



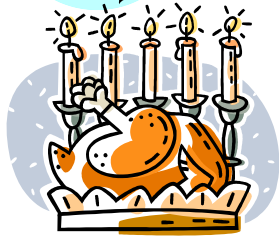
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Why Do We Celebrate Thanksgiving Today?

By Abhi Udumula

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate Thanksgiving today? Why you eat turkey, pumpkin pie, stuffing, and many other foods. The answers are right here in this article.

In 1620, the Mayflower landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Pilgrims in that ship had left England for search of greater religious freedom. The Pilgrims in the ship arrived in December, which many of those Pilgrims did not survive the very harsh winter.

Luckily, in the spring of 1621 they were able to plant crops with the help of some local Native Americans. They had a bountiful harvest. The crops obviously confirming a better winter, the Pilgrims planned a feast of Thanksgiving. The colonists and the Wampanoag tribe enjoyed the fruits of the land that has served as inspiration for the holiday to this day. In 1863, the Thanksgiving Proclamation made the last Thursday of November a national holiday and a day of giving thanks.

Are you excited to celebrate Thanksgiving? Enjoy your Thanksgiving on Thursday! What are you doing during Thanksgiving? Who are you thankful for? Without the feast back in 1621, we wouldn't be celebrating Thanksgiving today. Most of all, you should be thankful to those pilgrims. Enjoy your Thanksgiving! Remember the pilgrims!



Punkin Chunkin

By Melanie Gasmen

The annual Punkin Chunkin came back to Delaware! People who saw the pumpkin-launching were thrilled to see this as the festival turned November into "Chunktember". The Punkin Chunkin festival was located in a Delaware cornfield, in the Sussex County to help a lot of benevolent societies like the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

People join this great event to watch gigantic slingshots launch pumpkins across the cornfields. The Discovery Channel filmed a three-part special episode during the Punkin Chunkin festival, called the *Road to Punkin Chunkin*. The extravaganza was hosted by the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association (WCPCA). The contestants built homemade air cannons, each tested before the yearly celebration. The giant inventions propelled a pumpkin into the air, and whichever pumpkin lands the farthest will win the competition. Last year's winner was the first woman to win, having the pumpkin shot from 3,728.84 feet! This incredible event will amaze the spectators that come there.

In conclusion, the annual Punkin Chunkin is a remarkable festival for all ages. The event ended on Sunday after 3 days of competition. Next year will probably be as extraordinary as this year's occasion.

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Book fair

By: Eliza O'Brien



Did you go to the book fair this week? Every year we have three book fairs. Two are by Scholastic and at the end of the year the school holds their own book fair which is the buy one get one free book fair. Scholastic click orders send everything here to set up including the metal crates that hold the books all the posters and knickknacks at the table before you check out. But more importantly they send all the books that we buy at the book fair. Every book fair has a purpose this year all the money collected from the book fair is going towards buying more Smart Boards so that all the teachers can have Smart Boards. Mrs. Zarzycki says it's very hard to set everything up and that there are lots of heavy boxes full of books and to set the whole book fair up it usually takes about four to five hours. Scholastic click orders send us books ranging from pre-k to adults. Mrs. Zarzycki says that she thinks it's a great fundraiser and that everyone loves books. Mrs. Zarzycki uses the tables to support the displays and the books weight. Then she just takes the chairs and hides them behind the shelves of library books. That's all for the book fair!



Running Club

By Angel Chaudhary

This year, the OBL 4th and 5th grades had the opportunity to try something new. It was called Running Club, a 6 week long program which took place every Monday from 3:30- 4:30. In Running Club, students ran laps along the walking path. They were preparing for the BIG "Fun Run" near the end of the program. The Fun Run was a 5k run that many students participated in. To prepare for it the radical runners would run more laps each meeting. In fact they got up to 12 laps or 3 miles in the last meeting. Running club is led by Dr. Mehta. There are 80 students in running club: 40 4th graders and 40 5th. I asked some 4th graders how they liked Running Club and they all said that although they ran a lot and were exhausted it was very fun and enjoyable experience. Also the 4th graders said that they had built a lot of stamina during the whole time in running club. Running Club was a wonderful experience whether the kids were doing it for the exercise, or to just have fun.



