Our Thanksgiving Traditions in Canada



Today people in Canada celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October. In the beginning, back in 1578 in Newfoundland it was celebrated on a different day. Do you know why? An explorer named Martin Frobisher was thankful for his safe arrival to his new world and this is how Thanksgiving began. Later in 1879,

Canadians started to celebrate Thanksgiving around their harvest so this lead to it being at a different time each year somewhere between late October and early November. Since Remembrance Day is celebrated in November the Canadian Parliament decided to change the day to the second Monday in October so that each holiday would have its own special day to remember it by. So this is how Thanksgiving came to be in Canada.

Now for our local traditions and how each one of us celebrated our Thanksgiving holiday this year in Canada.

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Dylan: This Thanksgiving weekend I went to the woods with my grandfather. We called for deer in the woods but no deer came as it was too cold at night. I enjoyed spending time with my grandfather. It sure was a great Thanksgiving.

Cody: My family and my cousin came over to my house to help celebrate Thanksgiving. I also had a friend over and his name was William. We ate and played on my skateboard until my cousin Sophie wanted a turn then we argued for a bit. Later we all played with some chalk in the driveway. Family and Thanksgiving dinner are two wonderful parts of my Thanksgiving this year.

Tanner: This year I went to Nova Scotia to my grandparent’s house for Thanksgiving and to celebrate their 65th anniversary! It was also my grand nannies birthday! I had an awesome time, except we couldn’t stay for the big turkey dinner because it was a school night and we had a long drive ahead of us. On our way home we stopped at Dairy Queen for supper instead. Boy Thanksgiving dinner with all the food sure would have been much better. Oh well maybe next time as it was late when we arrived home.

Josh: This year we actually ate dinner on Sunday instead of on Monday because my mom had to work on Monday. We invited my nanny and poppy over and we ate corn and I even tried out the cranberry recipe from school. Also we had cabbage and even cauliflower. I guess I tried a whole bunch of new food this Thanksgiving. Also we had the usual potatoes, turkey and rolls. For dessert I had a choice of chocolate cake or pumpkin pie. Yummy!

Well that is how I spent my Thanksgiving this year!

Adam: For Thanksgiving we went to my Nan’s house. We played football in the yard this year and it was my dad and my younger brother vs. my uncle and me. We played for a long time before supper and then again after supper. For supper we had turkey, carrots, potatoes and lemon pie for dessert. Then it was time for football again. There was about 10 seconds left and I threw the ball and it landed in the other teams hands but there were only three seconds left so they lost because they needed to make the touch down but time ran out. Too bad they lost. I sure had a great time with my family this Thanksgiving.

Jorja: On Thanksgiving I went to my grampies but I went on the 9th, not the 10th. We ate turkey pie and I had ice cream and when we were all done eating my cousins and I went outside to play soccer with all of them – Ethan, Luke, Nate, their dad Ronnie and my sister Cassidy. It was also really funny because my younger cousin’s dog kept picking up the soccer ball and would run away with it. So that is how I spent my Thanksgiving with my family. Hope your Thanksgiving in November is lots of fun too!

Eddy: On Thanksgiving I went to my great Grammy’s house with all my family. Some of their names were Alex, Emily, Anna, AJ, Jenny and that is just some of their names. Also when we were up there we decided to go into the woods and explore. We all had a fun time playing outside. Late we had supper and we ate turkey, carrots, potatoes, corn, peas, beets and that is just some of the delicious foods that we chowed down on. That is what I did this Thanksgiving weekend.

Wyatt: I just moved here from BC so this Thanksgiving was a little different this year. All I did was play with my brother outside. We had the usual dinner and then off to bed I went stuffed like a turkey. Hopefully next year there will be more fun and excitement.

Emily .M: This Thanksgiving we had lots of food, like Pumpkin pie and lemon pie. Also we had my favorite - chocolate cake! Mmmmmmm! Talking about food makes me hungry. We even had a turkey and a ham. They both were delicious and there were lots of people including friends and family. Rumble! Rumble, that’s not a dinosaur that is my belly. We had lots to eat this Thanksgiving. Will you?

