# MERRY CHRISTMAS



# CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

# The News Reporter

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Carrie Buffkin's 2nd grade class, Old Dock Elementary

November 16, 2023

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are doing good. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and elves? I wonder what it is like to live in the North Pole! How do you make presents? I would like Squish Mellows and Rainbow Friends toys. I love Rainbow Friends! I would like art things and hoodies and some magic mixes toys. I would like a lot of Pokemon things and toys, too.

Your friend, Sofia Martinez

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa Clause,

I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. For Christmas I want a baby doll because I had one but it got lost. Also I want an American Doll but a cow girl one. I have one so please bring me another one. I am eight years old this year.

Love. Lillian Spivey

November 14, 2023

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus

I want a John Deere toy tractor please. I want a Titanic toy. I want a hauling truck with a trailer and a tractor. I want a lighter. I want a knife. I want an axe. I want a rubber polar bear. I want a rubber toy bus. I want an Iphone 14. I want a fast four wheeler. I want some black pens so I can draw. I want a gold shot gun.

Love and Merry Christmas, Preston Norris

November 12, 2023

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. I am seven years old. Can you get me a Minnie Mouse kitchen because I want one so badly, Can you get me food for my kitchen? Can you send us some snow because we have not had any? Can I get a LOL house because I have a pool for them. I would like a bike because I haven't had one without training wheels.

Love Isabella Duncan

November 20, 2023

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus

I am Bristol Ray Armakovitch. I am eight years old. Are the elves ok? For Christmas I want a new hoverboard that you can sit on because I can ride it around my house, and a Nintendo Switch because I can play games on it. I want a new pair of boots because I need a new pair of them. Also, I'd like a hair kit because I can learn how to do hair. I want a big Needoh because I like squishing. I'd also like Simply Southern shirts because I like them. That's what I want. Bring me something good.

Bristol Ray Armakovitch

November 14, 2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Charlee-Ann. For Christmas, I would like an art set because I want to be a fashion designer and I cannot do that if I do not have any designs! I'd also like a sewing kit because my selfish cousin broke mine. I'd also like a VR set because I want to play Gorilla Tag! I also want books because they are the best! This year I have been a little naughty, but I will work harder. Oh! I forgot to ask how everybody is doing. Anyway, I heard that there were a lot of storms up that way so I just wanted to ask. I am thankful for that slinky.

Charlee-Ann Boylan

November 14, 2023

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are doing good. How are your reindeer doing? How are your elves doing? This year I have been very nice. This year I would like two Gel Blasters so I can shoot my big sister with them. I would like a new pair of overalls because mine are too big for me.

**Drew Starnes** 

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer doing? Are the elves working hard? Is Mrs. Claus doing ok? I want a four wheeler so I can ride it when I am bored. I want a bike because my old bike is broken. I want a TV so I can put on a show for my little sister.

Cody Huggins

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is all of the Lego Dreamzz and all of the singing monster toys. I also want a bunny plushie, please.

Camden Tedder November 11, 2023

Dear Santa,

Can you get me a Me-Me-Meow because I want to play with it? Please?! Can you tell me how Mrs. Claus is doing? How are the elves doing?

Love,

Aubree Hines

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa,

I am Jasyiese. I am seven years old. I want a four wheeler because they are fun. I also want a silver chain to wear because I like silver. I want a PS5 because it is fun. I want a red flag and green flag.

Jasviese

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are doing well and Mrs. Claus. What I want for Christmas is a Barbie Dream House because mine got ruined. I have a lot of Barbies. I want a LOL doll because they have cool dresses. I want a PS3 because I have a lot of games. I also want a makeup set because I am very upset that mine got ruined. I have been a little naughty. I am eight years old.

Your friend. Aaliyah Spurlock

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa.

My name is Yarely. I am seven years old. I hope you are doing great! How are the elves? I want a LOL dollhouse because I have a tub for it. I also want four slimes because I like the way it feels. I also want a putty because I can sculpt you. I'd like a makeup set because I like to be pretty. And I'd like my own room because I have to sleep with my Grandma

Love and Merry Christmas, Yarely Gonzalez-Diaz

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa,

I am seven years old. I hope the elves are doing well. I want a red hoverboard and a PC for Christmas. I want a hoverboard because I lost my charger and I want a PC because I want to learn how to play on the keyboard and mouse.