School Store

By Angel Chaudhary

With pockets full of money, every Tuesday kids rush to the school store wondering what goodies to buy. The school store is a PTA run store. On Tuesday at recess time, it is available for kids to buy from. On days with fine weather, the school store is outside but when it gets bad it is located right outside the music room. The volunteers who run the table are very friendly and polite. All proceeds go to the school. The school store has many cool supplies and trinkets. These include erasers, pencils, folders, pencil bags, and most recently bath and body works hand sanitizers (a favorite amongst the students). I asked Eliza O'Brien how she liked school store and she said, "I like how school store gives kids something productive to spend their money on. It's also a good way for first graders to learn about money." I can't agree more. The school store is a very fun place that offers really fancy products, so check it out!

2nd Grade News

By Anudeep Chennuri



2nd graders don't have an easy life at all. They spend so much time studying and working, it's a miracle they get everything done. It's impossible where to begin and where to end with all their work!

In the month of November, 2nd graders learned strategies to easily solve multi-numbered problems while adding. One method that 2nd graders learned was the number string method. By using the number string tactics, they can easily add multi-numbered problems in the blink of an eye. They have to know their addition and subtraction fact facts to make adding easy. Luckily that's top on their to-do list.

In science 2nd graders are leaning about insects and they know that insects have three main body parts, a head, thorax and an abdomen. In addition to learning about insects, they will go to an insect museum. What fun that will be to see insects close up.

After the field trip, the 2nd graders will be researching insects with or without the help of Mrs. Zarzycki. I'll bet it's no easy job trying to study for all the quizzes and tests that their teachers have for them.

In reading and writing, they are studying and learning about non-fiction books. They must be able understand and analyze the concepts of what they read. Some of the topics in reading are also really interesting, like a person traveling in space, to be able to go to space sounds like a dream come true. There is also a unit test that second graders must study for and I'll bet that's no easy job.



3rd Grade News

By: Riya Setty

It's time for school again! All the third grade students are working very hard in math, writing, science, and reading. They know what to do, and all the rules. The students are learning a lot. Soon, they will be much smarter than before!

In their math unit, the third grade students are learning about measurement. They need to find the standard unit of measure. It might be a little confusing, but the students are hanging in there, and having a lot of fun!

Do you know how to write a friendly letter? Well, the students in third grade are finding out in writing. They will soon know all the parts in one. In school, there's a program called Wee Deliver. In it, you can students can write to anyone in the school, or even the district! Every classroom has a mailbox, so soon the third graders will be sending letters to all their friends and family.

Have you ever thought about gaining knowledge of something you drink, bathe or swim in every day? Well, the third grade students are learning about the random liquid, water and evaporation in their science unit. It can be really interesting to learn about something that is extremely common. They need to list all the properties of water. They are also having experiments using water.

In reading, the third graders are learning to use the ACE strategy. The ACE strategy is a way to make full and descriptive answers to a question. They are also reading short stories to help them with some other skills like main idea, and generalization. All these different skills will be used a lot during school and almost everywhere you go!

So, everyone in third grade is working extremely hard, and are acting like great role models for everyone! They will soon do great in fourth grade!

Fourth Grade News

By Julia Scott



Parents, has your kid (who's in 4th grade) ever ignored you when you've asked: what'd you learn today? Well, here's your place to get all the info! Gayle's class is working on: crayfish in science, multiplication in math, fact and opinion in reading and cinquains poems. Watkins is working on: structures of life in science, haiku poems in writing, in math they are working on multiplication and in reading they're working on LEQs. Trotto is working on: main idea in reading, structures of life in science, arrays in math and free write in their journals. Granquist Thomas are working on: multiplication in math, haikus and quatrains in writing, (and reading) last but not least, structures of life. Mrs. Moran's class is working on a fiction unit in reading, multiplication 1 digit by two digits in math, in science they are finishing up structures of life and starting a Native American unit, and haikus in writing. 4th grade also has a lot more opportunities than before! They couldn't play an instrument; they couldn't go to the library by themselves, they couldn't learn the different languages and they couldn't be on newspaper staff. Fourth grade is the year of opportunities!



News Flash on 5th Grade

By: Maliha Tayeb

A new school year has started and many of the Olive B. Loss students are eager to get right to work. All of the student teachers are working hard to prepare their students for middle school. The fifth graders are pushing themselves into learning more and more. Some of the students are trying to advance. You'll be amazed about how highly skilled they are!

In the math unit the 5th graders are being introduced to division. They're trying to solve long division problems. Did you know that division was just repeated subtraction? Many of the "seniors" are focused in what they're being taught. Most of them are already experts at division, but some are still working on it. Long division problems can make you feel down and frustrated, but once you get the hang of it, it is easy as your ABC's!

