

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE JED STAFF AND BOARD



On Monday, November 22nd, the Janney Extended Day (JED) program held its annual Thanksgiving Feast for students, staff, and even a few parents.

JED Director Glen Sitney started his day in the wee hours of the morning - making sure everything was just right for the feast.

Glen cooked the savory turkey and meatballs himself. Ms. Kim made the baked ham.



Glen's mom even pitched in and made the delicious rice and beans!



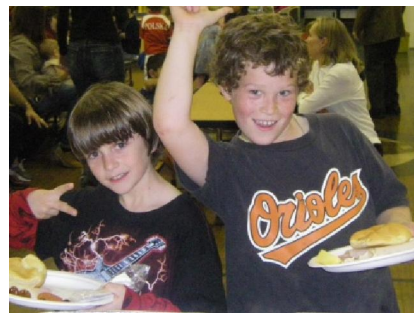
What did it take to feed 200 JED children, parents, and staff? A 23 pound turkey, three rotisserie chickens, eight slabs of baby back ribs, two pounds of macaroni and cheese, two pounds of meatballs, five pounds of rice - just for starters....not to mention fresh ham, corn, fruit, dinner rolls, and vegetable platters!



After some outdoor play, the children lined up to fill their plates, and bellies.



Checking out the main table - there's Momma Sitney's rice and beans!



Two happy feast-goers loading up their plates.

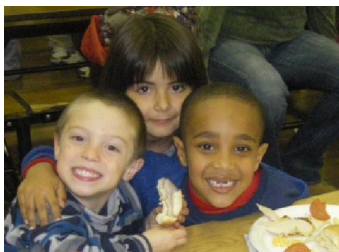


Everyone was in good spirits, whether serving vegetables or enjoying some time at the dinner table with the children.

Even Ms. Priscilla, the school security guard came by to enjoy the tasty meal and join the fun with Mr. Poole!



We are thankful for our friends, and thankful for this yummy meal. And we are thankful for Glen and the rest of the JED team who put together this wonderful day!



Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

Did you know?

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.

An average turkey has about 3500 feathers.

Wild turkeys can run 18 miles per hour.

Gobbling turkeys can be heard a mile away on a quiet day.

Wild turkeys like to rest in trees at night.

Big Bird, of Sesame Street fame, is actually dressed in turkey feathers dyed yellow.

President George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in 1789. (Another reason to be thankful for George Washington!)

Abraham Lincoln issued a 'Thanksgiving Proclamation' in 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. In prior years, the presidents used to make an annual proclamation to specify the day when Thanksgiving was to be held.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt restored the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day in the year 1939. He did so to make the Christmas shopping season longer and thus stimulate the economy of the state.

Congress passed an official proclamation in 1941 and declared that now onwards Thanksgiving will be observed as a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday of November every year.