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Christmas Greetings

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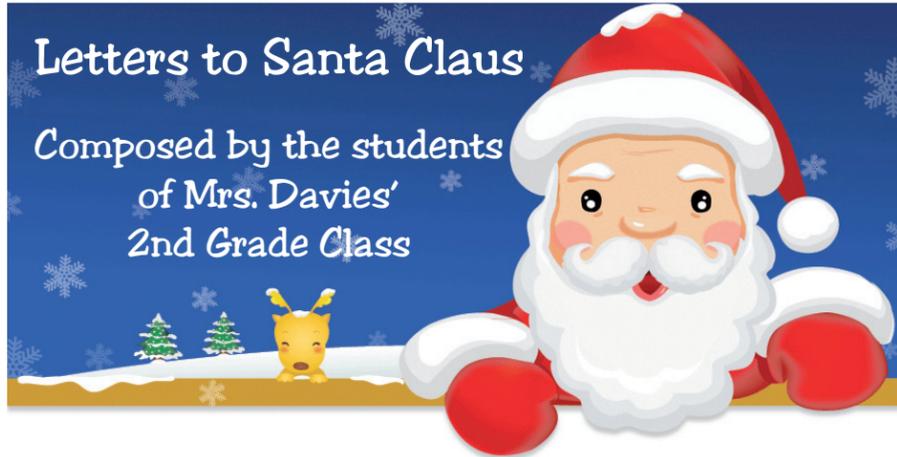
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Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for all the presents you have ever given me for Christmas! I would like, if possible, even more Squishmallows and a Little Live Pet Turtle. Does Rudolph have a red nose?
 Love,
 Kacey

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the Nerf gun you got me last year. I was so excited and had been wanting one for so long. This year, if possible, I would be so happy to have a Rainbow Charizard. Another cool idea I was thinking would be an airsoft gun. I am 7 years old now, my favorite color is red and my most favorite thing to play with is my Nerf gun. Other ideas of things I could use are a VR headset and a hoverboard.
 Love,
 Wyatt

Dear Santa,
 Santa, I loved the princess dolls you gave me last year. I would like a bunny for Christmas this year. Santa, do you have a real elf? My favorite color is pink. I have a cat. Its name is Lokie. I have a baby sister and a big sister. I like snow! Do you? Merry Christmas Santa!
 Your Friend,
 Anahi

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the watch you gave me last year. Do your reindeer fly? This Christmas I would like a phone and a board game!
 Thank you!
 Love,
 Caitlin

Dear Santa,
 Santa, I loved the presents from last year. This year I would like five real jet skis, for my family, a real dirt bike, and a real electric scooter. How do your reindeer fly? You're the best!
 Love,
 Kaleb

Dear Santa,
 I was a good boy this year! Please stop by our house! And please give me a ride to the North Pole and have egg nog. I want the dog to be nicer to me from now on. Next, a real bass boat and a real monkey and a real butler and a real mannequin to clean my bedroom and to give me ice cream and give me a board game.
 From,
 Reid

Dear Santa,
 This year I would like, if possible, an iPhone 13 for Christmas, a hoverboard, and a Nintendo Switch. How do your reindeer fly? I have two dogs and I live close to our school. I am going to my grandmas for Christmas.
 Sincerely,
 David

Dear St. Nick,
 Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. My favorite color is pink. What's yours? How do your reindeer fly? If possible, I would like a Robo Kitten, Robo King Cobra, and a remote control toy car please.
 Love,
 Eleanor

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents last year. My favorite holiday is Christmas because I get to spend it with my family. This year I would like a light blue iPhone 14, a Mac Book, and a PopSocket. Can your reindeer eat candy canes? I LOVE candy canes! Merry Christmas! Love you!
 From,
 Baylee

Dear St. Nick,
 Could you please bring me a blue Apple Watch this year! Can you please get me a noise maker. Do you have a cat or dog for a pet? I love making cookies for you. Do you see us? How do you see us? Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I love my hoverboard. Thank you!
 Sincerely,
 Hollie

Dear St. Nick,
 Thank you for Duky's blanket that you brought last year. Mom and I cried because he was our dog and he passed away, but it is my favorite blanket. How are Mrs. Claus cookies? How do they taste? Please can you make me an iPhone 13 and a Squishmallow and a walkie-talkie? Thank you! Merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Xavier

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for all the gifts that you have ever given me. This year, if possible, I would like a big box of Gravitrax, a medium box of Perler Beads, and a pink bean bag chair for Christmas. My favorite part of Christmas is being with my family! This year for Christmas I am going

to be in Wyoming. How do you get to all the children in one night? Merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Lily

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents that you brought last year. I would like a computer, a hedgehog, and an aquarium, please Santa! How do your reindeer fly? How do you eat so many cookies in one night? Merry Christmas Santa,
 Love,
 Kelsi

Dear Santa,
 Santa, I love the emoji tablet that you gave me for Christmas last year. If possible, may I have a couple of pretty Hatchimals, some Little Live Pets, and Orbeez. Hey Santa, is Rudolph one of your reindeer? We have 6 people in our family. I have 3 brothers and 2 cats and 2 dogs. How big is your family? Merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Hadley

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the boxer last year. This year may I have a Gabb Watch? How did you get your reindeer? I have one cat. Do you have any pets? Merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Liam

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the presents last year for Christmas. I would like a blue iPhone 13 mini, zipper bracelets, and a blue Apple watch. Do you have dogs? My favorite dog is a golden doodle! How do you eat that many cookies in one night? Do you ever get sick? I love you Santa!
 Love,
 Jackson

