HOUSE EVENTS

NO SCHOOL:
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING BREAK

Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

- The inaugural Macy’s Day Parade took place on Christmas, 1924.
- Over 250,000 people attended the first Macy’s Day Parade in NYC.
- In 1927, Felix the Cat became the first giant balloon featured at the Macy’s Day Parade.
- In 1934, Mickey Mouse made his giant balloon debut at this famous New York City parade.
- Horses pulled the Macy’s Day Parade floats until 1939.
- 1939 was also the first year NBC broadcast the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. NBC continues to be the official broadcast station of the Macy’s Parade, though CBS also carries the parade unofficially. 50 million viewers tune in to this New York parade each year.
- Because of Word War II, there was no Macy’s Day Parade from 1942-1944. During that time, the rubber and helium originally meant to blow up the famous Macy’s balloons were donated to the American military.
- Six days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade went ahead as scheduled in hopes of raising the national spirit.
- Snoopy - the Peanuts character created by Charles Schultz - holds the distinction of having the most Thanksgiving Day NYC Parade floats, with six different balloons since 1968.
- Today’s Macy’s Day Parade features over a dozen giant balloons, nearly 30 parade floats, 1,500 dancers and cheerleaders, more than 750 clowns, several marching bands from around the country, and over 8,000 participants in all!
- The giant balloon inflation is open to the public, and takes place from 3pm-10pm the evening before Thanksgiving on 77th and 81st streets between Central Park West and Columbus Ave.
- 4,000 volunteers take the time each year to put on this NYC Thanksgiving celebration. The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade route is 2.65 miles long.
- 3.5 million people attend the Macy’s Day Parade each year.
- The Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade is the second oldest in the country, behind the 6abc IKEA Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia.

T-Giving Joke

Why do pilgrims’ pants fall down?

Because their belt buckles are on their hats.

Mystery Movie Quote

“You are beautiful. You’re the most beautiful girl in the world. You’re my dream.”

Last week’s quote: “As you wish” was from Princess Bride.
“Welcome to Paradise,” our flight attendant welcomed us with these three words as soon as we landed at Bonriki International Airport in Tarawa in the Republic of Kiribati. Kiribati is an island nation located in the central tropical Pacific Ocean. With the permanent population of 100,000, a total area of 313 miles² is composed of 32 atolls and one raised coral island, which are dispersed over 1.35 million miles² straddling the equator, and bordering the International Date Line at its easternmost point.

We could easily communicate with locals as English is the official language of Kiribati along with the native I-Kiribati. You might wonder why we chose to visit that beautiful island. First of all, Kiribati has some beautiful beach scenery. It is a great place for boating or yachting and many of the atolls are lovely to explore on bike or foot. The lagoons are stunning to look at and the white sandy beaches and waving palm trees are a typical holiday brochure sight. Especially on the outer islands you’ll find traditional culture is still very much alive. The Kiribati people are generally friendly and welcoming to visitors, and will include you in their celebrations if you happen to be around.

However, Kiribati is not all about spending time on the beach. For anyone with an interest in sea life, the tranquil Phoenix Island Marine Protected Area (the world’s largest marine protected area) is a treasure waiting to be discovered. It boasts some gorgeous landscapes combining sandy beaches with coral islands and incredibly blue lagoons. The islands are a bird watcher’s paradise and its under water coral life is practically unspoiled.

Get ready for winter IMs: Ice Hockey, Basketball, Squash, as well as many special one-day-only tournaments.

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