

Friendship International



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THANKSGIVING PARADES

Thanksgiving Day parades have become a fun tradition in America, with large parades happening in big cities like Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, New Orleans, and more.

But by far the biggest and most popular is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The very first Macy's parade was in 1924, which means it has been going on for 100 years now! The parade was postponed a few years during World War II and didn't run from 1942-1944.

The first parade was dreamed up by Macy's employees as a festive way to celebrate the holiday season and draw more people to shop in their store. The first parade route ran from Harlem to the Macy's store at 34th Street and Broadway. The well-known route today runs for 2.5 miles from Central Park West to Macy's Herald Square.

It was televised for the first time in 1939 which is what helped make this parade so popular. Now, every year on Thanksgiving morning, families across the U.S. turn on their TVs to watch the iconic parade of giant character balloons, musical acts, and marching bands parade through the streets of New York City. In the 2022 parade, our own Bourbon County High School (northeast of Lexington) marching band performed!

It goes on rain or shine, so the people who have gathered to watch along the parade route, plus the performers in the parade, might be enjoying a beautiful late November morning, or they might be trying not to look miserable as they're freezing cold and wet!

Tune in this Thanksgiving, November 23rd, as early as 8:30 AM (it will be on TV until Noon!) to check out this historic and well-loved American parade for yourself. [Click here for the official website.](#)



UPCOMING DATES

Nov 10th	Program: Geography Quiz
Nov 17th	Friendship's Thanksgiving Meal
Nov 18th	Ashland's International Thanksgiving at 6PM
Nov 23rd	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 24th	No Friendship
Dec 1st	Program: Christmas Decorations

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ASHLAND

Saturday, November 18th at 6PM

FREE EVENT



Coming up soon, our host church, Ashland, is hosting their annual International Thanksgiving Dinner! All internationals, along with their families, are invited. It's a traditional American Thanksgiving meal, with halal and vegetarian plates also available.

[Click here to register to attend \(free\).](#)



Like to run or walk? Races on or around Thanksgiving Day are a popular way to get your exercise before the big holiday meals. Click the link below to see what races will be available around the Lexington area during the week of Thanksgiving.

[Click here for Running Races Info](#)

NUTCRACKER SNEAK PEEK WITH LEXINGTON BALLET COMPANY

Sunday, November 12th

2 to 3 PM

Lexington Public Library

Tates Creek Branch

Join the Lexington Ballet as they bring a portion of "The Nutcracker" to our local library (Tates Creek branch). Learn some ballet steps, interact with members of the company, and take photos with the characters.



[Click here for more event info](#)



EASY THANKFUL CRAFT: CREATE A FAMILY GRATITUDE PUMPKIN [\(USE A REAL PUMPKIN OR A PLASTIC ONE\).](#)



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