Dear Santa,
 Hi Santa! My name is Luke. I am 7 years old. Thank you for my gift last year. My Pokémon cards you got me are still my favorite thing to play with. This year for Christmas would you please bring Pokémon cards. Thank you!
 From,
 Luke

Dear St. Nick,
 I love the clothes and the duck that you gave me last year for Christmas! The duck quacks all the time! I like to ride dirt bikes with my brother. I love to eat fruit and vegetables

too. And I like to hang out with family. I would like to have a kitty, a German Shorthair, rocks, and oil pastels. Please! Thank you for giving love!
 From,
 Bodhi

Dear Santa,
 Santa, I loved the presents you gave me last year! Thanks! If possible, can you get me a white Robot Kitten and Barbie Newborn Puppies. Do you have a puppy? Do you have a kitten?
 Sincerely Your Friend,
 Emery

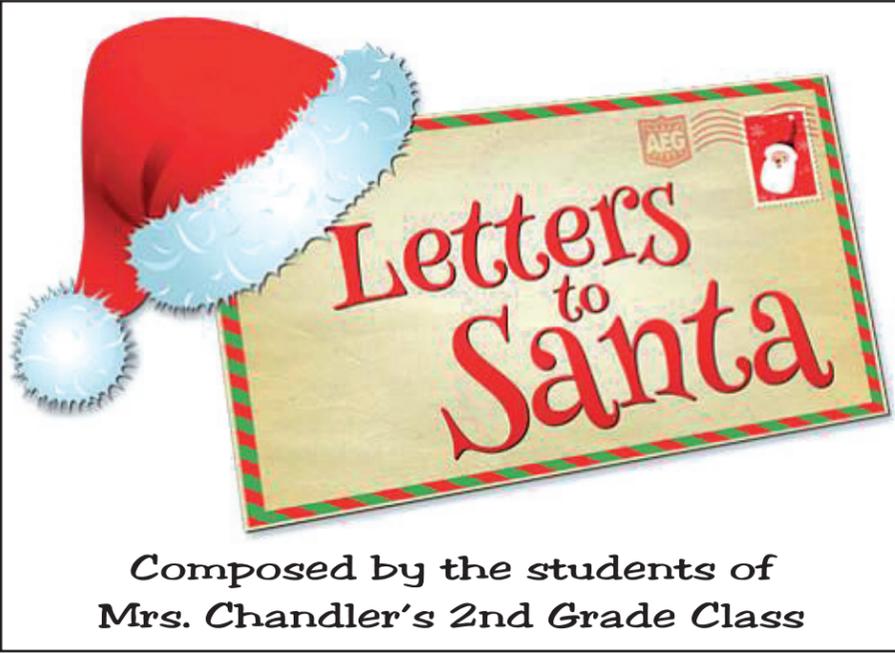
Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the RC car that you gave me last year. Can your reindeer fly? For Christmas this year I would like a mini toy house, a Lego City, and walkie-talkies. Merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Azrael

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for the bed you got me last year! It is so comfy! I love it! I would like an American Girl Doll this year for Christmas. Santa, how long is your beard? Is it cold at the North Pole? I LOVE the snow!
 Love,
 Haylen

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for making the world a better place! You are awesome and if anyone says you are fake, ignore them because we all know that you are just a great super hero, I would say! And thank you for all the presents last year. And this year, if possible, I would LOVE an electric scooter and just one thing for my stocking. Please! It is just little Squishy Mini Gummy Bears. THANK YOU SANTA!
 From,
 Hadley

Dear St. Nick,
 Santa, I loved the VR that you gave to us last year! My whole family played with it! We also downloaded 4 games. How do you stay up so late? How do you make reindeer float? How do you go around so fast? I can't imagine how fast you must be going to deliver all the presents! This Christmas I would like a Smart Watch. Thank you! Merry Christmas!
 From,
 Adrian

Dear Santa,
 Santa, I loved the presents you gave me last year! This year, if possible, could you get me a bean bag chair, an Arceus Pokémon card, and a Fortnite PS4 disk. Thank you! My favorite holiday is Christmas! I can't believe you can eat all those cookies in one night! Do you ever leave the North Pole besides on Christmas Eve?
 Love,
 Treagun



Dear Santa,

Who is your favorite reindeer? In Weiser it is cold outside. In class it is warm and at my house it is very snowy. This year I want a golden bakugan. Thank you Santa!

Sincerely,
Indy

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the presents last year! This year I would like a new car like the last one, a 4 wheeler and the Bad Guys books. Please!

Sincerely,
Nathan

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? Here it is sooooo cold! Thank you for the hoverboard last year. This year I would like LEGO, dolls, and Squishmallows. Thank you!

Love Your Best Friend,
Harper

Dear Santa,

I want to know how you take care of your beard? This Christmas I would like some Nerf guns and a card for my Grandma so her arm feels better! I would also like a dinosaur Hot Wheels set and some Spider Man games. I hope you have a great Christmas!

From,
Joseph

Dear Santa,

My name is Angel. Santa, how are the reindeer doing? I have been a good boy! I would like some army men please. Santa, thank you for my presents last year. Have fun at the North Pole!

From,
Angel

Dear Santa,

How is your reindeer? I love dogs. Thank you for the stuffed dogs last year. This year I would like a drone, a remote control car, and a tablet.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
Love,
Abigail

Dear Santa,

My name is Lynnette. Can I please have a wolf? I was a good girl this year. Santa, thank you for the gifts last year.

Love,
Lynnette

Dear Santa,

What does Mrs. Claus do? I have two cats and one dog. Thank you for the doll house last year. This year I would like a snake, a hamster, and I want a toy dog. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Matty

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I am doing good. This year I want a box that looks like a present so I can jump in it and have fun. Also, I would like a new bike and a bean bag. I am looking forward to Christmas.

