



# Rejoice!

*It's a season of miracles and a time for gratitude, and we feel blessed to share it with such wonderful friends and neighbors.*

Thank you for your kind support. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas, abundant in health, love and good cheer for your family.

Take some time to enjoy the letters to Santa included in this edition, made possible by the many businesses, organizations, churches and industries delivering you their best for Christmas.

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Take some time to read the enclosed "Letters to Santa," from local 1st 2nd & 3rd graders. They will fill your heart with joy and laughter. But remember, they are just learning to spell.

They were typed exactly as they came to us.

Let the Christmas Greetings from area merchants remind us of the caring community in which we live.

**Belle Elementary First Grade**  
Mrs. Daugherty, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope Reindeer is well. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I have been good all the time Here is my Christmas list, Magic unicorn breyr, ferbees, toyhamsters With cage. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Eva S

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope the roodfis well. Thank you for thepreints you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: sqoosh Melo, P55, tic it tot heNfi. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Creed H

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope you are is well. Thank you for the Beidk you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Korgee. BurBe. Squchee. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Espyn H

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope Dnsr is well. Thank you for the sKutry you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: a Wetee & cLnnetia, kot, minee kr Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Beau J

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope evrhing is well. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I have been a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: rc car, bat man, xbox. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Oliver M**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope rocndeer is well. Thank you for the PreSorts you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: I wat a taoy Hroos. I Wat a taoy krW. I Wat a taoy unikon. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Aisley H

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope RudWdof is well. Thank you for the XBOX you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: tv, brd, rbhdow feibs Stufys. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Asher C

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope roodof is well. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: ihtehtswich, hors, borbedolhaws, Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Lauren P

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope you is well. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I have been a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: ChriStMas, Santu, randeer. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Ayson H

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope Sqtd is well. Thank you for the pesits you brought me last year. This year I have been a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: r c car, HuLk, lrrn man Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**  
Killian R

**Mrs. Daugherty Letters**  
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**Merry Christmas**

We're displaying our holiday best to let you know just how very much we appreciate your support and how proud we are to be at your service.

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At Christmas Time

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# Dear Santa,



Straight from the North Pole to you, we're pleased to share some "best wishes" from our area children to their favorite holiday celebrity.

## Belle Elementary First Grade Mrs. Roningen, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope rudOff haiwLWDOwen is doing well. Thank you for the BOBehasu you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time & good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: BoBehas, Brbie, BaBes SKLSPISMtetsis. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Kinleigh S**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope vore hIPs is well! Thank you for the hcdrS you brought me last year. This year I have been Yes, Good all of the time, Not Good most of the time, Yes a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: A rDfot was ceNSform, A NoW jON, ANeW drt Bic Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Ryker K**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope Olhot is well. Thank you for the MgNW you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Pla ystQtion, Gogtor, Gow. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Preston W**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope elfd is well. Thank you for the Baby doll you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Pcandy, Artcrafs, a toy Rudaff, Books. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Kyrak B**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope siNtue is well. Than kyou for the tedeeey you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: I Wad liKe ANitidoe. I Wad liKe AP55. I Wad liKe Atedee. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,**

**Kaidan N Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope Lehu is well. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time, good most of the time and a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list SupRise presents, Truck, bOat. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Emmett K**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope radere is well. Thank you for the bidosure you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: I Wvut a Jrone, I wvut a MocKuCHrr Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Kypton H**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope Zoom is well. Thank you for the Tv you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: A un BrouctBl taBlk, A unBrouUbc Fon, And A roudr Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Koda J**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope miscos is well. Thank you for the Trit you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time Here is my Christmas list: Lad Buy AND cat nWoPBorbes, MiScrs AND Rudoff, SatvSuFe53 Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Emberlyn S**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope RUdoff is well. Thank you for the MoStk you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list L ee LEGO, LoeoD LEgo, FLASH LEGO Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Easton F**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope ROOdoff is well. Thank you for the ToyBit you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: iNtedosick. Hashn andckah. book. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
Jerry M**

## Belle Elementary First Grade: Mrs. Daugherty, Teacher

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**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope you is well. Thank you for the presis you brought me last year. This year I have been good all the time. Here is my Christmas list: x box, Pees fiev, r secar. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Axel H**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope Redof is well. Thank you for the sKaTBud you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: BrBr, Kr, ciTe With love from,

**Kila-Ren H**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope roodof is well. Thank you for the TyoS you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: StuPee, blankit, gig U Pet Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Amanda M**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope roobof is well. Thank you for the presintz you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: gigUPet, kLosg, Smrt Wothc. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Ariel M**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope Santu is well. Thank you for the Presins you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Ps5, FlecnriKsKoodur, Gams. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Gatlin R**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope the Elfs is well. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Pj's, Big Stuff, tikitsto the Chifes Game. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Kate M**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope samTw is well. Thank you for the sCOOTr you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: GOI, dOI, oc ToPWs. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Mia B**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope siNtue is well. Than kyou for the tedeeey you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: I Wad liKe ANitidoe. I Wad liKe AP55. I Wad liKe Atedee. Thank you, Santa.

**With love from, Kaidan N**

**Dear Santa,**

How are you? I hope roodof is well. Thank you for the toy you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: toY, QoShMlos, PreSis Thank you, Santa.

**With love from,  
AuBree R**

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# HOLIDAY JOY

Big thanks to all of the kind folks who have made our year so special. We're very grateful for friends and neighbors like you.

As we welcome the holiday season, we hope it finds you surrounded by abundant happiness and good fortune. **Best wishes!**

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**Belle Elementary Second Grade**  
Mrs. Gehlert, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? This year I want stuffed animals please because they are so cute that's why I want them. Thank you SO MUCH for the iPad! The Other thing I want is an electric dirt bike so I can go to Have's and Kami's house, because we are going to be neighbors soon. Can you give me a scooter for Aspen because she gave me a present Last year.

Sincerely,  
**Reese K**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for The Drawing gift. I draw every Day. How are The elfs? I want is a squishmellow. I like to hug it. and I want a drawing set. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

**Bailey N**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for giving me a bb gun last year. How has the North Pole been going? Can I please have a squirrel gun for Christmas because I am going squirrel hunting this year, I wish you a great Christmas and I wish all the kids out there like you a Merry Christmas

Love,  
**Levi D**

**Dear Santa,**  
ThAnk yOu for The Legos ThAT I GOT LAST year! HOW IS IT going UP AT The North Pole? A Want A Nerfgun with 10 BulleTS TO shOOT JOE with it.

**Kristen L**

**Dear Santa,**  
Santa how are you doing this year? How is mrs claus? thake you for the BarBee Doll Dream house? Santa I want mommy to have a Baby! I want a wopee cooshen I will trick Dad and Leo! I want a tomugochee!

**Lena S**

**Dear Santa,**  
How is it going up there? All I really want is LegoS and Stuffed animals and a new baby Yoda and Slime Set.

Love, **Gracie W**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the New Phone case I got Last year. This year I want a New TaBlet, Slime Kits, and life skin baby. How are the elfs doing today and the Raindear and you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you guys are doing great.

We wish you a merry Christmas.  
**Beckett R**

**Dear Santa,**  
Last year When you gave me that Magnetic dartboard I loved it! By the way, how are the elves today Jeffy was holding Jett's toothbrush. What I want for Christmas is for my Mom to have less work because she has to do everything. I also would like some new art supplies because my pencils are low. I hope you have a terrific Christmas. Your friend.

**Chandler N**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the elves last year. Thank you for the dolls last year. Why did you get the Elves, did you make some elves and did you find some of them? I want for christmas is a squishmellow and an elves. I wish you a merry Christmas. Your friend

**Gracie J**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the toy Cats Vs Pickles I got last year. Henry got Dogs vs Squirrels. I got a pickle! Yum. I am wondering what you will get me this year. This year I want to see my cousin Addy. Because I barely get to see her. Both my tablets broke so I want a tablet.

**Violet J**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Minecraft Game you got me last year. How is it in the North Po,e? I Want a new Squishmellow because they are so cute. I want a new horse statue little size because I love statues. The elves tpd my tree and now they are digging into our gifts.

**Brayden G**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the BasketBall. There are four things I want. 1 I want a Oculus Quest 3. I have the Quest 2 but I want the new one. 2. I want Heelys /I saw them on my ipad and they looked too cool. 3. Posa markers. I've seen really cool art with them and I want to try. 4. a silver necklace why you might ask? My brother has one and I want one.

