

## Superintendent's Highlight of the Week November 23, 2016

I started my Thanksgiving feast early this year as I was fortunate to be invited to join the students in Ms. Gulli's class at Mattlin Middle School as they hosted families and shared all the scrumptious food they had prepared. They used their measuring skills to carefully follow recipes to make all of their Thanksgiving favorites, including turkey breast, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn bread, biscuits, and other delectables. The students prepared the entire meal, including many desserts, in the classroom kitchen that was generously donated by SNAP in 2014.

The celebration incorporated reading and writing skills as students had spent a great deal of time crafting acrostic poems to share what they were thankful for. Each



student demonstrated impressive skills, learned with Ms. Spano their speech teacher, in the use of language for public speaking, as they proudly shared their poems with their attentive audience of parents, grandparents, siblings and staff.

### THANKFUL

By: Asef Samad

Thankful for my family  
Having turkey for Thanksgiving dinner  
Ayesha coming home from college  
Need to help set the table  
Kind to my family and friends  
Full from eating all the yummy food  
Understanding what family is about  
Love watching the parade with my dad



They also shared their knowledge of foods from different cultures and I particularly enjoyed the samosa pastry. This is a wonderful time of year to be thankful for the many good things in our life.

These students brought me back home to the essence of what makes our schools a great place for learning. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your families.