

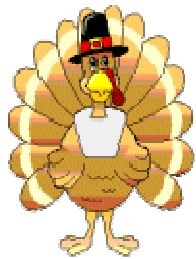
Reminders, Refreshers, News and More!

Happy Turkey Day!

Thanksgiving is on November 22, 2007
Did you know...

The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 to commemorate the harvest reaped by the Plymouth Colony. Squanto taught the colonist how to plant and grow corn.

The 13 colonies did not celebrate Thanksgiving on the same day until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday. Thanksgiving Day is the fourth Thursday of November.



Fun Turkey Facts

- *Americans feast on 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving—that's about 45 million turkeys.
- *The heaviest turkey weighed in at 86 lbs.
- *Turkeys raised by farmers cannot fly, but wild turkeys can fly up to 55 mph over short distances.
- *Only male turkeys gobble—females make a clicking noise.

Picasso. Van Gogh. You?

Are you a great artist? Show us your stuff in the Hope Online

Student Art Contest!

Show off your artistic talents and you could win a \$50 gift card to your choice of Barnes and Noble, Sports Authority or Wal-Mart!

A winner from each of four grade level categories (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) will be chosen.

It's easy to enter—just submit a piece of **winter-themed** original artwork! For example, your art can reflect the winter weather, your favorite thing about winter, your favorite winter activity, or how winter makes you feel!

Submissions can be digital art, paintings, drawings, sculpture, collage, or whatever art type inspires you!

The winning submissions will be featured on the Hope Online website, www.HopeOnline.org!

Submit artwork to Theresa Solano, Hope Online's Communications Manager, by December 15, 2007, so hurry up and get artistic!



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Hope Online Student Essay Contest! We are reviewing the entries and will be announcing the winners soon. Winning essays will be featured in the next edition of *The Hope Beat*.

[Comments?](#)

[Questions?](#)

Have something to say?

Say it in The Hope Beat!

We need your help to write *The Hope Beat*! Contribute a column and report on the issues important to you, the students of Hope Online.

Starting in January, *The Hope Beat* will include a 'Student Column' section, featuring the writing of a different Hope Online student each month.

Entries should be 200 words or less, and must be related to education or Hope Online. Always turn entries into Theresa Solano (Theresa.Solano@HopeOnline.org) by the 15th of the month, and your's might be chosen for the next student newsletter.

Books of the Month

Recommended reading for Hope Online students:

(Grades K-6): *The Giant and the Beanstalk* by Diane Stanley

A young giant's beloved pet chicken is stolen, so he descends the beanstalk to try and retrieve her.

(Grades 7-9): *Into Thin Air* by Jack Krakauer

A riveting first-hand account of a catastrophic expedition up Mount Everest.

(Grades 10-12): *The Sea Wolf* by Jack London

A vivid story of a scholar who is rescued by a seal-hunting schooner after a ferryboat accident in San Francisco.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

-Joseph Addison

Hope Online Mentor Profile:

**Bruce Powell,
LARASA Northwest**

Think adults are boring? THINK AGAIN!

After receiving his bachelor's degree in education, Mr. Powell flew carrier-based airplanes in the Navy. Mr. Powell spent nearly 5 years in the Navy before he returned to school and completed a master's degree in business administration.

For more than two decades, Mr. Powell worked in the corporate world in industries ranging from investments to television, but eventually Mr. Powell came back to teaching.

Over the past 10 years, Mr. Powell has taught a variety of courses at the college level, and enjoys his current position mentoring high school students at LARASA Northwest. Why?

"At Hope, I get to teach a little bit of everything and I'm not limited to one subject," says Mr. Powell.

"More than that, I'm trying to give back a little—if I can help my kids, even if it is just one student, find something they're good at, that makes them feel good about themselves and can lead to a successful life, that's what teaching at Hope is about."



While Mr. Powell loves to work with students, his second passion is music. In fact, Mr. Powell plays base in a rock 'n roll band called Cold Dog Soup. Don't believe it? Check him out!