**Cav z**

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the gell bastek for me. Last year. how old is your yugis rane deer can i get a New gell blaster so I can shoot my brutere with it, 2 and a ball so I can Play fech with my Dog, 3 a wood cutter so i can cut wood with it. i wish you a Merry Christmas

**Braxton H**

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like a four Wheeler. ThaNK you for The laptop you got me last year. although i wish you can help me With something I Weed you to heg my Mom. She works all day and night I just want you to Help her and I want to make her come home More. Thank you.

**Kamdyn**

**Dear Santa,**  
I love you so much. You are my best friend. A Want a new hover board. I want a new babydoll. I needa new toy tiger. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

**Aspen V**

**Belle Elementary First Grade**  
Mrs. Lambeth, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope mrS CiOvs is well. Thank you for the FnAF Vr you brought melast year. This year I have been good all of the time, good most of the time & a little bit naughty. Here is my Christmas list: FAFV, pS5, Xbox Thank you, Santa.

With love from,  
**Seth W jr**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope rUdolPh is well. Thank you for the LoLBArbie you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. Here is my Christmas list: BArbie, LOL, crOlOWn. Thank you, Santa.

With love from,  
**Mia M**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope The ranbeerrein is well. Thank you for the moeit you brought me last year. This year I have been a little bit naughtier. Here is my Christmas list: chriKo, Uncoorn, PinSGLs. Thank you, Santa.

With love from,  
**Aaliyah N**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope The elves is well. Thank you for the Nightlight you brought melast year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: Games, BArbies, BaseBalls. Thank you, Santa.

With love from,  
**Rylee U**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope RUdorPh is well. Thank you for the RCCAR you brought me last year. This year I have been good all of the time. Here is my Christmas list: RC CAR, tRnn, plleCHAKCHA dRchali Thank you, Santa.

With love from,  
**Leighton L**

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I hope MRs. Clays is well. Thank you for the my LOL dOll you brought me last year. This year I have been good most of the time. HEre is my Christmas list: GaBBY CAT playhowse, unicorn, rainbo wcorn Thank you, Santa.

With love from,  
**Thara A**

*Wishing You a Beautiful Season*

May you and yours be graced with all the special blessings this season of joy holds. We wish you every happiness as you celebrate Christmas and ring in the New Year among cherished family and friends.

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have yourself a merry little christmas!

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**SEASONS GREETINGS**





**BES hosts Christmas Concert with rockin' kiddos**

Belle Elementary School's first through third grades hosted a Christmas concert on Dec. 14 complete with dancing Santas and rockin' reindeer. Each grade performed three songs. Second graders (above) sang loud during their performance and sang along with third grade (below) during their musical debut as well.

PHOTO BY JACOB WARDEN



**WARM WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS**

From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

**Hollie Dean, Agent**

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BELLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S Christmas concert from Dec. 14

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May you enjoy all the blessings this wonderful time of year has to offer. Your generosity and support have meant so much to us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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**Christmas in Vienna**

The Vienna Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Christmas Around the Square event on Nov. 25 in coordination with Small Business Saturday. Festivities included a lighted parade, wintry crafts in the Vienna Library and Christmas performances by local dance classes. The Vienna Lions Club once again brought Santa Claus to town to take pictures with kids in The Maries County Bank.

PHOTOS BY JACOB WARDEN AND COLIN WILLARD



**We wish you a Merry Christmas**  
...and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Mark James, Ryan Davis, Alan Fick, William Laughlin  
Gretchen Koelling, Rebecka Smith, Jane Cape

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**Vienna Elementary  
First Grade B**  
Ms. Reed, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
I want Sqjis mallows, ackibaddall, flaing, baby a dollie, a baby set.

**From,**  
Madelyn H

**Dear Santa,**  
I bin nicd. I wunt a gitcc. I wunt a pig squtschmill. Pistlls clo. Pevf i5V.

**From,**  
Dallas M

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been nise. I wuet Elf! I wut a 100 Squish mallow. I Love Santa! I wunt a Sprcl Mrcr.

**From,**  
Zoie K

**Dear Santa,**  
I want lte oldes nrthingen, iphone, gold mrockrs, chick, sowsh Mallows, P55, Hot wele.

**From,**  
Preston H

**Dear Santa,**  
I hav been nice. I wut then I wut a P55. I wut a pilh Shopaf. I wuat fifwl.

**From,**  
Aiden K

**Dear Santa,**  
I haveb in gab. sauishmallows cawchoth goiw babe dall hecid phone mot cinntow abtih hipow.

**From,**  
Carly J

**Dear Santa,**  
I have ben nice. I wunt a Brbe. I wld love a Squishmallow. Can you sind a phone to papa. thank you!

**From,**  
Madison J

**Dear Santa,**  
Ive bean nice. For Christams I want pickle ball and stufes. I want a toyjelly fish to. I want a real fish. And squish mallows.

**Sincerely,**  
Callee

**Dear Santa,**  
I been good. Con I have a Blik a Fit Fish Barbie camper a Squishmallows 1.00002\$.

**Sincerely,**  
Alyvia M

**Dear Santa,**  
I bin nise I wunt a Playsishinets and in iPhone and a Pet bunny.

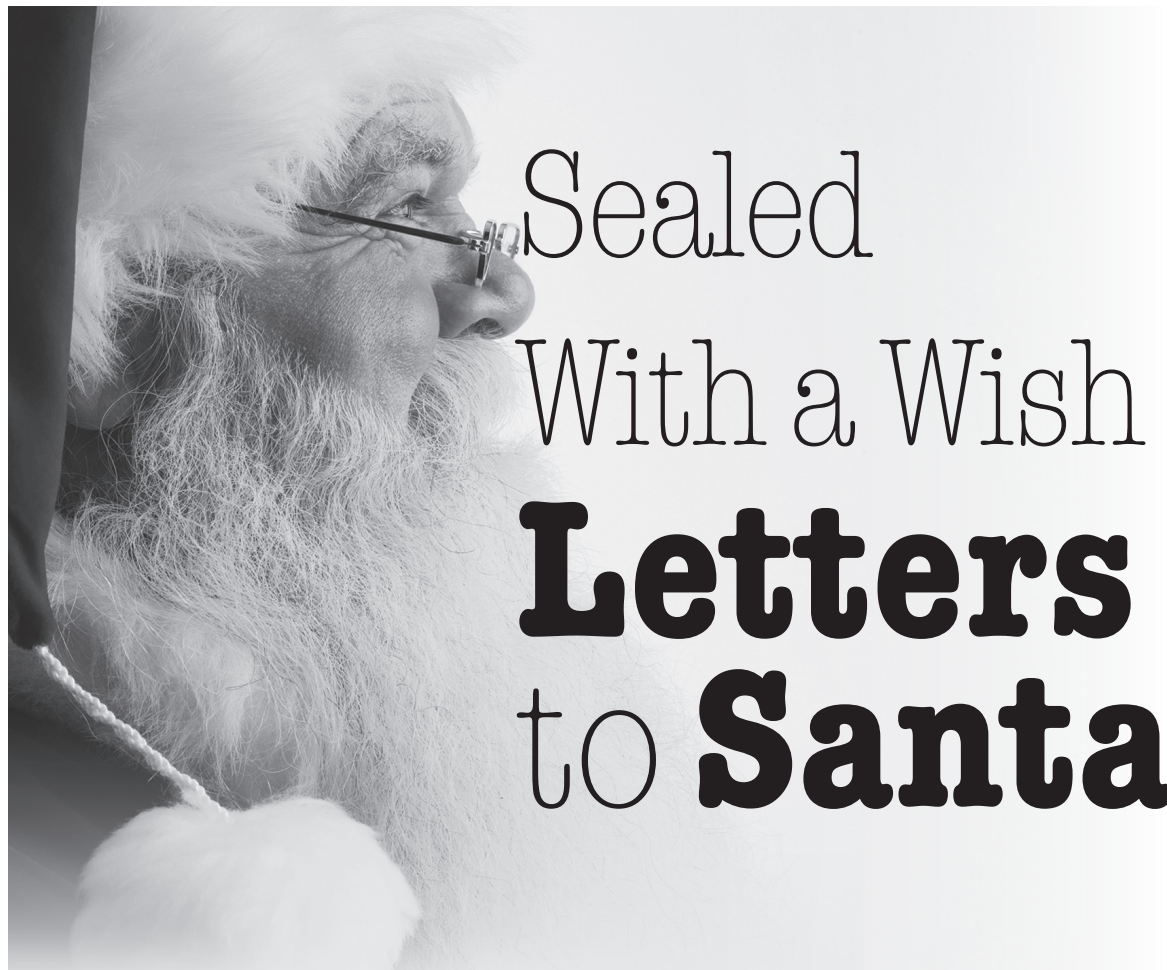
**From,**  
Tyler F

**Dear Santa,**  
I have ben nice. I wut a cat. I wut a dog. I wut a book. I wut a compeuterd. I wut a glieFLMFR's.

**From,**  
Vayda O

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been good. P55, RC, LC90, Hotweel, ShiPr 100, D3, TV, SQUISH-MALLowS.

