now the state of Massachusetts. Their first winter in the New World was difficult. They had arrived too late to grow many crops, and without fresh food, half the colony died from disease. The following spring the Iroquois Indians taught them how to grow corn (maize), a new food for the colonists. They showed them other crops to grow in the unfamiliar soil and how to hunt and fish.



In the autumn of 1621, bountiful crops of corn, barley, beans and pumpkins were harvested. The colonists had much to be thankful for, so a feast was planned. They invited the local Indian chief and 90 Indians. The Indians brought deer to roast with the turkeys and other wild game offered by the colonists. The colonists had learned how to cook cranberries and different kinds of corn and squash dishes from the Indians. To this first Thanksgiving, the Indians had even brought popcorn.

In following years, many of the original colonists celebrated the autumn harvest with a feast of thanks. After the United States became an independent country, Congress recommended one yearly day of thanksgiving for the whole nation to celebrate. George Washington suggested the date November 26 as Thanksgiving Day. Then in 1863, at the end of a long and bloody civil war, Abraham Lincoln asked all Americans to set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving.

For more information, visit to: <http://homeschooling.about.com/cs/unitssubjhol/a/thanksday.htm>

Free Students Activities on Campus

- **Concert of Original Chamber Music** by Zhang Xudong

The Music Department presents a concert of Original Chamber Music by Zhang Xudong. Zhang Xudong is a visiting composer from Qingdao University in China.

When: Monday, 11/24, 7:30 PM / **Where:** Ellis Hall 217b



- **Thanksgiving Dinner for International Students**

2nd Annual Thanksgiving dinner for all international students on **Tuesday evening, 11/ 25, 5:00 - 8:30 pm** in Kemper Hall, room 101. Participants are invited to bring a dish or beverage; foods from international cultures are welcome! Please reply if you plan to attend to physics@missouristate.edu so they can plan seating and food requirements.

For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab!

Announcements



• Please keep your voice down when you get off the elevator and while hanging around the lobby **on the first floor**. This building is not only for ELI students. Thank you for cooperation!

Eat & Greet

- Make some native and international students and get some FREE PIZZA @ PSU food court on Tuesday, 11/25, 12:30pm-1:30pm



ELI End Of Semester Party

- We are STILL looking for students who will shine at the end of semester party. If you want to perform singing, playing an instrument, dancing, or whatever you are good at, please come to the office and let us know ASAP! The party will be:

- **When:** December 10 (Wed) at 5:30 pm
- **Where:** Kentwood Hall Crystal Ballroom



Weekly English Expression

When Pigs Fly.

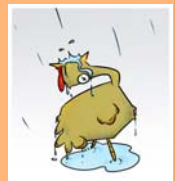
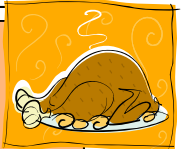
- A:** Can you give me 100 dollars?
B: Sure I can. ***When pigs fly.**
A: But I would give my friends 100 dollars if they really need it.
B: I asked you for 100 dollars two weeks ago, and you said no!
A: I thought it would be bad for you to borrow money. It's better for you to learn how to manage your resources.
B: That's ridiculous!
A: Now I'm trying to teach you the importance of generosity. So, 100 dollars, please.
B: I wish I could teach you the importance of leaving me alone.



*** when pigs fly:** Never

Fun Thanksgiving Facts

- According to the U.S department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten at Thanksgiving. That number represents one sixth of all the turkeys sold in the U.S. each year!
- Turkeys are known to spend the night in trees! (Maybe to escape the Thanksgiving table?)
- Turkey can drown if they look up when it's raining!



Weather Forecast

Forecast for November. 24—November. 30

Fahrenheit (High/Low)

Monday:	Sunny	51/30
Tuesday:	Sunny	53/33
Wednesday:	Partly Cloudy	57/42
Thursday:	Showers	60/38
Friday:	Showers	52/36
Saturday:	Showers	46/31
Sunday:	Mostly Sunny	48/35



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.