Sincerely,

Porter

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? Here in Weiser when it is winter, it is cold. Thank you for my big stuffed Yoshi animal. This year I would like a tablet cuphead for the Switch and for the new Mario movie to come out on Christmas. Please and thank you!

Love,
Mason

Dear Santa,

How are you doing today? How is Rudolph doing today? At school I am in the Five Point Club. Thank you for my Minnie Mouse toy last year. This year I would like an X Box, a hot chocolate mug, and a pet bird, a pet snake and a red panda. Thank you!

Love,
Shelby

I love you so much Santa!

Dear Santa,

What is it like in the North Pole? I want to see your sleigh. Thank you for the present last year. It was cool. What I want next Christmas is a Kindel.

Love,
Kolt

Dear Santa,

Will you send a picture of Comet and the North Pole? Thank you for my dinosaurs last year. This year I want a new Goo jit zu and a kindle and a gold bakugan that is a pegasus. And you are very sweet for all of the gifts you give.

From,
Sol

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I am doing great with a bit of change. Thank you for the lizard last year. This year I want 9000 whoopie cushions, some Frozen dolls, art and a yo-yo. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Aubree

Dear Santa,

How do you fly reindeers? I am happy about Christmas. Thank you for everything. This year I would like a Barbie car and a Barbie Lego set and a baby kit!

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kennaley

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? How do you trample through all of I live in Weiser Co. Road 70. I just moved in a couple of weeks ago. Thank you for the head phones. This year I would like some candy, unicorn toys and \$10,000. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Lillian

Dear Santa,

How did you make the snow? I have

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Weiser School District

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have some Pokemon, and money. I promise to leave out cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Isaiah

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have my big dog back, and a Remote Control truck. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has Hot Wheels on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Cooper

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a new bed, and a puppy. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a LOL doll, Barbie house, and dice games on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Kinsley

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been very good. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! I would like to have a red panda, and a horse. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has mini figures on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Eve

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a skateboard, and Nerf Gun. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have wish list that has head phones and a phone on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Andrew

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a Nintendo Switch, and Xbox 1. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a beanie and backpack on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Gideon

P.S. Please say "Hi" to everyone in the world for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been very good this year. I would like to have some LOL dolls, and a pixie doll. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a backpack on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!

ise to leave out milk and cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a backpack on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Audrey

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a Remote Control car, and a sled. I promise to leave out carrots for you! I also have a wish list that has an electric toothbrush, hat, scarf and water bottle on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Lorenzo

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a dog, and a Nintendo Switch. I promise to leave out pie for you! I also have a wish list that has a hat, scarf and gloves on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Koda

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have love, and seeing my family. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has Hot Wheels and Puma shoes on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Kael

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like to have a sweater for my puppy, and a bow tie for my puppy too. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a winter sweater and winter hat on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Sloan

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like to have Slinky and Bullseye from Toy Story 2. I promise to leave out cookies for you!
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Ariel

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like to have a new hat, and a toy truck. I promise to leave out a note for you! I also have a wish list that has a scarf on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!

Abel M.
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a glam rock Freddy, and a Sonic Hedgehog plush. I promise to leave out chips for!
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Carter

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like to have a video game and a stuff for my dad and mom. I also have a wish list that has waterproof gloves on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Michael

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Henry for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have night vision goggles, and Legos. I promise to leave out milk, cookies, and a surprise for you! I also have a wish list that has some money for my mom on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Adrien

P.S. Please say "Hi" to everyone for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a pony, and a lot of candy. I promise to leave out carrots for you! I also have a wish list that has a warm coat on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Frances

P.S. Please say "Hi" to reindeer for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a phone for my brother, and money for my mom. I promise to leave out milk for you! I also have a wish list that has a puppy on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Arrianna

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a hover board, and a cat. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a hat on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Scarlett

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!
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Letters to Santa Claus

Composed by the students of
Mrs. Blue's 2nd Grade Class

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the toys and the toy guns. Why do you drive a sleigh and not a motorcycle? You are really nice. Could you please give me a Poppy Playtime mystery plush and a LankyBox plushy named Foxy. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Luke

Dear Santa,

How is your reindeer? How is your wife? How does Rudolph's nose glow? I wish my dog's nose glowed. I loved the toy dinosaur set you gave me last year. It was so cool! Santa, I want an air soft pistol for Christmas this year. I want to get my sister a doll house. She would love it. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Leonidas

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I looooooove your candy canes! They are delish. I love your silly jokes. I will leave some cookies and milk and carrots for you and your reindeer. And since you tell jokes, I will tell you one – Why do deer ride in the sleigh? Because they didn't have a ride. HaHaHa! I hope you have a happy New Year.

Love,
Presley

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving us presents last year. I love you because you are nice. Please give me a golden crown and a diamond crown, and a candy crown and that's it. Thanks, Santa.

Love,
Hano

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Barbie house. I want a cat. I want my brothers to come back to my house. I love you. You are very cute. You are awesome. How is Mrs. Claus? Please tell her, "You are nice, Mrs. Claus." How is your reindeer?

Love,
Sage

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. You are so cool. Thank you for last year's gift! Hey Santa, how can you fit down the chimney? I love the color you wear! Here's a joke – Where's Santa's favorite place to deliver presents? IdaHOHOHO! What's your favorite snack? This year I

would like Kansas City football gloves, please!

Love,
Brayden

Dear Santa,

How do you fit in the chimney? Thank you for the last year presents. You are the best. Merry Christmas. HoHoHo. You are one good person. I wish I can see you. I want a LOL, please.