Sarah: I went to Bimma and Bimpy’s house and we had lots to eat because it was Thanksgiving weekend!! I loved it so much it was sooo good. We went outside with our friends for a bit, but our mom called us to go home. Do you go to your grandparent’s house for Thanksgiving? Well I sure had a fantastic time this Thanksgiving with my friends and my family.

Emily V: On Friday my cousins Lauren and Drew stayed the night at my house. That night Lauren slept on the big couch, Drew slept on the little couch and I slept in the chair. Before we went to sleep we watched a Roxy Hunter movie and a new show called Jessie. After Jessie was over we went to sleep. The next morning when it was still dark, Drew woke Lauren and me up. Later that day Drew and Lauren had lots to do like basketball, volleyball and other stuff too. I had an awesome time this Thanksgiving weekend with my cousins!

Nick: On Thanksgiving I went to my grampies house and we went for a long walk in the woods. Also we found a beaver dam beside a bridge but the beavers were gone. So we got to climb up on the dam. It was tricky to climb on it but we managed to do it. Late we went to the camp. Wow I sure had a great Thanksgiving this year!

Brody: On Thanksgiving weekend I went to my grandmother’s house and my whole family came. I was outside most of the day playing with Lee in the fort. Also he stayed the night too. We played a game called Bosconeen and another game called Ralley X and Dig Dug. It was really, really fun spending Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Shelden: This Thanksgiving I kicked a ball over the power lines and it landed on the shingles and rolled off and hit me in the face and it really hurt. Then it bounced off me and went across the road and then as a truck was approaching it hit the ball and sent it back over to my yard and it landed in the bank for a moment. As it rolled down the bank it landed in the brook and floated away. So I ran down the road to my neighbor’s house and spotted the ball out in the river. Before I thought about it I jumped in the river to get it. Then I ran home and almost got grounded for being soaked. I changed my clothes then I finally ate Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. Dad was a little mad at me for getting wet but later everything seemed better as I ate vanilla ice cream on my apple turnover. I had a bit of a rough Thanksgiving but it all turned out ok in the end.

Brooke: On Thanksgiving weekend I went to my grandmother’s house and my aunt and my two cousins were there too. We were having a surprise party for my aunt but my two little cousins told her by accident but she pretended she did not know. We gave her cake and the cards we made for her and then we all went outside to play for the rest of the day. Boy, the weather was great this Thanksgiving so we spent the day outside and really enjoyed it!

Jaielyn: The other day I didn’t eat turkey dinner because I had a birthday party and I ate turkey dinner there and it was good! Yumm! The party was awesome too! The cake was cool because it had food coloring all over it and it was just different. Since she did not want a piece of cake so she decided to open her gifts, but once her mom found out she was made at her and made her stop opening them. My cousin was so made at her mom that she threw the presents that she had opened but none of them broke. It was kind of funny watching her be so upset. I had a pretty good day even though I did not get to celebrate Thanksgiving on Monday. Don’t worry I am celebrating it today.

Jenna: I went to my grandpa’s house on Thanksgiving. My mom cooked chicken for dinner and my aunt brought pumpkin pie. It all was yummy! Spending time with the ones your love is what Thanksgiving is all about.

Mrs. Dickson: Not only is Thanksgiving special to me but it is also my birthday. So this weekend we had Thanksgiving dinner with my family and I ended up eating three birthday cakes as well. We spend time with our families relaxing and eating everything in sight like potatoes, carrots right from Grampie’s garden and turnip and not to mention the delicious turkey with gravy of course. Oh, yeah I forgot to mention that we had stuffing too. But even though you fill up on dinner we always leave room for dessert as there are many different kinds and each one is mouth watering. At the end of the day we all pull ourselves away from the table and crawl off home to continue the wonderful day relaxing before heading off to bed. I even did the dishes to show how thankful I was for such a terrific meal. I sure hope you all have an amazing Thanksgiving like we all did up here in Canada!