**From,**  
Boone B



## Sealed With a Wish Letters to Santa

**Vienna Elementary First Grade A**

Mrs. Metcalf, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Calvin. I hope you bring me 1. Chromebook hp. 2. Pokemon. 3. Ifon.

**From,**  
Kalvin P

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Karson I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me 1. xbox. 2. ntido sich. 3. tablt. I'll set out cookies!

**From,**  
Karson M

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Nora. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me 1. JOJO. 2. Pelo Pilo. 3. Ripstik. I'll set out cookies!

**From,**  
Nora S

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Holden. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me 1. P55. 2 xbox. 3. Pockemon cror. I'll set out cookies!

**From,**  
Holden S

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Graci. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me 1. hors. 2. elf. 3. toto. I'll set out cookies!

**From,**  
Graci C

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Hank. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me 1. nintendo. 2. dog. 3. b5t. I'll set our cookies!

**From,**  
Hank H

**Vienna Elementary Second Grade A**

Mr. Trusty, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
I am Micah and I am eight years old. This year I am nice. Something I want is new baseball gloves. Something I really want is a new hunting boot also I am wanting a football that is a team I like is lions and raider a t-shirt.

**From,**  
Micah M

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Aubree. I am 7 yers old. I have been good something I really want is a pogostick. Something i want squishmallow and a pair of shoes that are vary sofft and a Christmas dreeses and baby that looks like a real baby. I have cookies and milk!

**From,**  
Aubree C

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Greyson. I am eight years old. I am in secent grad. I have been good and bad. I don't know what I really want. But I want pokymon cards. that are shighny and cristl charsards, ivs, archannines mews, and evs.

**Sea you soon,**  
Greyson G

**Dear Santa,**  
Myname is Noralynne. And I really want a brother with a nice adatood. And I want shopkins but not as much as giving my brother a new adatood. And I was good. And I am eight years old.

**Your friend,**  
Noralynne J

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Mark. How old you are i im 7 something. I want is a Bmx bike and toy dirtbikes. I have been good this year. Something you would like to have is a Bmx scooter a fish and a turtle.

**By,**  
Mark S

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Raelynne. I am 8 years old. I really want squishmallows. I also want a new pair of roller blades. I want some candy too. I like ready too so can I have some chapter books?

**See you soon,**  
Raelynne J

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Colt. I am 8 year old. I wunt an xbox. I would like to have another Kuttan. I have been good. I wunt a blaster four wheeler 200 SKroke. I have cookies and milk.

**See you soon,**  
Colt M

**Dear Santa,**  
I really want my dogs name is to zoos stayulive. How old are you. I am seven yars old. My nam is Aaron. I have good in class. I ward like to have a baby.

**From,**  
Aaron C

**Dear Santa,**  
My Name is Amelia. I amd 7 years old. Something you really want a phone. I have been good.

**From,**  
Amelia M

**Dear Santa,**  
For Crismis I have been good. This year I want to have Squish mallow. I am Siven uears old. I would like to have a goldin Char mander. I have cookies and milk for you.

**From,**  
Trenton S

**Dear Santa,**  
I want a toy cat's and dog's. I am 7 yer's old. I have been good this yer. I Love you!

**From,**  
Reyna N

**Vienna Elementary**

**Second Grade B**

Mrs. Weidinger, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you doing? How are your reideer? I am 7 years old. If you wouldn't mind, I would like a new fone case of Jack Skiltin, a new blue eyed baby husky and a new pet horse.

**your frided,**  
Emeri H

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year. If you wouldn't mind, I would like a green feratlinener remote control car hallg 2 Lage Simi trucks a cat a mach box car haller.

**Your Frend,**  
Andrew R

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been nise this year. If you wodn't mind I wld like a dog Man book for Chrismis this year.

**Your Frind,**  
George S

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? How are you doing? I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. If you wouldn't mind I would like a Pokemon plushy and a Hot Wheel set. I also want a Mincraft plushy.

**you friend,**  
Carson B

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? I am 7 years old. I have been trying my best this year. I would like a pokmon binder and the legend of Zelda: Tears of kingdom (game). And an Ultra rare rillaboom pokemon card.

**Your friend,**  
Raylan D

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? How have you been? How have our elfs been and Mrs. Claws been? I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year. If you wouldn't mind, I would like a band set this year for christmas. I also want airpane tickets please and thank you.

**Your friend,**  
Maebri L

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your elfs doing? I am 8 years old. I have been nice this year. If you wouldn't mind, I would like a bolling set for Christmas this year.

**Your friend,**  
Gentry R

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year. If you don't mind, I would like a phon, some toy makeup, a toy unicorn, a water bottle, a cocoa cola, a handred chart and a lot of work.

**your friend,**  
Virginia H

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? How are you? I am 7 years old. I have been naughty and nice. If you wouldn't mind, I would like a pet rabbit and two kittens.

**Your friend,**  
Della R

**Dear Santa,**  
How are gour reindeer? HOW aare you? I am 7 yers old. I have been nice this year. If yoe wouldn't min I would like playstshin showe, bearaeaeed a ragon. Ipad noolun boand rootber. i wil lev cuces.

**Your friend,**  
Max K

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you are doing well this year. I am 8 years old. I have been nice this year. If you bon't mind, I wold like to have loge's and Hot wheels and some Transt Formers. I wold like some arshin figers and some army men.

**your friend,**  
August N

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you and Miss Clas? I am 8 years old I have been nice and naty. If you wouldn't minde I want bell botutums and brown boots and a basketball that dusent make sound. I would like hip hop close a basketball bag mageck treehoous books and art stuf. I would like anuthr shelf and 6 days off school. So I can play with my toys and brive my dad and mom krasny with them. Ha Ha Ha.

**Yore friend,**  
Ella W

**Dear Santa,**  
How are your reindeer? How are you? I am 7 years old. If you wouldn't mind I would like some new close for Christmas this year.

**Your friend,**  
Meredith T

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**"Thanksmas" concert**

Preschool, kindergarten, first grade and second grade students at Vienna Elementary School celebrated both Thanksgiving and Christmas during their Nov. 30 "Thanksmas" concert. Thanksgiving songs such as "I Like Turkey" sung by the first graders preceded "He'll Be Comin' Down the Chimney" sung by the kindergartners.

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**Eagle Pride Band**

The Vienna Eagle Pride Band headlined the Vienna bands' Christmas concert on Dec. 12. The group began by performing a marching routine through the gym. Later, they sat down to play "A Charlie Brown Christmas" arranged by Paul Murtha and "A Jazzy Christmas" arranged by Johnnie Vinson.

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**Vienna Middle School bands**

The Vienna Sixth Grade Band performed "Jingle Bells" and "Up on a Housetop," both arranged by Michael Sweeney, at the Dec. 12 Christmas concert. Later, the Vienna Middle School Band raised their instruments (above) during "Santa the Barbarian" by Randall Standridge.

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VIENNA CHRISTMAS on the Square from Nov. 25.

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**Vienna Elementary  
Third Grade A  
Ms. Hamilton, Teacher**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Elayna and I am 8 years old for christmas this year I want a furby pajamas and an inflatable fuzzy cat chair. Something I would wear is a crack-top. Also something I would read is battle dragon #3. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving cookies for you and oatmeal and carrots for the reindeer.

**Sincerely,  
Elayna B**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Henry and I am 8 years old for christmas this year I want a car lego set, lego police stashon and something I need is food Something I would wear is Sweet Shirts also something I would read is five night at freddys. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**sincerely,  
Henry D**

**dear Santa Claus,**  
My name is Cora. Im eight year old. I love my dog I want my family to be helthy thats what I want for crismas. If you have time a bag from the hen house. My dog to be safe and hethy and the kids that don't have toys our stuff to get it for crismas.