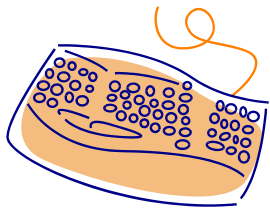
They are still reviewing on exponents and on multiplication problems. In some classes, a couple of students are advanced a grade, so their teacher is teaching them pre-algebra. You might think it's difficult, but actually there are a few easier ways into doing it. Pre-algebra are usually what 6th graders do, but these students are further on.

Do you know what the five W's are for reading? They are who, when, what, where, and why. These are useful summary skills. The 5th graders are practicing how write summaries. They have attempted writing summaries from articles, and their reading text books. It's so important in life to write summaries correctly because once you enter middle school, the teachers say summary, summary, and SUMMARY. So, it is essential to understand the parts of a summary, and how to write it because you never know when it could be handy.

Have you ever been in your teacher's shoes? Did you ever grade a writing piece? Well, the seniors are reading each other's writing pieces to catch silly mistakes. Their teacher would randomly hand out papers, and then you would write on an organizer about each paragraph. Some students are splendid authors, but some need some improvement. This is a wonderful opportunity to understand what your teachers are grading.

The 5th graders love to get their hands dirty; it's their favorite subject to do! They are so eager to gain knowledge of science. They are learning about matter. Not like "Hey! What's the matter?" It has to do with solids, liquids, and gases. The 5th graders are getting to know more about evaporation and crystals. They are also experts at saturation and concentration. No, not focus and concentrate on what you are doing, but it has something to do with chemistry. They are overjoyed into expanding their knowledge on science.

The seniors of OBL are hard-working, confident, and extraordinary students. Their achievement in the school year is to be the BEST and most SMART student in the whole 5th grade. The units they are learning will benefit and advance them all in the future. 5th grade is the perfect time to learn a lot of math, reading, science, and much more. The seniors are showing off their skills and what they know to other people. You'll see that hopefully in the upcoming years, these students will be a shining star!



Typing Pal

By: Eliza O'Brien

Typing Pal is awesome! I think it's awesome. Typing Pal is something introduced to you in 1st grade and is continued through to fifth grade. There are different levels of Typing Pal and every year you start from the beginning. The brilliant computer teacher who uses this program to teach us good keyboarding skills is Mr. Ciccone. Typing Pal starts with the beginning of the alphabet in lowercase. Then it goes through to uppercase then numbers and then holding certain keys down on shift. It's very entertaining because it has funny characters doing things like the ants are trying to make it to one side or the painter is painting a portrait of Mona Lisa. In the very beginning of Typing Pal you'll get to choose a little character. One is a raccoon on a skateboard and a cool t-shirt his name is Sam. There is a dog wearing a dress and an octopus wearing one of those long robes when you graduate with the hat on and a diploma in his hand a very detailed octopus. These characters will give you compliments on your typing and suggestions on what you could improve. I'm a fourth grader at OBL and I've had lots of experience with it and I love it. It's an excellent program.



Fastt Math

By: Hunter Collier

Do you know what FASTT stands in Fastt Math? It stands for Fluency and Automaticity through Systematic Teaching with Technology. We will need math our whole life! Why? Because us kids need to be fast at are basic facts because when we do harder math like in high school or middle school it's easier to do! Some kids like Fastt Math because it helps them learn more and it improves there math skills. Some kids don't like Fastt Math because there not really big fans of fast math and it is hard for them. But everybody knows how important Fastt Math is. Mr. Ciccone has to go to an all day training and the tech people from Florida teach people (which is also Mr. Ciccone) how to set up Fastt Math. Mr. Ciccone puts in all the students in the right grades and teacher and once all the students are in the system their there you the rest of the school years. When all the students move up Mr. Ciccone just has to hit promote and he just has to put them in the right classes. When a new student comes Mr. Ciccone has to put them in like the rest of the kids.

Do you know how to do Fastt Math? First, you go on a computer and click on the Fastt Math icon. Then comes this screen which you type your first name and your last name and you click go. Then comes another screen which is your problems you did and not did then click go. You might get this screen that shows you your problems that you're working on today. If you do get that the screen is going to show you your problems and you have to remember them. Once you remember them you click go and you have to type the problems in and then you click go. Next comes this screen and you have to type in all these problems and when you are finish you get this screen and it shows you all the games you can play. So you pick the game you want to play and when you click go you have to do all the problems you did all ready. Then your finish and you click exit and you're done! I hope you have a wonderful time doing Fastt Math! See you soon!