Love,
Mckenna

Dear Santa,

You are soooooo nice and Thank you Santa for the big unicorn. I loved it soooooo much. How does the reindeer fly? I want an iPhone 14, please. I am leaving carrots for the reindeer and cookies for you.

Love,
Phoenix

Dear Santa,

Thank you! You bring the good gifts. I like your elf. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Panzee

Dear Santa,

You are the BEST. Thank you for the tiny notebook last year. How can you go all around the world in one night? For Christmas I want a football. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Elyas

Dear Santa,

You are super nice. Thank you for last year's gift. How can you stay in the North Pole without freezing to death? I want an RC car for Christmas. Also, Merry Christmas!!!!!!!

Love,
Easton

Dear Santa,

How can you fit down in the chimney in the homes of the people when you are so chubby? You are one of a kind. I love how kind you are. Thank you for the gift last year. I hope your elves are being good. Please give me a phone this year.

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Leighyah

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas, Santa. You are so nice to people. Thank you so much for the headphones last year. How are your reindeer doing? Santa, what I want for Christmas is

a Christmas shirt and a Christmas pants.

Merry Christmas!
Love,
Alexandra

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! You are so nice. I love how nice you are. Thank you for the snowmobile last year. That was my favorite toy. This year what I want for Christmas is a snow bike. How do you go down a chimney? One day I want to go down a chimney.

Love,
Levi

Dear Santa,

You are the best! I love the Magic Mixies you gave me last year. I have 4 questions – How do you fly across the world? How do you exist? How do you make elves? And how is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a black and blue and purple skateboard. And an iPhone 14.

Your friend,
Adalynn

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer like the carrots we set out every year, Santa? I want a phone, please. And a puppy phone case, please. Here's a joke – what tree can you hold in your hand? Answer – a palm tree.

Love,
Eastlyn
P.S. I like your hat.

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. Thank you for last year. How can you get through the city? I want a new iPhone. You are nice.

Your friend,
Tao

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! You are the best! I love how you can come to people's homes. Thank you for last year's gift. How do you fly around the world? I want a coloring box.

Thank you.
Merry Christmas!

Love,
Arianna

Dear Santa,

How does Rudolph's nose glow? You are the nicest man ever. Oh, I almost forgot, can you please get me a bouncy house fortress? Here's the biggest question – How do you

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Merry Christmas!

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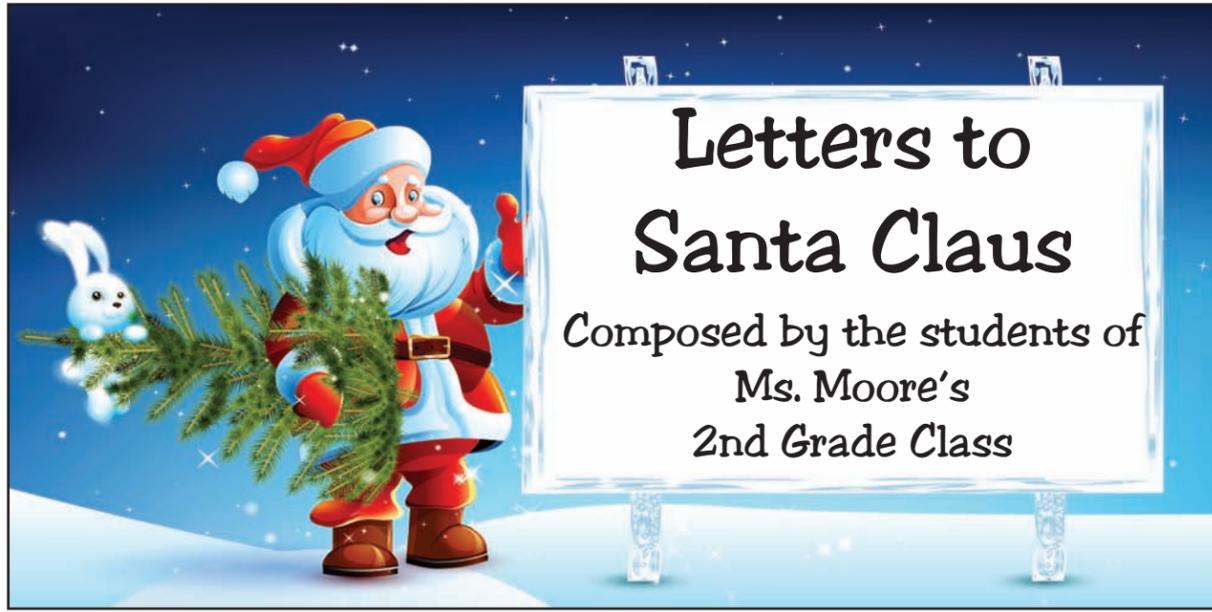
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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 8 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like the most is the newest xBox and Metroid the video game. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
James
P.S. Please say hi to your wall for me.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been nice most. What I would like most this Christmas is TS5. I promise to leave out for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Hunter
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. I would like most this Christmas is a Audrey Hepburn paper doll and a toy snake that you can control. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Helen
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am

7 years old. This year, I have been nice all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Magic Mixie and Teddy Bear. I promise to leave out for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Kimberly
Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 7 years old. This Christmas I have been good most of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Pokemon and a skateboard. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Atreyu
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph for me.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year I have been...good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is... basketball, books. And I promise to leave out cookies, milk for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Pedro
P.S. Please say hi to the elves for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time.