**Sincerely,  
Cora W**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Kaseigh and I am 8 years old. For Christmas this year. I want some more glitter any colour I also want some moulds and some more gel. Some thing I need is cow girl boots. Come thing I would wear flar Sweetpar Also something I would read is BillyJo. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good.

**Sincerely,  
Kaleigh M**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
My name is Kassis and I am 9 Years old. For Christmas this year I want to see my cousin's, to have a new tv and a new phone. Something I need is a go cart. Something I would wear is a cow print shirt. Also, something I would read is fun book. I have been good this year. I will be leaving cookies for you and carrots.

**Love,  
Kassidi R**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Maci. I am 8 years old for Christmas this year I want slime and LOL something I need a water botel. Also I would wear bell botum. Something I would read is a pig capter book. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been wait for you. I will be leaving carrocs and cookes and milk.

**Sincerely,  
Maci C**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Ivory. and I am 9 year old. For chirstmas this year, I want Border collie and shopkins and num num. Some thing I would wear is a blue shirts. Also something I would read is shopkin book. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been Nice This year. I will be leaving milk and cookie for you and for the reindeer.

**Sincerely,  
Ivory H**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Grand and I am 8 years old. For chirstmas this year I want toy truck, tractor and dump truck. Something I need is new shoes. Something I would wear is new clothes. Something I would read is a farm book. I cant wait for you to visit. I have been good.

**Sincerely,  
Grant K**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Leah and I am 8 years old. For Christmas this year I want bellbottoms a horse and Lainey Wilson ticket's. Something I need is new boots. Something I would wear is bellbottoms. Also something I would read is a farm book. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer.

**Sincerely your friend,  
Leah S**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Brook and I am 8 years old. For christmas this year, I want baby, yoda and coler book Something I need is more Pls.

**Sincerely,  
Brooklyn R**



**Third Annual Missouri State Capitol High School Choir Performance**

JEFFERSON CITY — The Third Annual Missouri State Capitol High School Choir Performance was held on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023. The following schools were able to attend the event this year: Vienna, Rolla, St. James, Houston, Licking, Cabool, Summersville, Mountain View/Liberty, Salem, Mountain Grove, Mansfield, Waynesville, Gainesville, Thayer &

West Plains. The hosts of this year's event were Senator Karla Eslinger, Senator Justin Brown, Senator Jason Bean, Representative Hannah Kelly, Representative David Evans, Representative Darrell Atchison, Representative Travis Smith, Representative Don Mayhew, Representative Bill Hardwick, Representative Tara Peters,

Representative Ron Copeland, and Representative Bennie Cook. The students had the opportunity to perform three Christmas carols, take a tour of the Capitol and have lunch provided by the hosts. "Thank you to all of the students and staff that made the trip up to Jeff City. It was an honor to help highlight the talents of our students across our state," stated

Program Organizer Bennie Cook. The tentative date for the 2024 program is Wednesday, Dec. 4. For more questions about this event or for assistance with scheduling a tour of the Capitol, contact Representative Cook's office at 573-751-2264.

**Vienna Elementary Third Grade B  
Mrs. Ives, Teacher**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is andrew and I am 9 years old For Christmas this year I wont Disney Planes Die Cast a USA Presidents and 16 Diary of a Wimpy Kid Books Something I need is Air Jordans. Something I would wear is Tune Squad shirt and shorts Also something I would read is Dusty Crophopper I can't wait for you to visit I have been Good this year I will be leaving cookies and milk for you and Carrots for the reindeer.

**Sincerely Your friend,  
Andrew T**

**Dear Santa,**  
I can't wait for you to visit my hous. I have been good this year. I will be leaving you plane cookes with icing and whit some whit malk. For your reindeer will lay out carets and magic rander food. My name is Trinity and I am 8 years old. For chirstmas this year I want an iphon 15, slim and anoe christmas tree. Something that I need is gum Something I would wan is a christmas swader. Also something I would read is a baby siter book.

**Love,  
Trinity C**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
My name is Lillian I am i year old. Can I pleas have a stow glob, jewelry and hey dudes. Something I need is new summer clothes, winter clothes. Something I would wear is crop tops for cheer. I will read a Diary of apog. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving christmas cookes for you and carits for the reindeer.

**Love,  
Lillian I**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
My name is Johnathon. I am 8 years ol. For Christmas I would like a stuffed dog, leggos, and a Monster truck. I would wear a jersey from any NBA Team. I also need new shoes. It's like to have a book about lightening Mcqueen. I can't wait for you to visit. I hop you like the chocolate cookie I will leave for you. Have a safe trip!

**Love,  
Johnathon S**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Savannah and I am 8 years old. For Christmas this year, I want slime, blind squishy bags and fidgets. Something I need is some clothes that are in pairs. Some thing I would wear is dresses. Also, some thing I would read is the baby sitter club. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year I will be leaving Oreos and chocolate milk for you and for your reindeer I will leave some carotts. I hope you can get me all of the things bye.

**Love,  
Savannah W**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Matthew and I am 9 year's old. For Christmas this year I want a ligo set, snow a lot and a mechanical pencil's. Somthing I need is snow boot's. Somthing I would wear is a snow coat. Also I would read is I suvived Graphic Novels. I cant wait for you to visit. I have been good this year I will be leving milk and oreo's for you and carrot's for your reindeer.

**Your friend,  
Matthew C**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
My name is Emarie and I am 8 years old. For Christmas this year, I want a wednesday cluring dook, a craft set, and gum Something I need is now boots. Something I would wear is a chran shrt. Also something I would read is the bab gise book. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving 6 coclet chip cookeys for you and 9 carits for the reindeers.

**Love,  
Emarie F**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Ellarie and I am 9 year old. For Chrimas this year, I want a mouth gard for basketball and a basketball jersey. I need sum shorts and shoes. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving oreos for you and carrot for the reindeer and one more thaning I need is book to read.

**Love,  
Ellarie M**

**Dear Santa,**  
I am 8 years. For Christmas I want a bb gun & espe. Something I need my mom. Something I would wear is a car dnart coat. Also something I would read is ever seirer of I survived. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving oroq for you and the reindeer.

**Love,  
Jay H**

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa, I have tring my best this year. Santa I am going to put your cookies on my table by my christmas tree and I am going to put your raindeer carots on my back porch. Santa I want a bullrideing simulator and I want a rodot cat and I need a cowboy hat.

**From,  
Keetyn W**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Rustin and I am 8 years old. For Christmas this year I want everybody to be happy, and have everybody to have a Merry Christmas, and a re pulling truck with a pulling trailer. Something I need is pants. Something I ill wear is Hay Dudes. Something I would read is How the Grinch Stole Christmas. I have been good this year. I can't wait for you to visit us.

**Love,  
Rustin R**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Cameron and I am 9 years old. For Christmas this year, I want books and toys and math. Something I need rosin. Something I would wear is Sweet Shout. Also, something I would read is bull I can wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leving you cooces for you and likl for the reindeer.

**Love,  
Cameron S**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Noah and I 8 years old For Christmas this year I want mechanical Pencels and a hamster. Something I need is a art box Something I would wear is a brcaslit Also something I would read is the last lids on urth.

**With love,  
Noah E**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
My name is Addie and I am 9 years old. For Christmas this year I want christmas mimibrands, a keyboard, and a amirican gril dolls. Something I need is a parot that talks. Something I would wear is a mrs. clause oufit. Something I want is L.O.L camper. I am leaving you lots of cookies and carots for the riendeer. I think I am in the midle of the list. I lso want some babysitters little sister books. Also, what kind of carots do you riendeer like? Also thank you for the presents last year at christmas.

**Love,  
Addie E**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Kloe and I am 8 years old. For christmas this year I want Adorables Magice Mixies and a snow globe. Something I need is my famly to be happy. Something I would wear is a teal necklase. Also something I would read is Heartwood hotel A True Home 2. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving a Little Debbie and milk. and carrots for the reindeer.

**Love,  
Kloe P**

**Dear Santa,**  
My name is Heidi and I am 9 years old. For Christmas this year, I want a basketball thing that times you. Something I need is a blue bike. Something I would wear is a dress. I can't wait for you to visit. I have been good this year. I will be leaving chocolate chip cookies for you and carrot's for the reindeer.

**Love,  
Heidi O**



**Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas!**  
No matter where you're headed this Christmas, we're hoping your holiday leaves you laughing all the way!  
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**Heartfelt Greetings & Very Best Wishes**

As we celebrate this Christmas season, we're filled with gratitude for the friendship and support of this community. Thank you for helping make our lives so special this past year.