Food Drive

By: Sydney Nau



Do you ever know where the food you donate goes? Or who ends up eating it? It turns out the Appoquinimink School District has a food pantry that distributes food to needy families in the district. This pantry only allows food that won't spoil such as canned food, cereal, pasta and more. The person who takes charge of this advent is Mrs. Kitty Rehrig, one of our helpful PTA members. So now that you know the process of this school wide program. You know that it would be helpful for the needy families of the district if you would be willing to donate food. Please consider it for all the people who volunteer and run this process and for the needy families of the district.



Interview on Mr. Roberts

By: Adam Bonar

Well Mr. Roberts is the sub music teacher for Mrs. Martinenza since Mrs. Martinenza had a baby over the summer. Mr. Roberts is really nice and sometimes funny. Here are some of the things Mr. Roberts likes. One of the things is that his favorite color is red.

Mr. Roberts hobbies are playing tennis, exercising, and plays in the church's band. I like to exercise too but I don't like to play tennis. Of course I'm way too young to be in a church's band.

Did you know that Mr. Roberts teaches piano lessons? Well he does. He really likes it too. When I grow up, I don't really want to teach piano lessons. (No offense) I'm sure people who like to play the piano would want to teach piano lessons.

What Mr. Roberts likes about teaching Music is that teaching it in art form and language form combined into one. I think that's pretty neat even though music class is not my thing.

Research Project [Delaware history]

By Deja Justice

Mrs. Granquist Thomas class, Mr. Trotto class, Ms. Moran class are all doing the Delaware history research project, and other schools. For this project we all get into groups and we all get different questions, then we all plan out what sites we might use and books, dictionary's, encyclopedia's, databases. Then we research our questions and write facts and not word for word if you do that we called plagiarism. When you think your done you ask your teacher or the Librarian, Mrs. Zarcycki who also helps you with the research project, sometimes they give suggestions that might help your project be better. After that you get your big sized poster that you put your stuff on you don't glue first thing you write out your stuff and put your stuff where you want to put once your done you ask someone can they glue and once again they might give you suggestions then you can glue down was your done hopefully it should look awesome. I'm in Mr. Trotto's class and I think this project is awesome because you're learning about Delaware history.

Thanksgiving Jokes

By Madelyn Nau



If April showers bring May flowers what do May flowers bring?

(Pilgrims)

What cat discovered America? (**Chistofurry Columbus**)

Why do turkeys go gobble gobble? (**they never learned good table manners**)

What has keys legs and can't open doors? (**A turkey**)

Why did Jonny get so low grades after the holidays? (**Everything get marked down after the holidays**)

What has feathers webbed feet? (**A turkey wearing scuba gear**)

How can you send a turkey through the post office? (**Bird class mail**)

Why was the turkey the drummer in the band? (**He had the best drumsticks**)

What sound dose a turkey makes in space? (**Hubble Hubble**)



VIDEO GAME REVIEW

By Patrick Robinson

This year we are going to be run over by games. SUPER MARIO 3D LAND in all new adventure is here with the classic raccoon suit and two new power up's, like boomerang suit and a flying block. THE LENGDED OF ZELDA SKYWARD SORWED in an all new adventure with link with new characters and a very cool bird. With a golden Wii remote and music. The Wii is the new system from Nintendo. It has all new games like Pinkman Super Smash Bros and more. Mario Kart 7 is a new fun racing game all new characters like Metal Mario and new power ups now I can't not tell all things. Luigi Mansion 2 is all of those ghosts coming back to chill the life out of you in the vacuum is back in May 9th. So let's all go buy those games. Enjoy!

Interview of a New 4th Grade Teacher-Granquist Thomas

By Adam Usmani

I interviewed a new 4th grade teacher, Mrs.Granquist Thomas (or as students say, Mrs. GT). Kids describe her nice, funny and generous. Mrs. Thomas loves to teach. Mrs. Thomas's favorite subject to teach is writing because she loves how she gets to talk to the kids on a one-on-one discussion with the students when the students that are ready to conference with the teacher. She loves to teach in her new classroom. Mrs. Thomas used to teach at a school called Thurgood Marshall. She said she liked to teach at both OBL and Thurgood Marshall equally. One student in Mrs. Thomas's class said that his favorite subject is every subject because he likes on how nice Mrs. Thomas is.