All I would like is a pet hamster and a pet snake. I promise to leave out cookies and milk and eight carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Sammy
P.S. Please say hi to Rudolph for me.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like the most this Christmas is a basketball game and books. I promise to leave out cookie and milk for you. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Isaiah
P.S. Please say hi to the elves.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 8 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a baby doll and a phone. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Love,
Brooklyn
Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 7 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would

like most this Christmas is a robot and dog. And I promise to leave out cookies and carrots for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Martin
P.S. Say Hi to the elves for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is three bunnies and I need some money. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Katie
P.S. Please say Hi to the deers and Mrs. Claus for me.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good most of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Super Mario and C Friday! I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
John
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I

would like the most this Christmas is a Magic Mixes and a Skateboard. I promise to leave out cookies for you.

Love,
Jenevieve
P.S. Please say hi to Rudolph for me.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a big RC car and a sqish mellow. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Gage
P.S. Please say hi to Mrs. Claus for me.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Call of Duty and a phone. I promise to leave out 6 prlebeed again! Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,
Weston
P.S. Please say Hi to Rudolph.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 7 years old. I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Xbox Nintendo. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Klayton
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a baby doll and stuffed animals. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa!
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Barbie, bow and mermaid. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Meara
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good for most of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a doll and cat. I promise to leave out cookies for you. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Alana
P.S. Say hi to the elves for me please.
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been nice. What I would like most this Christmas is PS5 Playstation and clothes for everyone. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Toby
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a computer and shirt. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Jaxx
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is toy car and turkey. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!

from page 3

Mrs. Chandler's class writes Christmas wishes to Santa

six elves and they are nice. Thank you for the Goku last year. This year I want a Super Saiyan Red Goku. Thank you!

Love,
Axel
Dear Santa,
I am asking if it's okay if I have some Roblox Avatars. I love you so much Santa Claus! This year I also want to ask for

a Buzz Lightyear with moving arms and moving legs and a powerblaster and a fire truck with opening doors and a moving ladder and guys that can go in it.

Love,
Ryan
Dear Santa,
I would like to visit the North Pole. And for Christmas

I would like a smart watch. What is your favorite thing to eat? I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Brynlee
Dear Santa,
Who is your favorite reindeer? This year I would like an Aphmau doll and an Aphmau Christmas plush. I love cook-

ies and Aphmau! Thank you, Santa!

Love,
Lilly
Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? I really like puppies. Thank you for the RC cars I got last year. This year I would like a dancing toy cactus that repeats you when you talk. You are the very

best, Santa!
Love,
Mac

Dear Santa,
This year I have been very good. All I want for Christmas is a million bottles full of eggnog. Thank you Santa. Stay safe in the snow.
Love,
Oliver

from page 4

Christmas greetings and wish lists written by Miss Hill's class

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been very good all of the time. I would like to have a sled and kitten. I promise to leave out milk, cookies, and a note for you! I also have a wish list that has boot cut jeans and fuzzy boots on it. Thank you.
Merry Christmas, Santa!

Josi
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. I would like to have an iPhone, and an elf. I promise to leave out cookies for you! I also have a wish list that

has vegetables on it. Merry Christmas, Santa!

Abel P.
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. I would like to have a puppy, and a duckling.

I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you! I also have a wish list that has a VR Headset on it.
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Jax
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 8 years



Crystal Linn, a columnist for the *Weiser Signal American*, provided us with a Christmas memory. Her family made decorating the tree a holiday ritual and she enjoyed ice skating at the Lloyd Center in Portland. But there was one special Christmas that she fondly remembers and that is when her family went to watch professional ice skaters perform at the Portland Coliseum. *Courtesy photo*

The special Christmas surprise

by Crystal Linn

When I was a child, my mother was as excited as we children were during the Christmas season. As soon as Thanksgiving was over, she began elaborate Christmas planning, which included the entire family. Later, this enthusiasm and elaborate planning continued with the grandchildren.

Each evening we would make Christmas treats to share with relatives and friends. These included everything from sugar cookies to divinity to her special chocolate fudge recipe. We also made sweet breads such as pumpkin and banana.

On the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas we decorated every room in our house while listening to Christmas carols and discussing presents and local events. Our father always hung outside lights on the house with the help of my brothers.

Decorating the tree was a ritual. The second Saturday in December, our entire family went out to find a live tree. Some years we drove to one of the U-cut tree farms below Mt. St. Helen and other years we would drive to a tree lot in town. Once we had the tree home, we children waited impatiently while our father secured the tree in its stand and placed the lights around it. Then we joined him and our mother in decorating the tree. Once we all were happy with the results, we had to step back and allow my mother to drape the tinsel on the ends of the branches, one strand at a time.

Some years we drove south to Port-

land, Ore. to visit relatives and enjoy the Christmas displays in the store windows. On those trips, I especially enjoyed the mechanical, moving toys. Often while in Portland, our parents took us to the Lloyd Center so we could ice skate.

One year in the middle of our Christmas activities, my mother informed us children that the following weekend there was a special surprise waiting for us. She refused to share the secret yet encouraged us to guess what it might be.

My siblings and I spent the entire week trying to imagine what the surprise could be. Some of my guesses were that the cousins would drive down earlier, or the other cousins would drive up to spend Christmas with us. My most elaborate guess was the northern lights would finally show that far south so we could actually get to see them. Our mother had as much fun as we did that week.

After a long week of excitement, the following Saturday arrived – finally. We drove to Portland and again enjoyed the window displays and a few hours of ice skating. Then, instead of driving north again, we had dinner in a restaurant and afterwards drove to the Portland Coliseum where we watched the Ice Capades show. It was enchanting to watch professional ice skaters in sparkling costumes dancing on the ice.

My mother and siblings slept on the drive home while my father drove and graciously listened to my excited chatter about the special Christmas surprise we would always remember.

from page 5

Miss Blue's students add funny jokes to Santa letters

go around the world in one night?

