

Giving thanks

Thanksgiving is nearly here, and with it, the start of the wonderful holiday season. I hope you and your families are happy and healthy, and have plenty to be thankful for and enjoy this holiday season. Despite some of the economic struggles we still face, we have much to be thankful for. I'm so thankful to live in and represent a community that is so generous in times of need. Whether it's a friend with an illness, a fire that destroys a home, a family member who loses their job, or a catastrophic accident, this community responds wonderfully, with incredible kindness and grace. It's that kindness and grace that sustains us and keeps us moving forward during difficult times.

I also want to thank our community for their great support of our schools. Folks here understand that education has to be a priority, and constantly take forward-thinking action to help. Thanks also to the great teachers in our schools. They do a fantastic job educating our children and instilling a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

A huge thanks goes out to our veterans and current military service members. Our military men and women have served and continue to serve with great honor and great courage to protect our country and preserve freedom. We owe them an immeasurable amount of gratitude and respect.

Finally, I'm thankful for the great time spent with family and friends, and all the great blessings we've been given. This Thanksgiving, please take a moment to reflect on what you're thankful for, and may you and your family have a safe and happy start to the holidays.

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