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1) Coffee Hour: International Potluck

Love to cook? Love to taste food from different countries? Then come to the International Potluck on November 22nd, in the UCIE office and take your tummy around the world!

Make sure you bring a dish (Main, Side, Soup, Salad or any non-alcoholic drink).

When: November 22nd, 2013

Where: E190 Student Union (UCIE conference Room)

When: 3 PM



2) International Photo Contest Award Announcement and Reception

The International Photo Contest award winners will be announced at this event. Join us in recognizing and supporting those who participated and enjoy viewing photos from around the world!

The categories for the contest were: Best Portrait, Best Landscape, and Best Cultural Depiction. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each category.

When: November 21st, 2013

Where: E190 Student Union (UCIE conference Room)

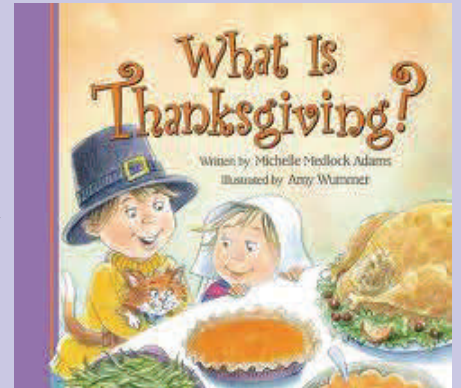
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3) What is Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving, or **Thanksgiving Day**, is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It has been an annual tradition since 1863, when, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26.^[1] As a federal and public holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the major holidays of the year. Together with Christmas and New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.



The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and was attended by about 53 Pilgrims and 90 American Indians. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

U.S. tradition compares the holiday with a meal held in 1621 by the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts. It is continued in modern times with the Thanksgiving dinner, traditionally featuring turkey, playing a central role in the celebration of Thanksgiving.

In the United States, certain kinds of food are traditionally served at Thanksgiving meals. Firstly, baked or roasted turkey is usually the featured item on any Thanksgiving feast table (so much so that Thanksgiving is sometimes referred to as "Turkey Day"). Stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, sweet corn, various fall vegetables (mainly various kinds of squashes), and pumpkin pie are commonly associated with Thanksgiving dinner. All of these are actually native to the Americas or were introduced as a new food source to the Europeans when they arrived. Turkey may be an exception. In his book *Mayflower*, Nathaniel Philbrick suggests that the Pilgrims might already have been familiar with turkey in England, even though the bird is native to the Americas. The Spaniards had brought domesticated turkeys back from Central America in the early 17th century, and the birds soon became popular fare all over Europe, including England, where turkey (as an alternative to the traditional goose) became a "fixture at English Christmases".

The poor are often provided with food at Thanksgiving time. Most communities have annual food drives that collect non-perishable packaged and canned foods, and corporations sponsor charitable distributions of staple foods and Thanksgiving dinners.

4) Thanksgiving Feasts on Campus

Are you interested in trying some traditional American Thanksgiving food right here on campus? If so, then join other students/faculty/staff for a Thanksgiving Feast a week early! Stop by the **Union Market on Thursday, November 21st** or the **Hanger on Friday November 22nd** were a number of traditional Thanksgiving foods such as turkey and other traditional sides will be available.





5) Travelling During the Break

Those choosing to travel outside the US between Fall and Spring semester should turn in a request for a Travel Signature ASAP. Please submit the request form along with your I-20/DS-2019 at the front desk.

<http://www.wright.edu/ucie/student/files/immigrationI20DS2019.pdf>

Delaying this process will put you at risk of not obtaining a travel signature before you leave for your trip. *****It takes about 5 - 7 business days to process a travel signature.*****

**Please be reminded that each travel signature is good for 1 year, so if you have a signature on your I-20 that is less than 1 year old, you do not need a new one.



6) Scholarship Opportunities Available

Students who have trouble affording a college education can now look to outside sources for assistance. There are currently 3 available scholarships for international students looking to apply and they are:

- A) **UCIE Scholarship for Continuing International Students**
- B) **The Raj Malhotra Education Scholarship for Indian Students**
- C) **The FETSKO Memorial Scholarship for International Students**



Each scholarship will be awarded to an international student who meets all of the criteria listed in each application form and is selected by the scholarship committee. **The deadline to apply is December 13, 2013.**

Please visit the following website for more information and to access the application forms for each application: <http://www.wright.edu/ucie/resource/finance.html>