**Merry Christmas, Everyone!**

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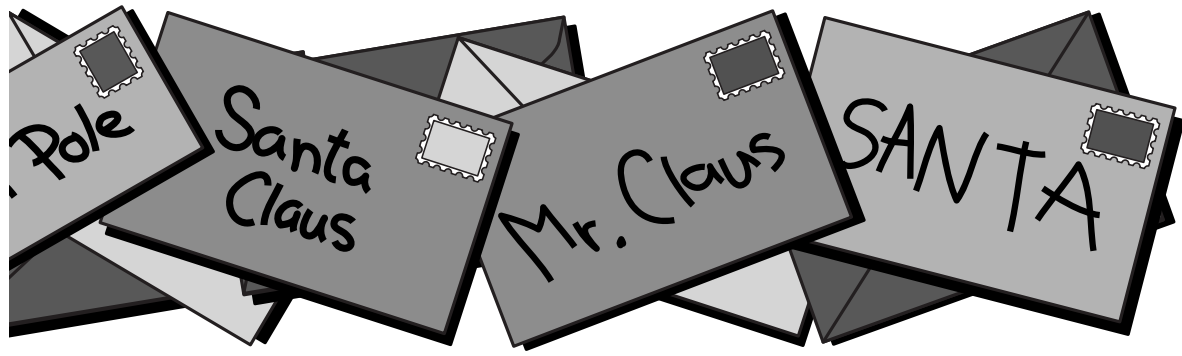
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## Visitation Inter-Parish Vienna Early Learning Center AM Class Mrs. Snodgrass and Mrs. Edwards, Teachers

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Princess game I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the reindeer because I like reindeer. Would you build a snowman with me?

This year for Christmas, I would like a big kitchen set with a trash can and food for me and Jada. My Daddy wants a chicken set. My Mommy wants a big, big, giant toy. My new baby wants baby toys. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I will leave you cookies, milk and sugar on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Leslie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the tablet I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you and Mrs. Claus. Can I help the elves make toys?

This year for Christmas, I would like more make-up. Cooper wants more dinosaurs. Jetson likes more baby toys like a chair and a big, huge table with a high chair so he sits back and eats. I'm doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you cookies, water and milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Heidi**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the dinosaur eggs I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a dinosaur. Can I feed your reindeer?

This year for Christmas, I would like a stuffed animal, a big dinosaur toy and a Ninja Turtles blanket.

I'm doing the best I can at being good. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Brylee**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the hay ring, twin calves and Ford tractor I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. Can I have something please?

This year for Christmas, I would like a bucket for a tractor, a play high lift and a bike. I'm doing the best I can at being good. I will leave carrots for your reindeer on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Luke**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the cars I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. How does your sleigh fly?

This year for Christmas, I would like cars, trucks and dinosaurs. I'm doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Jax**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toy snake I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see frogs. Do you like cookies and milk?

This year for Christmas, I would like a truck, a toy that goes up and down and a tiger. I am doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Jaxson**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the kitty cat pillow I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a big, giant mermaid. Do you like cookies?

This year for Christmas, I would like a purple Furby, a unicorn toy, a monkey toy and a kitty toy. I have been a little bit naughty this year, but I will be good sometimes. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Kynnedi**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the clothes I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a dinosaur. What do you like to eat?

This year for Christmas, I would like a little refrigerator toy, a Squishmallow and toy doctor stuff. I have been very good this year. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Lexanne**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Barbie House I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the reindeer and people. Can I see your reindeer when it's dark?

This year for Christmas, I would like a candy cane, baby dolls and Barbie dolls. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I will leave you milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Oaklyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the guns I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you and the reindeer. Where do you live?

This year for Christmas, I would like a treasure box, a stuffed animal and markers. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I will leave you cookies and a toy on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Olivia**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the snowflake present I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the Ho Ho sleigh. Would you bring Preston a dino?

This year for Christmas, I would like a play Lego set, a Ho Ho hat and a Christmas reindeer. I'm doing the best I can at being good. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Presley**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the coloring set I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. Could I spend the night with you at the North Pole?

This year for Christmas, I would like another coloring set, a Princess Lego set and glue. I am doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Sawyer**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the stroller I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the reindeer. Will you make a snowman with me?

This year for Christmas, I would like a Barbie Dream House, a Barbie camper and a freezer for my Barbies. I am doing the best I can at being good. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Sophia**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the trucks I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. Will you give us presents?

This year for Christmas, I would like a hoverboard and a new bumper car. I am doing the best I can at being good. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Jan**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the cookies I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. Will you get me a present?

This year for Christmas, I would like a doll, an elf and sprinkles. I am doing the best I can at being good. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Isabella**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Mickey Mouse phone I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you and the elves. Will you bring presents?

This year for Christmas, I would like a coloring book, a cutting board and a hammer. I am doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve because you love them.

**Love,  
Zoey**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the school bus I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the animals. What is your favorite food?

This year for Christmas, I would like a Play Doh kitchen set, Barbies and race cars. I'm doing the best I can to be good. I will leave you presents on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Charity**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the RC car I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you and your reindeer. Will you bring toys?

This year for Christmas, I would like a monster truck, toy monster trucks and 5 monster trucks. I have been very good this year. I cleaned my mom's house. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Kastyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the dog robot I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the reindeer. Can I see one of your reindeer?

This year for Christmas, I would like a dirt bike, new skates because I broke mine, and a dinosaur. I have been a little bit naughty, but kind of good. I will leave you Santa cookies and a toy on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Cole**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the gifts I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the reindeer. Can I have a present?

This year for Christmas, I would like cars and trucks. I have been very good this year. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Dominic**

## Visitation Inter-Parish Vienna Early Learning Center PM Class Mrs. Snodgrass and Mrs. Edwards, Teachers

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. Will you punch our tickets to the North Pole?

This year for Christmas, I would like Spiderman and letters. Maggi likes a toy that shakes like a baby toy. I am doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you toys on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Grady**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the big Barbie House and camper I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see trains. When is Christmas?

This year for Christmas, I would like a real phone, a Moana doll and blanket, a real Barbie Apple watch and two iPads because ours got left out in the rain and I want Camden to have his own because I don't want to share. I am doing the best I can to be good. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Maddie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the elves. What do your reindeer eat?

This year for Christmas, I would like a tractor, a truck and a dump truck. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Holt**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the firetruck I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see Christmas time. What are your reindeer names?

This year for Christmas, I would like a tractor, a dump truck and a new firetruck because mine broke. I have been very good this year. I will leave you a toy on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Weston**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the candy I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. Do you have candy and toys?

This year for Christmas, I would like candy, ice cream, and more candy. I am doing the best I can at being good this year. I will leave you cake on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Carson**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Elmo toy I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see my friend who is big and tall. Will you send presents at Christmas?

This year for Christmas, I would like dinosaur toys, to play all day at school, and to go shopping. I'm doing the best I can at being good. I will leave you presents on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Emersyn**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Wii I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a train. Can I ride on your sleigh with you?

This year for Christmas, I would like a robot, slime and a mermaid. I have been very good this year. I will leave you milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Dominic**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the dirt bike toy I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you. How do you get your sleigh to fly?

This year for Christmas, I would like slime, dirt bike toys and a fake sword. I am doing the best I can to be good. I will leave you toys on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Lynkon**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the gift I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see you and your sleigh. Can you go invisible?

This year for Christmas, I would like a toy policeman, a toy Army man and a robot officer. I have been a little bit naughty but also very good at being nice. I will leave you one of my toys on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Dallas**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the blocks I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a snowman. How do your reindeer fly?

This year for Christmas, I would like a Princess doll, a rainbow garden and a Princess house. I'm doing the best I can to be good. I will leave you cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Sadie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the gift I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the elves. Will you be my best friend?

This year for Christmas, I would like a make-up table, real make-up, and my own room. I have been a little bit naughty this year. I will leave you cookies, milk and carrots on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Heidi**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a snowman. How are you?

This year for Christmas, I would like a Christmas tree, baby doll and Magna Tiles. I have been very good this year. I will leave you milk on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Daisy**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see a snowman. Will you bring presents?

This year for Christmas, I would like a snowman, an eagle and an apple. I am doing the best I can to be good. I will leave you a crocodile on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Kinzee**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the water and jump in and see a shark. Do you like Triceratops?

This year for Christmas, I would like dinosaurs, a monster truck and Triceratops. I have been very good this year. I will leave you a picture on Christmas Eve.

