

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is a time for holiday cooking and entertaining. We thought we would offer a few tips on recipes you might want to avoid and conversations you might not want to have.

What not to serve at the dinner table:

Ms. Kirk's first-grade class at West Elementary School wanted to share the following Thanksgiving recipes. Caution: make at your own risk.

Ella Ihrig's Lemon Pie
Ingredients: lemon juice, lemons, pie crust.

Directions: First you mix the batter. Next, you pour the batter in the crust. Bake at 1235 degrees for 2 minutes. Take the pie out and add water. Reheat for Thanksgiving dinner and make again next year.

Taitem Ketter's Mashed Potatoes
Ingredients: potatoes, 2 spoons butter, 4 cups pepper, 1 teaspoon salt.

Directions: Mash the potatoes. Add 2 spoons of butter and 4 cups of pepper. Finally, put in 1 teaspoon of salt. Put the mashed potatoes in the oven.

Tavis Vrbka's Turkey
Ingredients: 1 turkey.

Directions: First you kill the turkey, then you put the turkey in the oven at 50 degrees for 20 minutes.

Ryan Lalicker's Dinner Rolls
Ingredients: 2 boxes dough, 4 teaspoons salt, 2 spoons sugar, 5 eggs, cinnamon, milk.

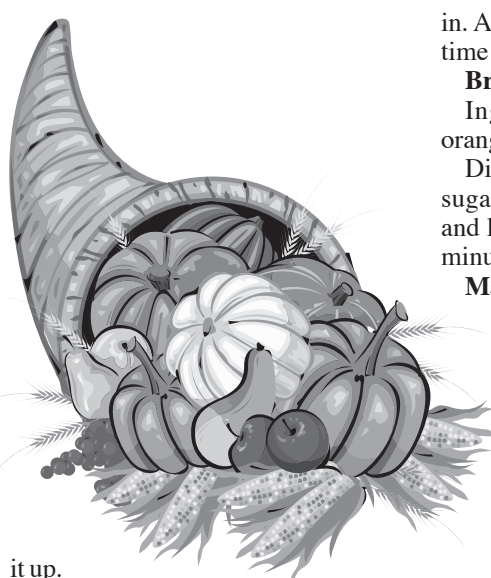
Directions: First you bake the boxes of dough. Next you put the dough in a bowl. Next, you put the sugar on the stuff. Cook it in the stove at 350 degrees.

Tony Urban's Stuffing
Ingredients: 3 cups sugar, 1 egg, 4 cups of pudding, 2 cups flour, 1 cup of lemon juice.

Directions: First mix the sugar, four and 1 egg. Then mix the pudding in with the rest of the stuff. Then mix in the lemon juice. Boil it in a pan at 300 degrees for 8 minutes.

Bryson West's Mixed Vegetables
Ingredients: 1 cup chopped carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, bananas, chopped oranges and chopped peaches.

Directions: First chop the broccoli. Next you pour the chopped bananas in the pan. Next you pour the broccoli that is chopped. Then you pour the oranges that are chopped. Pour the cauliflower that is chopped. Finally, pour the peaches that are chopped and put it in the pan and stir



it up.
Christopher Berl's Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients: 10 cups flour, 11 cups chocolate chips, 1 cup water, 9 teaspoons sugar, 8 cups baking soda.

Directions: Mix the flour with the baking soda and milk and stir it up. Dump it into circles and then put the chocolate chips on the chocolate chip cookies. Put it into the oven at 50 degrees.

Hanna Probis's Pumpkin Pie
Ingredients: 2 teaspoons sugar, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 1 tablespoons pumpkin seeds, 2 tablespoons milk, 3 eggs and 2 cups brown sugar.

Directions: First you add the milk and next you pour the vanilla in. Put the eggs in and stir. Pour in the pumpkin seeds and brown sugar. Bake at 225 degrees for 1 hour.

Aaron's Doyle's Sweet Potato Pie
Ingredients: sweet potatoes, milk, sugar, water, juice, eggs.

Directions: First you add water in a pan. Next you mash the sweet potatoes with milk, juice and eggs. Bake at 100 degrees for 1 minute. Then you take it out and eat it.

Jade Artzer's Orange Salad
Ingredients: 19 oranges, 1 cup sugar, flour, water.

Directions: First you put 19 oranges in. Next you put 1 cup of sugar and flour

in. Add the water. Refrigerate until it's time for the Thanksgiving party

Bryce Raby's Fruit Punch
Ingredients: sugar, colored water, oranges and lemons.

