

GIVE THANKS – BE THANKFUL!

The most important aspect of the traditional student event was that all the participants emphasized how it is important in the modern world to express your gratitude to your native land, to each other and people in our society and the community. We are thankful for supporting each other in everyday life, and even if it is not always a bed of roses, the main thing – to appreciate the goodness you have – was the main message of our “Thanksgiving Day and Modern Society” event.

On December 5, 2015, in the frame of the project “Brighten the Corner Where You are” teachers of the Foreign Languages Department, A.Shayakhmet, A.Kaliova, and A.Hudaiberdina, organized an educational and cultural event «Thanksgiving Day and Modern Society». This event was devoted to Thanksgiving Day, which is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States of America and on the second Monday of October in Canada.

Students had a wonderful opportunity to practice their speaking skills in English, as well to extend their cultural and historical knowledge about the festival which is celebrated

of the team and its name, a mini-play, performance or song from each team, presentation of a poster drawn and prepared beforehand and presentation of the meal

The "Mayflowers", "Pilgrims", and "Fighting" teams competed very seriously, and it was a real pleasure for fans, the group mates and course mates of the "actors", to sit there and support their friends. The entire audience was pleased and appreciative. It turned out that the students' repertoire was very extensive, from a lovely English song and poem, to several mini-scenes with jokes, and mini-plays on different topics.

The event was a great demonstration of the students' talents. Some students have really improved their speaking skills in English — which was a nice surprise to the teachers, since students prepared and rehearsed all the items by themselves. There was a lot of excitement and joy! Acting and singing were fantastic! Everyone enjoyed the mini-scenes with jokes and mini-plays, and all of us were charmed by the beautiful English song from the "Fighting" team.

A special part of the event was the Thanksgiving Day meal - we saw chicken in the role of turkey, different pies, and many other dishes. Most exciting for students was trying all the new foods at the end of the competition, whilst the commission board were calculating the scores and deciding which of the teams was the best. Although the winner was the Mayflowers team, nobody regretted the time spent there, because of the student's cooperation for the successful performance of their teams and their shared joy - actually everything was worth it!

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