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,

I like last year's gift (Mario Cart). And how do you have magic? Also, I just want you to know... I love you! And thank you for all your care!

Love,

Carter (kid – age: 7)

P.S. Don't forget! I want presents. Also, I am a boy just so you know.

Dear Santa,

I want to tell you a joke – Why did the chicken cross the road? Because to get to the duckies. HaHa! I want to know how you go from roof to roof without falling. I wish you can give me a skateboard and a bike.

Your friend,
Karlee

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! You are so nice and kind and cool. Thanks for the picture in

the locket from the stocking. You are the best. Tell Ralphy that I missed him. I love you and Mrs. Claus and Ralphy. Thank you for everything I got last year. How do you fit down a chimney? And how do you travel the world in 1 night? How do you make every kid a toy in 1 year? Why did Santa cross the road? To pass out presents.

Sincerely, I love you friend.

Rowen

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. I hope you are feeling good. How old are your reindeer? I like that you come to my house. I hope you have a safe year.

Love,
Grady

Dear Santa,

Hi. I hope you are ready for Christmas. What do you do to your reindeer to make them fly? I wish I could fly. This year I want cowboy boots and a dirt bike.

Merry Christmas!

Love,
Casey



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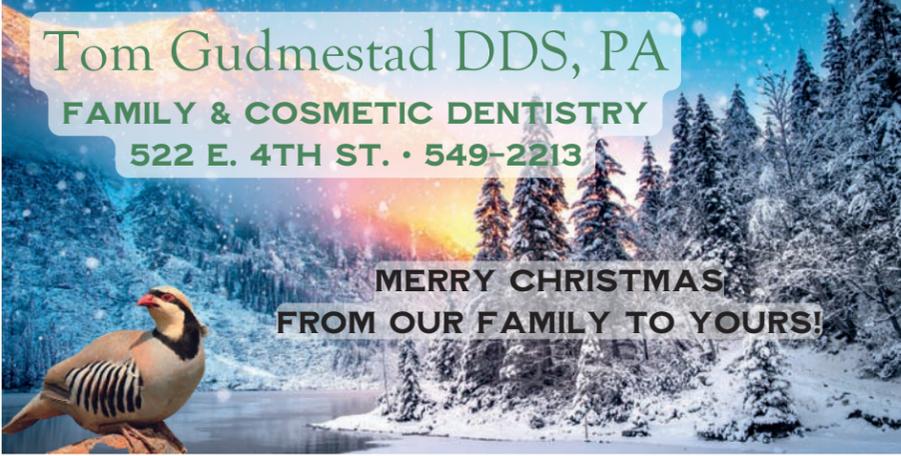
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The first grade classes at Pioneer Elementary School kicked off the Weiser School District's Christmas programs on Thursday, Dec. 1. For their finale, the lights were turned off in Weiser High School's auditorium and the students performed a mini light show to the song 'Carol of the Bells.' The students with their light up wands created a show with fun light effects. *Photo by Jamie Brown*

First graders wow audience with light show for their program

by *Jamie Brown*

Dec. 1 marked the start of the Christmas concert season with the presentation of Pioneer Elementary School's first grade concert. The program was directed by Victoria Arriero. Due to rehearsal time constraints the program was not the full Christmas play most of us are used to from Ms. Arriero but there were still some fun surprises throughout.

The program started off with "Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney" where Santa must wiggle and wobble to get unstuck so everyone can have a merry Christmas. They then sang "Feliz Navida," "Jingle Bells," and the childhood favorite, "All

I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth."

They finished the singing portion of the program with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Then the auditorium lights went out and the audience was treated to a mini light show to the tune of "Carol of the Bells." Each student had a light up wand of various colors that they waved to the beat creating fun light effects in the darkened room.

"The kids are amazing and it's easy to have an amazing show when you have amazing kids," Arriero said. "There's nothing like experiencing Christmas through the eyes of a child."



The four first grade classes at Pioneer Elementary School sang the popular Christmas song of 'All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth,' to the enjoyment of family and friends. They sang six songs and were directed by Ms. Victoria Arriero. *Photo by Jamie Brown*

Scouting for Food makes donation to WICAP



Weiser Boy Scout Troop 350 and Cub Scout Pack 350, sponsored by the Weiser Lions Club, recently held their annual Scouting for Food drive. Members were assisted by volunteers of the Weiser Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Scouting for Food drive is a national service event that takes place all over the country this time of year. Scouts and other volunteers collect

non-perishable food items to help feed the needy. In Weiser, participants collected over 2,300 pounds of food, donating it to the Washington County WICAP (Western Idaho Community Action Partnership) food pantry located at 32 W. Main St. in Weiser.

"We have done this for decades and it's another community service that our Scouts are proud to participate in," said Troop 350 spokesman Bob Barber.



The second grade classes of Holly Davies and Theresa Chandler made and decorated two trees at the Weiser Public Library on Monday, Dec. 5. The students made snowballs, snowflakes, poinsettias and cardinals and carefully placed them on the tree. Looking at their beautiful ornaments are from left, Haylen Huggins, Bodhi Bumgarner and Xavier Bickart. Visit the library and enjoy the decorated trees. Photo by Jamie Brown

Second graders help make bank, library festive for Christmas

by Philip A. Janquart

Second graders at Pioneer Elementary School got into the Christmas spirit last week by making hand-made ornaments they used to decorate trees at the Weiser Public Library and Zions Bank.

The students in Holly Davies' and Theresa Chandler's classes visited the library on Monday, Dec. 5.

"This is the first time they came to decorate our tree," said Library Director Timbra Long. "This year, they asked if they could come and decorate it. There were snowballs, snowflakes, poinsettias, and some cardinals."