Directions: Put the colored water and sugar in a big cup. Put in the oranges and lemons in the blender. Mix for 10 minutes. Then dump.

Madison Studer's Cheesy Broccoli
Ingredients: 1 egg, 4 cups of water, broccoli, cheese

Directions: I will put the eggs in the cup. Next I will mix in the water. Pour this with the cheese over the broccoli and put in the refrigerator.

Jayden Vallego's Fruit Salad

Ingredients: 3 oranges, 4 apples, 3 pears, water, lemon juice

Directions: First you put the oranges and apples in the microwave for 3 minutes. Next boil the pears and a pitcher of water. Add the lemon juice. Put in the refrigerator for 4 minutes.

Desmond Purvis's Pumpkin Pie
Ingredients: 1 can of pumpkin stuff, 1 cup candy corn, bottle of apple juice, gummy worms, 2 cups oatmeal, ice.

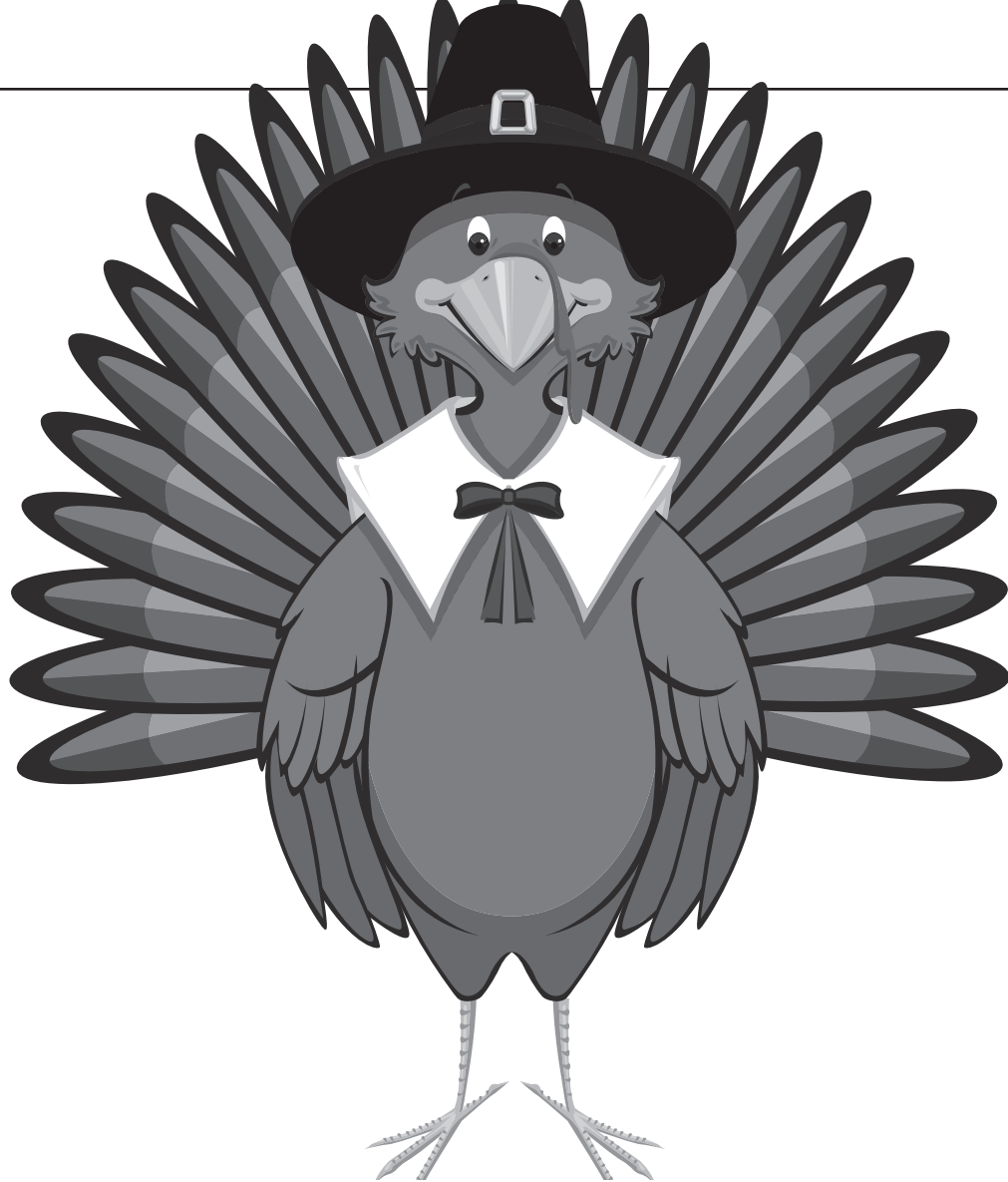
Directions: First you put the can of pumpkin stuff in a cup. If it goes over, smooth the stuff on the top. Add the candy corn. Pour in the apple juice. Put the gummy worms and oatmeal on the pie. Add ice. Put it in the oven at 40 degrees for 12 minutes.