**Love, Cooper**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys I got for Christmas last year. If I could visit the North Pole, I would love to see the elves.

This year for Christmas, I would like a baby doll and coloring set. I have been very good this year. I will leave you cookies on Christmas Eve.

**Love,  
Rebecca**

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# Letters to Santa from Visitation Inter-Parish

Take some time to read the enclosed "Letters to Santa," from local 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders. They will fill your heart with joy and laughter.

But remember, they are just learning to spell. They were typed exactly as they came to us.



**Visitation Inter-Parish Vienna Kindergarten and First Grade**  
Ms Gruenefeld, Teacher

*Dear Santa,*  
I wakoala. I waloe. I wlooo. I wotsc. I wsth.  
**From,**  
Rhett B

*Dear Santa,*  
IKU. IGU. IHR. ILAG. IBUK. iBK.  
**From,**  
Levi O

*Dear Santa,*  
Ples can I hava Hvorbod FroM you.  
**From,**  
Landree S

*Dear Santa,*  
I wuet BaB, S KoalDea, LaGo.  
**From,**  
Jada J

*Dear Santa,*  
I want LoLs. I want a ddog. I want a koala. I want a cat. I want a toss kons.  
**From,**  
Annie N

*Dear Santa,*  
FXV POnpa O 10 HPVogRBn J eeg9FMnE.  
**From,**  
Josie

*Dear Santa,*  
I Ples can dog, Koala monkey, Lagl.  
**From,**  
Ella W

*Dear Santa,*  
I ioHaTe SBRn TOORP FMNE.  
**From,**  
Landrie B

*Dear Santa,*  
I want a tuy Koala, dog.  
**From,**  
Easton Q

## Visitation Inter-Parish Vienna Second and Third Grade

Mrs. Elliott, Teacher

*Dear Santa,*  
I want a horst for christmis. I want a blanket for chirstmis. I want a stuffs a name for christmis. I want a play Pony for christmis. I want a crombook for christmis. I want a blowup for christmis. I want a set of nail ples for christmis. I want a play horst for chirstmis. I want a ortmiit for christmis. I want a desk for christmis. I want a gnomes for christmis.

**Love,**  
Lettie B

*Dear Santa,*  
I would like a hover board and a bigger dirt bike, some boots to with a vest. I would like Legozs and a rc car that can drive on water. I like pas power four weeler new hunting geer for when it is cold outside.

**Senselery,**  
Isaac O

*Dear Santa,*  
I wat a gass pawer 4 weeler and I wat a 243. Santa I wat a dert bicke and a pelet gun. Santa I wat a traplen and a new bicke and a bigy.

**Love,**  
Cody W

*Dear Santa,*  
What I want for christmas are some two desks and two cairs to playschool. I want cute dress and legings to and a Big kichen play set. I want to help with kids that their parents do not have the mony to get the kids presents. I also want ta Barbie with realy long hair.

**Love,**  
Peyten S

*Dear Santa,*  
I want for christmas is a neclis that has a locket and it has a picsher in it of my family. I also want a vaver bord and a mom cat thats going to have 10 kittens and cuned ick sand.

**Love,**  
Bonnie F

*Dear Santa,*  
For christmas I want a peper marbleing kit, apple watchv (color light blue), knedic sand (color purple), stocking hat (color dark blue), and gloves. I want a stocking hat because the one at home does not fit me any more. I hope to see you Soon!

**Love,**  
Sadie R

*Dear Santa,*  
I don't want much this year. I hope this is oaky with you. I want Ariat jeans, Army related stuff, and a backpack. Sorry to ask but thank you.

**Sincerely,**  
Luke J

*Dear Santa,*  
I will like a Rc hot wheel a Rc sider a poter wheel a drawing kit a Rc drone a Rc racoon a Rc jeep a sience kit a eallectronic cest fame a army lego set, play dinomite a tool set, jacks yoyo, Rc Shake.

**your friend,**  
Ben R

*Dear Santa,*  
I wut a moon's off cism. I wut a puppy off cism. I wut a bag uf lage ple off cism. I wut a Jimi log chak off cism. I wut a nogn off cism. I wut a kop logh off cism.

**Love,**  
Jack R



Merry Christmas!

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## At The Holiday Season

It may be cold outside, but our hearts are warmed as we recall the many kind people who've visited us this year. We're deeply grateful for your support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



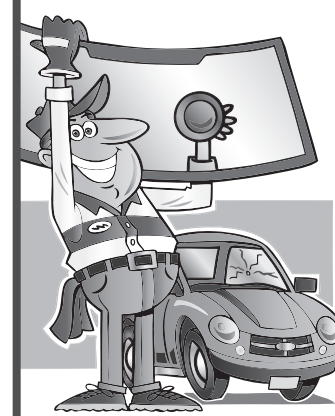
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**VHS Choir concert**

The Vienna High School Choir wore festive pajamas, Santa hats and reindeer headbands to its Dec. 14 Christmas concert. The group performed eight songs including "Winter Wonderland," "Blue Christmas" and "Sleigh Ride." Students Tegan Quisenberry and Noah James shared thoughts they had written about their experiences with Christmas.

PHOTOS BY COLIN WILLARD



**Coming Your Way:  
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Belle Community Betterment Association's (BCBA) Parade of Lights on Saturday night lit up city streets. The line began at Mid-America Bank and traveled to Alvarado Avenue where the community returned to see the show after leaving the Old Fashioned Christmas event a short hour prior. The weather was damp and cold but didn't seem to hurt attendance. The parade was stocked with Grinches and Santas and complete with candy. From Alvarado Avenue, the group followed the general parade route until it traveled down Johnson Avenue and ended back at the bank.



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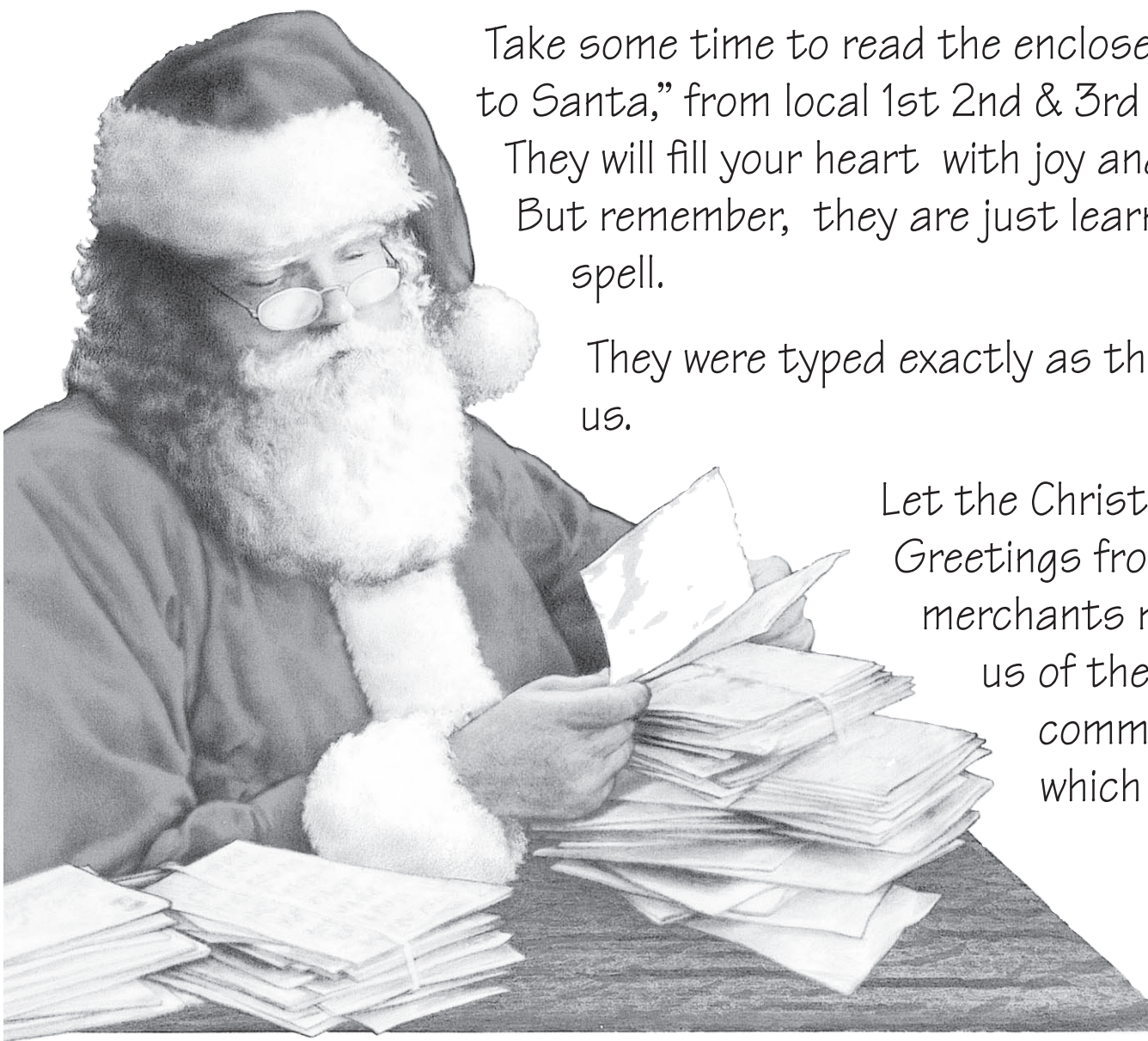
**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

The stockings are hung, the carols are sung, but we've one thing left to do: Send our thanks and best wishes to all of you!

