

Capitol Notes

TOURS

Groups scheduled the week of November 23.

Monday, November 23

Chestnut Hill Elementary School - Midland
Coopersville East Elementary School - Coopersville
Country Oaks Elementary School
- Commerce Township

Michigan Islamic Academy - Ann Arbor
Valley View Elementary School - Battle Creek
Walsh Elementary School - Sterling Heights

Tuesday, November 24

Calvary Christian School - Fruitport
Challenger Elementary School - Kentwood
Coopersville East Elementary School - Coopersville
Farwell Elementary School - Farwell
Fulton Elementary School - Middleton
MacDonald Elementary School - Casco

Wednesday, November 25

Boy Scout Troop #296 - East China
Center Academy - Flint
Central Elementary School - Davison
Elms Elementary School - Flushing
Francis Reh Academy - Saginaw
Yale Junior High School - Yale

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday - Capitol Closed

Friday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday - Capitol Closed



SESSION SCHEDULE

Senate

Tuesday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Break

House

Tuesday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Has Changed Since 1621

Thanksgiving: Turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie, right?! Not in 1621!!!

When the Plymouth Colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn feast in 1621 as a sign of cooperation and interaction, they probably never knew it would become such a celebrated event. But what they shared is much different than what we commonly partake in today.

Historians have concluded that turkey was not consumed, though possibly wild turkey. The colonists had no recipe for pumpkin pie, but did for stewed pumpkin. There would have been no cranberry sauce because the colonists would not have had sugar. Potatoes were not common at the time either.

So, what did these two groups share? Again, historians have basically agreed through records and documents that available fowl would have been wild turkey, goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge and eagle (oh, my!). Seafood would have been cod, eel, clams and lobster (oh, yes!).

Meat would have included venison and possibly seal while grain would have been wheat flour and Indian corn. Known vegetables were pumpkin, peas, beans, onions lettuce, radishes and carrots. Also available was walnuts, chestnuts, acorns, olive oil, liverwort, leeks, dried currants and parsnips.

We can conclude that the menu has changed through the years but we can also conclude that most any of us would welcome the menu of 1621...cooked over a fire!!!

From us at the Capitol Tour Service have a great Thanksgiving.

RALLIES & EVENTS

Tuesday, December 1

Indian-American Capitol Outreach Luncheon
10:30 am - 2:00 pm
First Floor South and West Wings

Wednesday, December 2

S-3 Entertainment Group Luncheon
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
First Floor North and West Wings

Friday, December 4

MI Society of Professional Engineers Ceremony
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Glass Floor Rotunda and Room 55