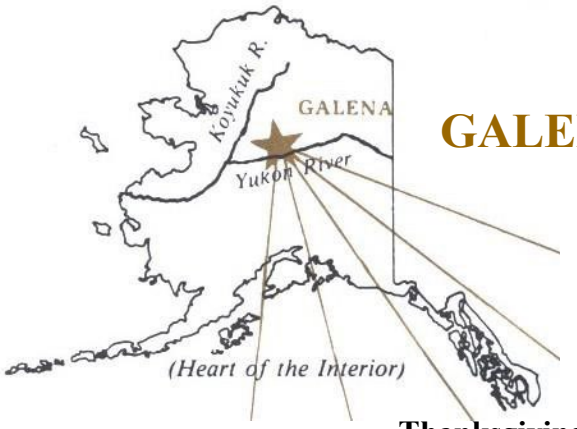


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Thanksgiving 101: Lessons in Gratitude, Generosity and Joy

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Dear District Families,

What a wonderful time of year to celebrate the blessings in our lives, embrace the people we love, and reignite the spirit of generosity that makes our Alaskan communities so special!

This Thanksgiving, I encourage each of us to put gratitude into action. Let us be intentional about caring for our neighbors, lifting those around us who are struggling, and giving generously when we have the means to do so. Set an extra place at the dinner table, share a meal, lend a helping hand, or surprise someone with an unexpected act of kindness. Never underestimate the power of a seemingly small gesture to bring tremendous joy to another person's life.

Let us also celebrate the simple things! The laughter of children, the company of friends, a warm meal on a cold Alaska day, and the precious moments spent with those we love. Life's greatest treasures are often found in its subtle moments and occur when we choose to cherish everyday occurrences instead of focusing on the grandest of dreams. May we never become so busy pursuing the bigger things in life that we forget to celebrate the little things that make life so beautiful.

Across Alaska, we have a remarkable tradition of taking care of one another. Let us embrace that spirit with enthusiasm and inspire our children to live generously, serve joyfully, and find reasons to be grateful each day.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with abundant laughter, full hearts, wonderful memories, and the incredible spirit that comes from giving to others.

From our District family to yours, have an absolutely wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jason Johnson

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