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Take some time to read the enclosed "Letters to Santa," from local 1st 2nd & 3rd graders. They will fill your heart with joy and laughter. But remember, they are just learning to spell.

They were typed exactly as they came to us.

Let the Christmas Greetings from area merchants remind us of the caring community in which we live.

**Belle Elementary Second Grade**  
Ms. Helling, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
I am so excited for Christmas this year! I will tell you all the things I received last year. Thank you for the microphone, stuffed animals and boxing gloves. For this Christmas I would like a puppy a real one, a pretty Christmas dress, a cute stuffed puppy and a new art kit. How are the reindeer and how is Snowflake? Merry Christmas!

**Love,**  
Hazel H

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the unicorn last year. For Christmas this year I would like an elf stuffed animal how do you get in the house with out a chimney? Merry Christmas!

**Love,**  
Lilly B

**Dear Santa,**  
I am so excited for Christmas. Thank you for the blanket and pajamas last year. This year I want a new phone and a new guitar. What cookies do you like? I love christmas

**Love,**  
Mackinley B

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? Thank you for the boots last year. This year I would like some art stuff. How are you magic? Merry Christmas.

**Love,**  
Kayden B

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm so excited for Christmas this year! Thank you for the Xbox and rc truck. This year I want an xbox gift card and amazon gift card. What kind of milk do you like?

**Love,**  
Sawyer C

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the Christmas sweater you got me last year. May I please have a new lamp this Christmas? How are your reindeer? Merry Christmas!

**Love,**  
Gabe H

**Dear Santa,**  
All I am going to be singing this Christmas is my two front teeth. Thank you for the Pink tablet last year. This year I would like a real Iphone tablet with a purple case, computer g, gabby doll house toys and a watch. What is your favorite food? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Love,**  
Kaylie D

**Dear Santa,**  
I am thankful for the mister potatoe head I got last year. This year I would like a new baby doll. Are your reindeers OK?

**Love,**  
Kinsley F

**Dear Santa,**  
Hi Santa I hope things are well at the North Pole. This year for Christmas I would really like digimon cards some ricky zoom toys and pokemon toys. What is your favorite flavor of milk? Merry Christmas!

**Love,**  
Walton C

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for the baby yoda, baby yoda blanket, baby yoda and mandarin. This year I would like some pokemon cards, legos, a PS5, mic. Is Rudolph a myth? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Love,**  
Emmett

**Dear Santa,**  
I'm thankful for the candy you got me last christmas. This Christmas I would like pokemon ball and a new LOL doll. How is Mrs. Cluase doing? Merry Christmas!

**Love,**  
Skylar

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the puppy last year. This year I would like a Chicken, pug, and turkey. How are you? Do you like sugar cookies?

**Love,**  
Ryland R

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the tablet you got me last year! This year I would like a cool toy. What time will you be at my house on christmas?

**Love,**  
Jakobe T

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the clothes last year. This year I would like a new Iphone 17 white. What cookies do you like? I am so excited to see you this year! Merry Christmas!

**Love,**  
Haven V

**Belle Elementary Second Grade**  
Mrs. Giesey, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you for the gefes. can I have a phone and a hover board and a drone and some money for my family. and a mixy.

**Love,**  
Randi K

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for the Barbie you gave me last year. How old are you, Santa? This Christmas, I would like a drone. and some books. I hooe you have a good day

**Love,**  
Jaelyn P

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year and the Dog. How old are you, santa? This Christmas, I would like a big teddy bear. Some books. I hope you have a good night.

**Sincerely Yours,**  
Madilynn M

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. How old are you Santa. Is it slick at the Northpole? Are there real elves at the north pole? This Christmas I would like a stuffed animal and a stuffed Amongus and Fortnite Vbucks. I hope you have a good night of rest.

**Brody M**

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for the water globe you gave me last year. How are the elves in the Noth Pole. How did Santa Claus make Christmas? How did the elves come to life? Santa can you get me a real microscope and slides, and a globe, please Santa. I hope you have a good time

**Sincerely Yours,**  
Alice M

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. can I hlep you this year? this christmas I would like a Monster jam playset. I hope Christmas won't be ruined this year.

**Sincerely yours,**  
Jett R

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
Thank you for that light-thing because I wished for it. How do you get ro every house in all the world in one night? This year I want a phone so I can text people. I would like a smart watch and gold and money and a case for the phone. I would like to go home too, and to see my old teacher.

**Sincerely,**  
Tay B.

**Dear Santa,**  
Thank you Santa for bringing me a baby doll last year. year. How do the elves make really big toys? Please bring me a Baby Alive doll this year.

**From,**  
Kylah C



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## Belle Elementary School preschool class Caryl Koch's morning

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the snow globe you gave me last year! Santa, we went to Disney World this year! Could you bring me a slinky that lights up Christmas? I saw one while I was at Disney World! I've been nice this year! I helped my Mom work on the work site, building a real house. I'll leave carrots for all the reindeer and cookies and milk for you!

**Love, Lilly**

**Dear Santa,**

Could I please have make up, and a lot of girl stuff this year? Could I also have a baby stroller? I have been nice all year! I share my toys with Bubby!

**Love, Noah**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for all the Elf books you gave me last Christmas! May I have some musical instruments and puzzles for Christmas this year? I'll leave cookies for you on the counter in the kitchen!

**Love, Stormie**

**Dear Santa,**

I would like a toy boat for Christmas — one that catches fish and comes with a remote. Also, I would like Hot Wheels. My house is white. It has a garage and a red horse barn. Santa, you can park your sleigh by the garage.

**Love, Beau**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the candy cane you gave me last year! May I have a Patrick Mahomes jersey for Christmas? Santa, if you need to know how to get to my house, just call my dad.

**Love, Jackson**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the Play Doh you gave me last Christmas! May I have a Karaoke singing machine for Christmas this year? I will leave cookies and milk for you on the counter!

**Love, Ashton**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the toys you brought me last year! Could I have a Barbie and an Elsa book for Christmas this year? Could you bring my Mommy earrings? And could you bring my Daddy a Christmas shirt? I'll leave you cookies in the living room!

**Love, Sloane**

**Dear Santa,**

May I please have pajamas, a mirror, a guitar with a microphone, and a baby that cries. Also, a dinosaur that matches Levi's egg — that has green slime in it! I will leave cookies and milk for you in the kitchen!

**Love, Josie**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the big dinosaur you brought last year! I still play with it! Could I please have a bow for Christmas? Also, a sniper Nerf gun with a scope? I have been nice all year! I help feed the dogs every day. Santa, do you have a tracker? If you do, you can use it to find my house! I'll leave cookies and milk for you on the table in the living room.

**Love, Ridge**

**Dear Santa,**

Could I please have blocks for Christmas? I would build a tower! I will leave pizza for you!

**Love, Lainey**

## Afternoon Preschool class

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the baby doll you brought me last year! Could you bring me a toy airplane and a toy car? To get to my house, drive past PaPa's. Turn left and turn right. You can park the sleigh on our roof. We have a chimney!

**Love, Morgan**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the candy cane you left in my stocking last year! I would like some dinosaurs for Christmas. And a toy Patrick Mahomes football player. My house is gray and white, and we have green Christmas lights on the outside!

**Love, Kace**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the sea horse and unicorn you brought me last year! Could you please bring me an Elsa dress, and Elsa hair and also Elsa makeup? I've been nice this year! I cleaned up my toys when Mommy asked! Do you remember how to get to my house? I live in the same house that I did when I was four!