The library has a nine-foot, lighted artificial tree that library staff usually takes time to decorate on its own.

"They asked if they could do it and we said yes. It was super cute," Timbra said of the 7- and 8-year-olds. "They had enough decorations that they were able to decorate our smaller tree, too."

The kids were treated to story time, hot chocolate and cookies after finishing up.

The students of Nancy Blue's class also made ornaments and decorated the tree at Zions Bank on Monday. On Wednesday, Zions Bank had an official ceremony inviting the student's family to see their beautifully decorated tree.

Second grade students from Pioneer Elementary School shared in a 50-year community tradition, creating handmade ornaments for Zions Bank's Christmas

tree and receiving a cash donation to their school in return. Throughout Idaho, Utah and Wyoming, more than 3,000 elementary school students are participating in the annual "Lights On" event by making festive decorations to brighten Zions Bank branches.

"Teachers, parents and Zions Bank employees gathered with the students in the branch's lobby for the 'Lights On' ceremony," explained Zions Bank Public Relations Officer Malcolm Hong. "The children performed holiday carols and were surprised by a visit from Santa. Zions Bank presented a \$100 contribution to the school and the public is invited to visit the branch and see the decorated tree on display through the holidays."

"While this holiday tradition spans a half-century, our commitment to our communities goes back to our founding in 1873," said Katie von Brethorst, manager at Zions Bank's Weiser branch. "It's a great way for us to give to our local schools as a thank-you for their festive ornaments."

This year, 65 Idaho and Utah schools are taking part in Zions Bank's "Lights On" holiday celebration. In addition, a number of Zions branches have invited students from special-needs classes and Title 1 schools to decorate the trees in their lobbies. Zions Bank has been inviting students to participate in this annual holiday event for 50 years.



Zions Bank 'Lights On' event is celebrating 50 years of having children make and decorate Christmas trees for local branches. Monday, Dec. 5 the second grade class of Nancy Blue decorated the tree and on Wednesday, Dec. 7 the class invited their families to see their ornaments and sing a Christmas carol. They also received a visit from Santa. Pictured above is Eastlyn Reddick and Grady Johnson showing their ornaments to Eastlyn's mom Stacey Reddick.



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The Les Schwab Tire Center staff front row, from left: Koda Coers, Kendra Gertner, Angela Glemser and Sydney Montgomery. Back, Dustin Montgomery, Kelly Woodard, Caden Bowker, Nick Mason, Eliseo Sanchez, Juan Martinez and Nat Flint.

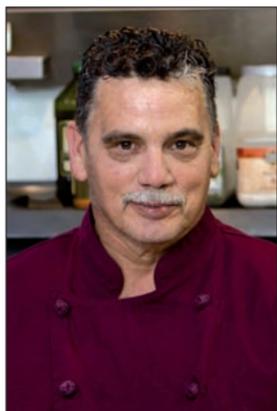
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From the harvest table

A 'keep-it-simple' food column by Chef Keith Bryant

Easing into the holidays

My start in the food industry came at the age of 15 as a busboy. Chef Ray told me I didn't look comfortable in the front of the house, so he asked me to work for him in the kitchen.



in the Navy cooking in mess halls.

In 1989 I got out of the military and went to work for overnight cruise vessels for the Delta Queen Steamboat Company out of New Orleans. Within

two years, I worked my way up to executive chef. My career on boats lasted for 16 years.

In my many years of cooking, I have prepared cuisine from all over the world, but my passion is Cajun cooking.

Eventually, my own family started their own restaurant in Slidell, Louisiana. I was in college at the time and came home on the weekends to cook in the kitchen.

I also spent four years

With Christmas almost upon us, busy is not an over used word this month. In the middle of managing at the store and preparing Christmas parties at Lazy Bear Ranch, my time is limited. This month has

been spent, repairing furniture, writing menus for next year's weddings and trying to stay warm.

Sharon asked if I would put something together for an event she had going on at work and to be hon-

est cooking at home has not been my strong point in December. I was lucky enough to have some pork belly left over from a prior event and told her I would make something.

If you have not cooked

pork belly it is awesome and one of my favorite dishes from the Thai food truck in Ontario. She was looking for an appetizer that everyone would love at a holiday party. This one hit the mark.

Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 lb Pork Belly
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1/2 tsp Ground Black Pepper
- 1/2 tsp Paprika
- Your Favorite BBQ Sauce

Instructions

1. Slice pork belly into cube size pieces.
2. Place pork belly in a bowl and add salt, garlic powder, black pepper, and paprika. Mix well.

3. Place pork belly in the air fryer skin side facing down. Set temperature at 350 degrees F and cook for 25 minutes.
4. Flip pork belly with

skin side facing up. Cook for another 10 minutes at 400 degrees F.

5. Drizzle some barbecue sauce and mix until well covered. Serve warm.



2022 Ho-Ho Express set to bring joy to school kids

Buses head to Walmart for shopping extravaganza Dec. 17

by Philip A. Janquart

Christmas is a magical time of year, especially for children.

In Weiser, it becomes even more so thanks to the Ho-Ho Express. For decades now, Santa has taken time out of his busy schedule every December to lead a convoy of buses filled with elementary kids to Walmart in Ontario.

The Christmas convoy this year departs from the Weiser High School parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 8 a.m.

The buses are escorted by law enforcement agencies from Weiser to Ontario, police vehicles flashing their lights and blocking roads to make way for Santa's caravan.

"It's pretty special," said Ho-Ho Express Coordinator Joe Malay. "The buses take us over and we usually get a police escort, and they go over with us, and the ISP (Idaho State Patrol) is out front with their lights flashing. We bring up the rear with Santa Claus. It's controlled chaos, and it's pretty cool."

