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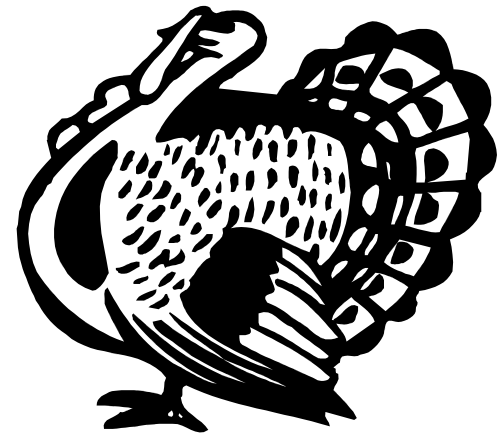


By Katie Mahoney

As we sit around our table, getting ready to celebrate another Thanksgiving, we have to remind ourselves why we celebrate in the first place.

In 1621, an Abnaki Native American brave named Samoset walked into the Pilgrim settlement Plymouth, Massachusetts, and called out “welcome” to the frightened Pilgrims, who experienced a long and difficult first year in their new land. Later Samoset returned with another Native American, named Squanto, who helped teach the Pilgrims how to survive by teaching them things like how to tap the maple trees to get sap, which plants were safe and which were dangerous to eat, and how to plant Indian corn, and other crops.

Thanks to the help of the Native Americans, the surviving Pilgrims had a successful harvest. To celebrate, they



Thanksgiving this November, remember to value your family and friends just as the Pilgrims did so long ago, and remember to give thanks for all of the gifts that surround you. Make this year the best Thanksgiving ever!

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planned a feast. Because they realized they would not have survived without the help of the Native Americans, some of the Pilgrims went to them and invited them to join in their feast as a way to thank them. The Abnaki Chief Massasoit and many braves came to the three day long celebration. At the feast, there was corn, fruits and other vegetables, fish and meats. Everyone at the feast had a great time the rest of the day. They played games and told stories until they were too tired to go on. It was a wonderful celebration of peace and friendship. When you celebrate your own

THE IJS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

By **Katie Mahoney**

The IJS Cross Country team, coached for the first time by Mrs. Cusack, had a great season. The team practiced two times each week and participated in practice races in preparation for the BIG races: the Nashua Elementary School Race, the Nashua Middle School Race, and the Presentation of Mary Academy Catholic School Invitational Race.

At the elementary school race, the team's 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade runners competed against 14 other schools from Nashua. There were 29 runners competing for IJS and, according to Mrs. Cusack, "18 of them did their best time ever!" Also, 11 of the runners finished in the top 25 of their events. In the 2K race, second grader Carolyn Fischer came in first place. The girls' 3K team came in 4th place overall, and the boys' 3K team came in 8th place.

At the middle school race for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade runners, all of the team's sixth grade runners achieved personal best times.

At the PMA Catholic School Invitational, the IJS Girls team, grades 2 through 5, came in first place, the IJS Boys' team grades 2 through 5 came in second place, and the IJS Boys' team grades 6 through 8 came in third place. The following runners finished in the top 15 for their events:

Girls grades 2 through 5: Cameryn Nichols (4th place), Lexi Bernier (5th place), Carolyn Fisher (8th place), Megan Morelli (12th place);

Girls grades 6 through 8: Katie Mahoney (12th place)

Boys grades 2 through 5: Mark Zoda (5th place)

Boys grades 6-8: Nathan Hale (11th place), David Wang (12th place)

**Cross country continued.....
Congratulations to all of the runners and to Mrs. Cusack!**



INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MACDONALD

BY: KELLI LOUGHLIN

Did you ever want to do anything other than teaching?

No, I wanted to teach since high school.

Is this your first time teaching in a private school?

Yes, but I've always taught religious ed. since high school.

What schools have you taught at?

I've taught at North West Elementary, Hollis Brookline

Middle School, and I subbed at several different elementary schools in Nashua.

What grades have you taught?

I've taught everything from K through 8th.

What is your favorite grade to teach?

Fifth grade. I tell everyone this is my dream job.

What is your favorite color? Purple

What is your favorite food? Anything Italian

**Interview with Mrs. Veilleux
By: Colleen Foley and Abby Lennon**

Q- What was your job before IJS?

A- Para-Professional (teacher's aid)

Q- What's your life dream?

A- Take her children snorkeling

Q- What are your hobbies?

A- Plays wii fit and runs

Q- What was your first job?

A- Cleaning office buildings

Q- Is this job easier or harder than previous jobs?

A- Challenging, but wonderful at the same time

Q- When you were little, what job did you want?

A- Secretary

Q- What age groups do you like to teach?

A- All age groups

Q- Where was your elementary school?

A- Billerica, Massachusetts



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

By: Abby Lennon 6N

Saint Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207. She also had the name Saint Elizabeth of Thuringia. She was the daughter of King Andrew II and Gertrude. She had one brother who became king. When Elizabeth was four years old a formal embassy was sent to get her to marry a man named Hermann. Soon after that, Elizabeth and Hermann got married. In 1213 Elizabeth's mother, Gertrude, got murdered by Hungarian nobles. A few years later in 1216 Elizabeth's husband Hermann died. She then got arranged to marry Hermann's brother Ludwig. Elizabeth and Ludwig had three kids. Their kids were named Hermann II (1222-1241), Sophia (1224-1284), and Gertrude (1227-1294). Elizabeth died in Marburg, Hesse in 1231. Saint Elizabeth's feast day is on November 17. She lived to be only 24 years old.

SONG CRITIQUE

BY: CAMERON SMITH

CUPID SHUFFLE

The Cupid Shuffle is a new hip song. The artist is none other than Cupid. The song not only has a catchy tunes, it also has it own dance steps. The song is a hip-hop/pop tune that has everyone moving to the beat. The song has the type of tune that once you hear it, the melody will stay with you all day long.

I would recommend this song to any one between the ages 7 to adult.

THE ANNE MARIE HOUSE

BY: AUDREY QUAGLIOZZI

Have you ever wondered where your popcorn money goes when you buy popcorn? Well, it goes to the Anne Marie House of Greater Nashua. The Anne Marie House of Greater Nashua is for women and children that cannot afford houses or apartments. The Anne Marie House can house up to 24 people. Families can stay there until they can find somewhere else to live. We donated over \$500 last year alone!

So, whenever you buy popcorn, remember that it goes to the Anne Marie House of Greater Nashua. Also remember that you just did a good deed by giving money to charity and helping people in need.