Your little elf, Grayson Freeman

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Your friend Sofia Martinez

November 11, 2023

Dear Santa

How are you doing today? My name is Brice. I'm eight years old. Can you get me an Irex? I've heard that it is so much fun to play with. I also want a Legos set so I can build things with it. please. I'd like a dinosaur set so I can make it like a dinosaur park. Last, I want a Nintendo so I

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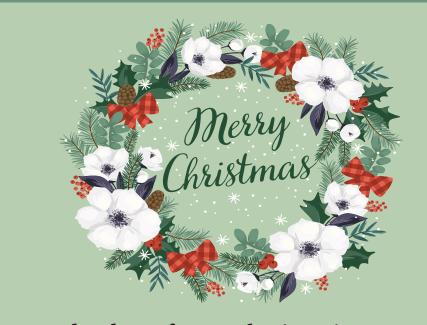
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves and the reindeer? Tell everyone I said Hi! I want to know how many letters you get this year. How do you drive the sled with the heavy stuff? Can you please get my elf, Snow, a pet puppy? Please keep it a secret! What are you doing? I am so excited for Christmas, but I am kinda sad when Snow, Rudy and Fruit leave us after

I am seven years old and I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I'd like 1,000,000 slimes. I'd really like a tree house and a BABY PUPPY! I'd like a hoverboard and a Jeep I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a great Christmas!

Love. Sadie Beck



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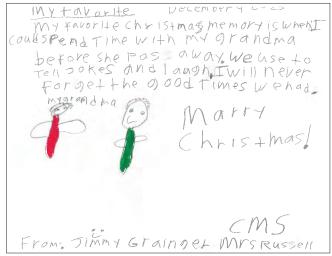


Russell's Central Middle ED class Grades 6-8

Twent to my cousin house,
when I got a playstation.







Christmas Story

On Christmas I spend time with my family. We will watch the Grinch movie. We open presents and our stockings. We make cookies and go shopping for our trip to Texas. We will take a picture with Santa

Alexander Tapia Jaimes Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

### Christmas Memory

One special Christmas I went to visit some special people. I went to see my grandma and mom. I went to McDonalds with my grandma.

Caleb Seal Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

### Christmas Story

I was five years old. It was the first time I saw snow in my state. I played with snowballs. It was 5 F outside at my Grandma's house with Cody. I went to eat breakfast and I had pancakes. Then I had bacon and eggs. I watched youtube then I played with my toys. I had fries for lunch. Dinner was good. I had some more fries and candy.

Caydyn Smith Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

# Christmas Story

I went to Charlotte to see my older brothers and we stayed about an hour and we gave my brother a PC then my other brother we got some Ninja Turtles toys then we went to get food then we ate that was a 2022. Three years back: I got a lot of stuff like perfume, PJs and a book and hot cocoa. It was so good. I also got a cup. Last year: I opened my presents on Christmas Eve and then on Christmas. We went to my cousin's house to fix their water pump.

we loved it. Then we went to my grandparents house and then we unwrapped a lot of presents. We got a big dollhouse and it was big! We got the dollhouse last year for Christmas but we built it this year. It was so fun to play with. Now we have a lot of dolls to play with. I am not embarrassed that I have a doll house because I'm pretty sure a lot of girls still play with their house. So, me and my sister, we all love, love that Dollhouse! We will get the hot cocoa. We love the hot cocoa because it was really really good and the cup to put the hot cocoa in. When I first went to go see my older brothers I was a little scared because I don't get to see them that much because we live far away from Charlotte. I really miss Charlotte because that's where I was born but I appreciate that I live here but what is really the whole Meaning of this is just because we don't get to see brothers that much and I don't get the see Charlotte that much but when I do I enjoy it alot. I really really enjoy it and if i can i'll go everyday but i don't sometimes you have to enjoy your family! Merry Christmas!

