

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## McKay student selected to perform in New York City

Calder White, a 10 year old, grade 5 student at McKay Public School in Port Colborne was selected to perform in the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Macy's Day Parade. Calder was one of 600 dance students chosen from across North America by Camp Broadway, a New York City Dance School. The dance camp students, including Calder, where selected to perform their "Give me a Drum" routine during the three-hour-long parade.

Throughout this past week, Calder took lessons from the pros in preparation for the big day. Even while learning the number from Broadway show members who are currently performing it, Calder remains modest saying, "It's fun that all this is happening, very exciting". "Modest to the point that we didn't even know he was participating in a wonderful event such as this," jokes Robert Chaffart, Calders' home room teacher.

While in the Big Apple, Calder will also have the opportunity to catch the world famous, high kicking Rockettes with his grandmother, older brother and his mother for her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

It is estimated that approximately 3 ½ million spectators lined the streets of the 4 kilometre parade route, in addition to an estimated 50 million television viewers.

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