Football Season By Adam Usmani

Finally! A streak of wins! Eagles won against the Cowboys in week 8 with a score of 34 to 7.

The standings in NFC East are really close, but the Giants lead the NFC East with a record of 5-2 (5 wins and 2 losses). Cowboys, Redskins and Eagles are tied with a record of 3-4. The worst in the league is Miami Dolphins (Overall). I'm not surprised at all.

The Eagles halfback, Lesean McCoy has been named No.1 Offensive player of the week during week 8. Lesean McCoy had 185 rushing yards in the game against the Cowboys. Lesean McCoy's rushing yards is 2nd best in the league with 754 rushing yards in the season so far. Michael Vick is 19th in rushing yards with 422 yards Adrian Peterson has 798 rushing yards, which is best in the league.

One week later.....

Why!?! This is horrible! Eagles lost to the Bears! Now the Eagles are 3-5 for their record. Well Philadelphia well just have to get over it. Anyways, Miami Dolphins aren't the worst team anymore, Colts are. Miami avoided being 0-8 by destroying the Kansas City Chiefs. The score was 31-3 Dolphins. Eagles have the most rushing yards per game with 172.2 yards per a game. New England Patriots have the most passing yards per a game with 325.6 yards per a game. New Orleans Saints have most yards total per a game with 445.1

Two weeks later...

Eagles won against the Giants, but lost to the Patriots. So now the Eagles are 4-7. The Cowboys lead the NFC East division. They're 7-4. Michael Vick was injured, so Vince Young took over. Vince Young is 1-1. It's a good time for the Broncos QB Tim Tebow. He's 5-1. The Broncos are 6-5 which is 2nd best in their division. The best in their league is the Oakland Raiders with a record of 7-4. The Minnesota Vikings lost their best player, Adrian Peterson. He used to have the most rushing yards but now he's 7th in the league. The most rushing yards is kept by Lesean McCoy with 1,050. The Bills's Playoff hopes are probably over due to injured Fred Jackson and a loss to the Jets 28 -24.