Derriona Hough Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

# Christmas Story

I like it when I get to see Santa at the mall for Christmas. My mom takes me and my sisters to see Santa if the line is not too long. We see Santa in the middle of the mall. We get to buy stuff for Christmas.

Eli Lopez Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

My Favorite Christmas At Christmas I eat with

We got a lot of stuff but my family. I open presents we loved it. Then we went to my grandparents house my family. I open presents under the tree. I spend time with my family.

Fisher Cavenaugh Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

### Christmas Story

We go dog hunting with Malpass Town Hunting Club on Christmas morning. Then we go to my great grand mom's house to eat. Before Christmas we go Christmas shopping but I have to stay home with my papa. We watch the Grinch movie, we drink hot chocolate, we make santa cookies and we go see christmas lights. We leave cookies and milk out for santa.

Jase Mintz Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

## Christmas Memories

Every year we read my elf book on Christmas Eve in the living room. I got my first scout elf in 2015. We set up our Christmas tree on November 28. We set up Christmas birds. We go to my friend's house to give presents. I go see Fisher And River and my grandparents.

Jesse Gore Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

# Christmas Memory

We went to see the lights. Then we went home. Then we opened the Christmas presents with my cousin then they cooked food.

Josiah Santos Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

What I do for Christmas... I decorate the house and the tree. We wish God a happy birthday. We go to my grandma's house and help her decorate her tree. I play with my cousin outside. I have an ice pop. We open

presents. We play with our toys. We got my little brother from his babysitter then he opened his presents. We go to my aunt's house to open presents. I go to my Aunt Shells' house. Then we went to my Aunt Shae Shae's house. We have some goldfish.

Keymani Brown Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

### Christmas Story

In 2014 was my first Christmas when I was a baby. The best day of my life was born in the USA. I go to school at Acme delco Bobcats. When I get my presents I will play with my brothers and sister. I will give my mom a hug and kiss. I will thank God, Santa and Dad.

King Johnson Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

## Christmas Memory

What I do for Christmas... We pray for Jesus. We decorate for Christmas. And Christmas is my favorite holiday.

Kylie Locklear Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

# Christmas Memory

Me, my brother, my mom, and my mom's sister went to Myrtle Beach. We are going to bake cookies for Santa and put out a cup of milk. We also have a card for him. The next morning there were gifts under the tree. Christmas was still all about giving but we still opened gifts.

Marley Shaw Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

Favorite Christmas Gifts I have two favorite Christmas gifts. One I got when I was 6 in 2021. They were kid books. They were from my mom. My other favorite gift was a big Teddy Bear. I got it when I was 7 in 2022. I got a big polar bear from my cousin Chris. His name is Snowy.

Omar Martinez Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

## Christmas Cookies

On Christmas day I make cookies with my mom and my sisters. We help our mom put them in the oven. We help decorate the cookies. We eat our cookies after we open our presents.

Phoenix Sandlin Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

# Christmas Memory

In our old house we watched a Christmas movie. Then we unwrapped presents. Then we went to our Nene and Papa's house and unwrapped the present they got us. Then we went to our grandma's house and spent the rest of Christmas with her. We also got presents from her.

Raygan Taylor Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

Christmas Story... One of my favorite memories is that I love to spend time with my family I

celebrate Jesus' birthday. My family also eats.

Sadie Smith Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

### My Favorite Christmas Memory

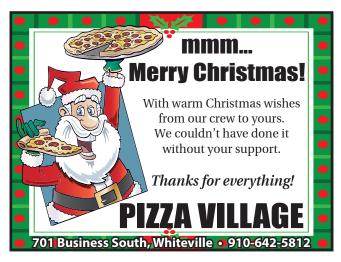
My family and I watch The Grinch That Stole Christmas every year. Me and my mom and my dad and my brother and my sister watch the movie as a family. It is a family tradition. We make grinch cookies and wear grinch pajamas.