Once at Walmart, about 250 kids, chaperoned by about 250 "helpers," get to spend \$50 on anything they want, either for themselves or for family members. It's all part of an effort to bring something a little special to those in need. The kids are identified and selected by Weiser School District administrators and teachers. They are kids whose families are struggling and need a little lift during the Christmas season.

"We spend thousands of dollars over there at Walmart in about 56 minutes," said Malay. "We give them \$50 and let them spend it on what they want because Santa doesn't want to limit them on spending it on certain things. This way, they can buy something for themselves that they've really been wanting or a Christmas present for family. It's up to them."

Upon returning to Weiser, kids have the option of having their presents

wrapped by a crew of volunteers set up inside the high school.

The fun isn't reserved for Weiser kids, however. Santa returns to the area on Tuesday, Dec. 20 for the Annex Express, which departs from Annex Charter School at 1 p.m. The buses take kids to Bi-Mart in Weiser, an annual event supported by local real estate company, Select Properties.

Also, identified Weiser High School students receive gift certificates for the Ontario Walmart.

Over half the approximately \$20,000 needed to pull off the event comes from the Hometown Community Benefit, which takes place in September. It includes a golf tournament, auction, and Taste of the Treasure Valley, which features wines and food showcased by vendors from Boise to Caldwell, Ontario to McCall.

The benefit, which recently celebrated its 33rd year, raises money for Ontario-based Help Them to Hope, a nonprofit charitable organization serving area families and seniors in need. A chunk of the money raised also goes to help fund the Ho-Ho Express.

"Being a part of a community means you have to be a part of the community," said Steve Dominguez, owner of Hometown Motors car dealerships and sponsor of the Hometown Community Benefit. "We've been very fortunate with our businesses and with that comes an obligation to give back. It's something near and dear to my family's heart."

Malay raises the rest of the money through charitable donations throughout the year. He said giving back to the community is something that is also near and dear to his heart.

"It's just my way of giving back," Malay said. "I cherish kids and I don't think they can ever be helped out enough, and any time you can help out a kid, you feel good about it."



Above, Steve Dominguez, right, recently presented a \$10,000 check to Ho-Ho Express Coordinator Joe Malay. Dominguez, owner of Hometown Motors car dealerships in Weiser, Fruitland, and Ontario, annually donates the funds raised at his Hometown Community benefit, which raises money for Help Them to Hope, a nonprofit that assists families in need. Courtesy photo



Weiser High School and Middle School choirs present their Christmas concert

With the Christmas season upon us and music in the air, the Weiser High School and Weiser Middle School choirs brought the joy of the holiday to a large audience on Monday, Dec. 5 in the Weiser High School auditorium.

The concert started with the sixth grade choir singing “An-
tiphonal Deck the Hall,” “First

Flakes,” and “A Holly Jolly Holiday.”

Next to perform was the Weiser Middle School, singing “African Noel,” with drum accompaniment by Choir Director Mike Turner and two girls from the Chamber Singers. Their second piece was “Coventry Carol” and the finale was “30 Second Merry Christ-

mas.” The song was timed by audience members and the choir sang it in 30 seconds.

The Group Voice class sang some good, fun music as a group, duets and solos. They performed “White Christmas,” “Let it Snow,” and “Winter Wonderland.”

The Treble Choir is an all-girl choir. They sang “Low, How a

Rose e’re Blooming,” “Glow,” and “We Need a Little Christmas.”

The final group to perform was the Chamber Singers. They sang “Ding Dong Merrily on High,” “Deck the Halls in 7/8,” and “The World for Christmas.”

The choirs were directed by Conductor Mike Turner. Emma

Dombroski provided the recorded/live accompaniments and Mike Turner the programmed accompaniments.

The school wide musical planned for next year is “The Addams Family.” They have had auditions and more information on the play will be published at a later date.

6th Grade Choir



Middle School Choir



WHS Chamber Singers



WHS Treble Choir



Group Voice



Photos by Sarah Imada

Night Light Parade goes off with a ‘BOOM!’

Local children get to whisper Christmas wishes in Santa’s ear at Metropole

by Philip A. Janquart

Hundreds of spectators lined the streets and gathered at the Weiser Train Depot on Friday, Dec. 2 for the 2022 Weiser Night Light Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony.

The parade was a sight to see, with festive trucks and trailers, decorated tractors, flashing firetrucks blowing their horns, high school marching band, and farm animals trailing down State Street, all adorned in holiday glitter and lights – even the animals.

Children jumped from the curb to collect candy thrown from the floats and the Grinch came to wish spectators a Christmas greeting.

The procession ended at Commercial Street, the large crowd of men, women, and children gathering at the depot where Santa Claus led everyone in a round of “Jingle Bells,” then thrust a fist into the air as the lights of the city Christmas tree came to life.

A barrage of exploding fireworks then echoed through the night, their “Booms” and “Bangs,” combined with dazzling shooting colors, creating an exciting and merry atmosphere. Children laughed and clapped and parents’ eyes reflected amusement and even joy.

Families then walked to The Metropole where children took pictures with Santa, some of them whispering their Christmas wishes into his ear.

The *Weiser Signal American* would like to thank the Weiser Chamber of Commerce, the Weiser City Police, Weiser Fire District, and the many volunteers who worked to make the night one to remember.



Above are scenes from the 2022 Weiser Night Light Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony that took place Friday, Dec. 2. The public was treated to a festive atmosphere that was topped off by an evening of fireworks that followed Santa lighting the community Christmas tree at the depot. Kids then visited with Santa at the Metropole. Photos by Philip A. Janquart



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