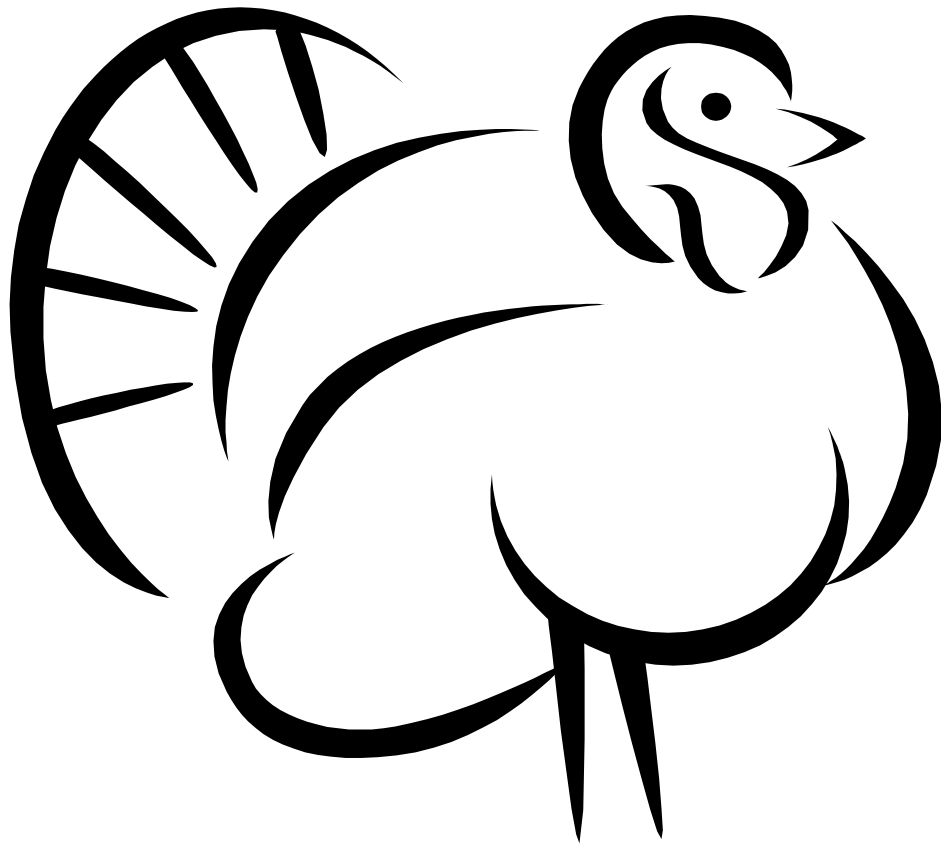


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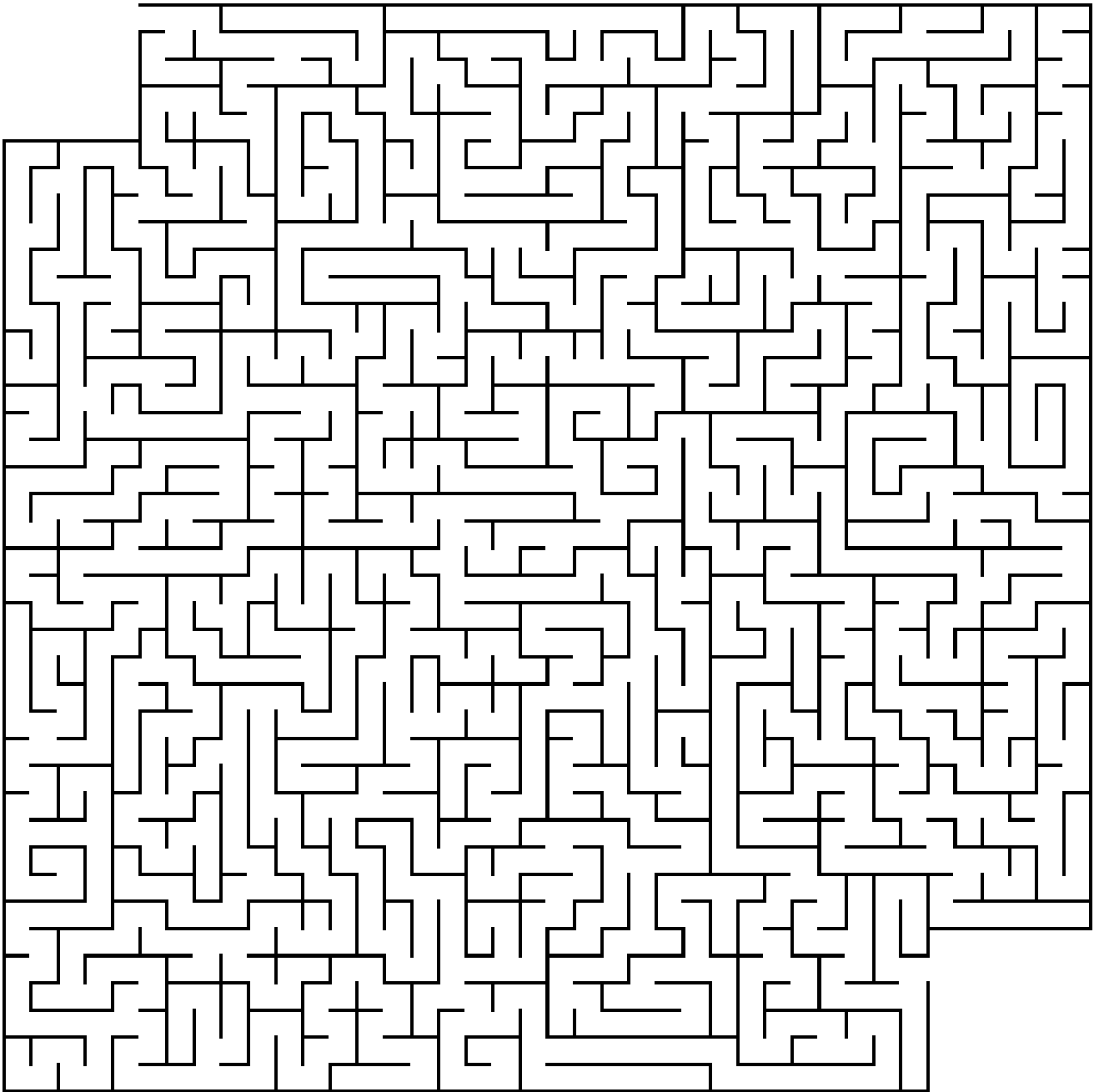
TURKEY

By Sydney Nau

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6. Color The 6th Feather Yellow
6. Color The Body/Head turquoise
7. Color The Waddle Red
8. Color The Beak Orange



Sneaky Turkey
By Maddie Nau



Thanksgiving Puzzle

By Maddie Nau

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