**Love, Ryan**

**Dear Santa,**

Could you please bring me a Christmas Teddy Bear, and a new scooter? I've been nice this year! I cleaned up my room when Mom asked me! And I've taught Thomas how to play basketball. I'll leave milk and cookies for you in our living room!

**Love, Eliana**

**Dear Santa,**

May I please have a baby doll? That's all I want for Christmas! The best way to get to my house is to fly. You can park your sleigh on the gravel road. I'll leave cookies and milk for you on the couch!

**Love, Rosalie**

**Dear Santa,**

Could I please have an Imaginext brontosaurus, and an Imaginext T-Rex for Christmas?

**Love, Hunter**

**Dear Santa,**

Could I please have a drum set for Christmas? Santa, my family has a pumpkin farm! I helped plant the seeds, then I helped pick the pumpkins! I'll leave cookies for you!

**Love, Paysen**

**Dear Santa,**

Could you bring Paw Patrol toys for Christmas? I've been a good boy! I cleaned my room!

**Love, Brantley**

**Dear Santa,**

Could you bring me a Barbie Dream House, and a Barbie too? I've been good this year! I'll leave cookies and milk on the table for you in the living room!

**Love, Lilyana**



## Belle Elementary Third Grade

Ms. Butler, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**

Could I please have 3 new Leggo sets. I would also like a new PS5, GTA5, and Skyrim. I also wouldnt a new jacket. Lastly a Bright Family book.

**Love, Julius J**

**Dear Santa,**

Read: I would like the fourth book of Harry Potter.

Wear: I would like a pair of cowgirl book.

Share: I would like a uno game.

Play: I would like a star kite.

Please and thank you!

**Agracey, Ella L**

**Dear Santa,**

I want the diary of a wimpy kid series. I want 2 paires of sweat pants. I want an Iphone to call Maison.

**Love, Grayson E**

**Dear Santa,**

I want the new dog man book or wrestling books, and I want to wear is heyDudes or Crocs and shirts or jeans. also nikes, thing to share is legos, things to play nintendo switch, or xbox series x.

**Love, Zachary B**

**Dear Santa,**

Read: I want a new I Survived hurricane Katrina, 2005.

I want a new pair of jeans. I want some new unicorn toy's to share with Darren. I want a new game on Dominoes.

**Your Friend, Avaleigh P**

**Dear Santa,**

I WOULD like a poy or legos please can I have some new socks please may I please ceserof the mistory of the rock mountain

**Love, Sam Yates**

## Belle Elementary Third Grade

Ms. Gieck, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**

Hie this is Stephanie. I have tried to be good this year exept for hiting my brother. Can you please bring me a toy horse, how are the raindeer. How are the elfs. I am going to sing in two programs this x'mas. Oh And can you give me painting stuff. I dont want to be a bother so I will finish this letter.

**Your Friend, Stephanie K**

**Dear Santa Claus,**

How is the ranie deer doing? How is the elfs? doing. How is Mis Clos doing? I Wod like a fish rod. I wud like a PS5. I need underwear.

**Brody T**

**Dear Santa,**

I think I have been good this year. And I have been wondering if your elfs are having a good time at the north pole. And what is your favorite kind of cookie. this year I was whanting a pogostick and the game live please and thank you!

**Love, Skyelynn F**

**Dear Santa,**

How are your elves? And thank ypu for my elf buddy I'm happy he came back. I want a america doll play school set. I forgot how is mrs. cluas doing? I also want a water bottle. Americ ingirl doll. my own computer. Lots of Slushmellows. Realistic doll. I was reely good this year.

**Your Friend, Leia R**

**Dear Santa,**

Ih SanNick, How is Mises. Claus And the Randeer? I have been good this year. Some thing's I need this year. I need some sock's and a basetball pump. Two things I whunt this year. I wood like a droling and paint set, The other thing is a 12 pack of conveses. Thank you Santa! Hope you love the cold!

**Love, Ava J**



## Belle Elementary Third Grade

Ms. Stockton, Teacher

**Dear Santa,**

I want reindeer for Christmas. I want a rare glowberry prime. I want a PS5 and Fortnite. I want a dirtbike 110

**Closing Sincerely yours, Blake G**

**Dear Santa,**

How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? Oh and howis Mrs. Caus? This year for Chrisim I want a new bike and a hoverboard and for my family to have a good christmas for you to be safe and more squish melose.

**Your Friend, Baylee R**

**Dear Santa,**

Santa this is what to crississ. I what gymnastic's stuff like leotary un even bear airmath chalk for the 11 inch sqashmall and even the 12 inch squashmall

**Love, Zoey W**

**Dear Santa,**

Are your reindeer good? I want a phone a hat and pitvipers. Christmas is my foavorite.

**Sincerely, Colton N**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for last year Santa I really like the football from last year. This year I don't want toy's but a little pikachu plush what a I do want thoe is a DTS hoodie, a pair of Jordan one's and a phone. I have been vere good this year.

**Love, Jason S**

**Dear Santa,**

Thank you for the presents I got last year. What is an Elfs favorite color? What I want for Christmas is my mom and dad to be happy. They work so hard for me I just want them to be happy. I may be a lot to ask but that is what I want no presents just that. I have been nice.

**Your Friend, Anya S**

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been good. My brother has been good to. How many reindeer do you have? On Christmas Eve I will set out the best cookies ever for you, I will also set out the best carrots ever for your reindeer! I would like legos Lilo & Stitch Stuff and gymnastics stuff. Thank you for all of my gifts last year. I love my fuzzy chair. I love all of your riendeers names. Next year can you please send me a elf on the shelf. Thank you for all of the toys your elfs make.

**Love, Adelyn H**

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PHOTOS FROM Belle's Old Fashioned Christmas celebration on Saturday.



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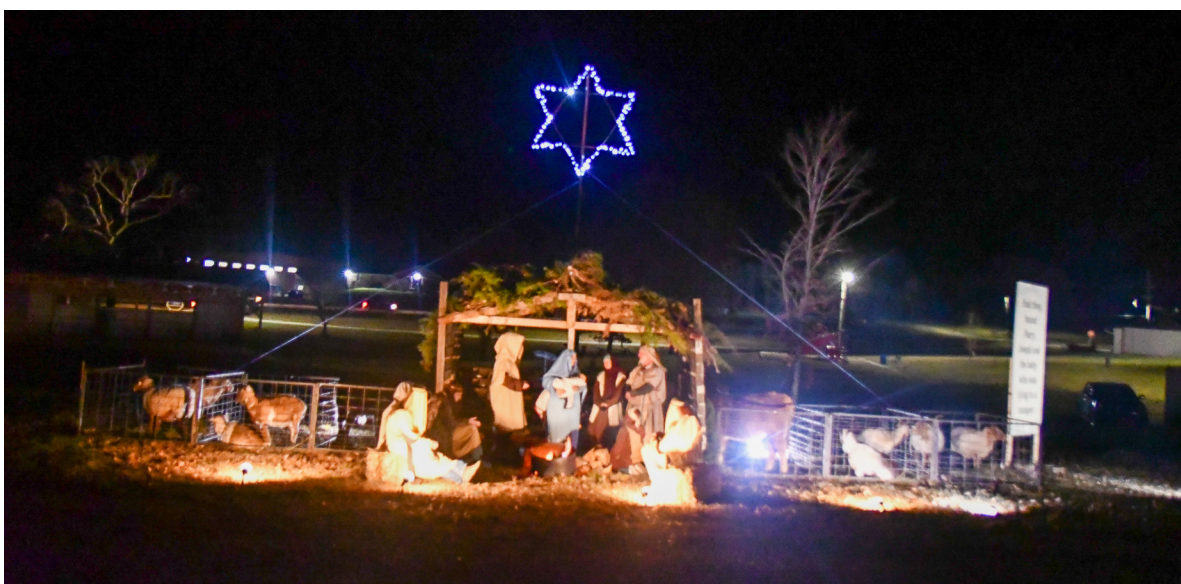




**'Miracle in the Message'**

The Bland Christian Church reports that 283 cars, with approximately 833 people, experienced its second annual "Miracle in the Message" drive-through Christmas program on December 9. The event showcased the life of Jesus Christ with live actors and animals. Displays began on Ray Street as cars were directed to enter the Bland City Park on Thompson Avenue to alleviate the backup on Highway 28 as was experienced in 2022. Over 100 volunteers and live animals helped make the display possible.

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