Josue Renteria's Chocolate Cake
Ingredients: 5 eggs, water, sugar, salt, dough.

Directions: First crack 5 eggs. Put 5 cups of water in. Put one scoop of sugar in the bowl. Add 2 spoons of salt. Stir in the dough. Put in oven at 11 degrees for 2 minutes.

Kayli Allen's Gravy
Ingredients: 1 cup sugar, 2 cups milk, 3 cups flour, 4 cups vinegar, candy corn.

Directions: First stir in the sugar and flour with a wooden spoon. Add candy corn. Next add the milk and vinegar. Cook it a 2 degrees for 10 minutes.



What to do before eating:

You may wash your hands countless times a day, but are you really killing germs and getting truly clean?

The 2008 edition of The Old Farmer's Almanac offers not only advice on how to clean up properly, but also a test to see how well you wash your hands.

How to Wash Your Hands
As it turns out, the temperature of the water has little or no effect on a good scrub's germ-fighting abilities.

"If the water you use is hot enough to actually kill germs, it will burn you," says Dr. Lamont Sweet, chief health officer of the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a vigorous 20-second scrub, once hands are lathered. To keep track of time, sing "Happy Birthday" twice in your head.

The True Test
How well do you wash your hands? Rub a couple of drops of cooking oil into your hands. Sprinkle ground cinnamon onto your hands and wring your hands together to rub it in. Wash your hands as you would normally.

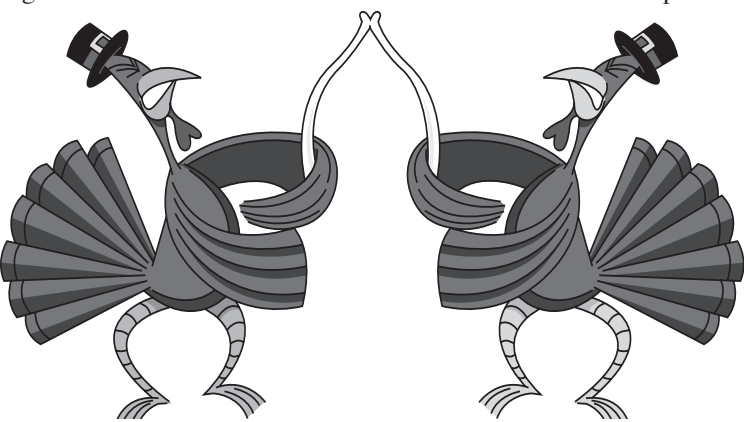
The amount of cinnamon remaining is the measure of how well you wash. The preceding excerpt is from The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac, on sale now.

What not to say at the dinner table:

Thanksgiving can mean the ideal family get together or a day of awkward moments, uncomfortable silences and eruptions of family feuds. Here are Debra Fine's Top 10 Conversation Land mines (from her book, "The Fine Art of Small Talk," published by Hyperion):

1. "Are you two ever going to get married?"
2. "No, thanks. I gave up drinking after I saw the toll it took on you."
3. "When are you two going to make me a grandmother?"
4. "Cool Whip is interesting. Did you ever think of serving the real stuff instead?"

5. "Aren't you full yet?" or "Why aren't you eating anything?"
6. "Yes, I know you're a parent. But haven't you ever thought about working?"
7. "I see you still can't be bothered with ironing a blouse."
8. "How is it that your son looks just like you and your daughter looks like she could be from another family?"
9. "Did you cook this yourself, or did you just thaw it out?"
10. "Forget this poison nonsense -- just spread the legs open and stuff it in, the way that I always do."



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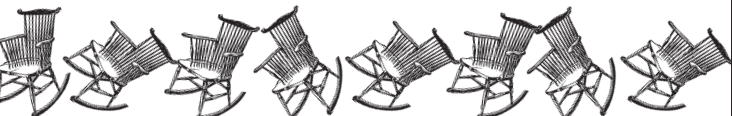


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