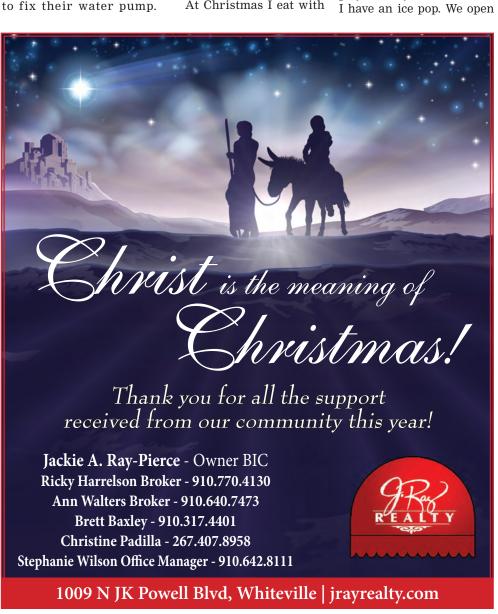
Sophia Harrelson Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary

### Christmas Memory

My mom helps me wrap presents for my sister and step dad the week before christmas. Me and my familv and I spend time together with mom so I can catch up with my family. I play with the kids. We eat dinner. We have a fire outside. I spend time with my dad. I spend time with my dads side of the family. I play with Darron and Kinslee. I open gifts on Christmas at my daddy's house. We have dinner with alot of our family.

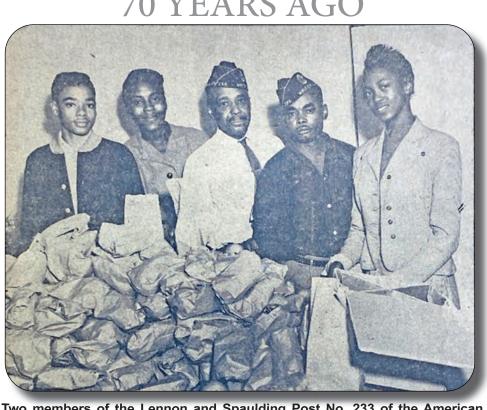
Valerie Parker Linda Sue Parker 2nd grade Acme-Delco Elementary





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Two members of the Lennon and Spaulding Post No. 233 of the American Legion and three helpers are shown here as they prepared Christmas cheer for underprivileged children in the local schools. Nearly 680 bags of fruit and candy were distributed. Shown at the task of preparing the packages are (left to right) James Albert Hill, Alma Bellamy, Legionnaire Roger McNeill, Past Commander Frank Russel and Sarah Hill.



Aylan Guillen Allison Parnell 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



Maggie Kern Allison Parnell 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



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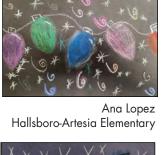
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Skylar Jacobs

Allison Parnell 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary





Raelvnn Nance Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



Harmony Rouse Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

# **Snowy Days** Snowy Days are here

Snow falls on the twenty Presents are gifted.

Chloe Gurganious Sharon Ehlers- Zickafoose Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

# It is Time

Christmas cookie time It is almost Christmas

Gingerbread Houses Graison Pedro Sharon Ehlers- Zickafoose Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

# **Sweet Tooth**

Gingerbread Houses Frosting, gumdrops, and



Ariana Bellamy

MaKayla Gowans Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

lots more

Time to eat, "yum" smores Isabella Perez Sharon Ehlers- Zickafoose Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

# Snow

Snow Day, Snow ball fight Snowmen, Snow forts, Snow melting

And everyone goes home Nichalas Quis Sharon Ehlers-Zickafoose

Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

Janiya Brown Elizabeth Spaulding 8th grade Central Middle



Terri Ward Elizabeth Spaulding 6th grade Central Middle



Rudolyn Berry Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

My favorite Christmas memory was Christmas time in 2021. My mom got me an iPhone 12 and we had Christmas dinner with our family. We watched some good Christmas movies like Home Alone I & Home Alone II. My siblings and I helped with making desserts. We had a good time enjoying family, spending time together and creating memories.



Jonte Cherry Khandi Cooper 6th grade Carolina Adventist Academy



Thomas Suber Sheila Dunlap Kindergarten Carolina Adventist Academy



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Ava Swindell Sheila Dunlap Kindergarten Carolina Adventist Academy

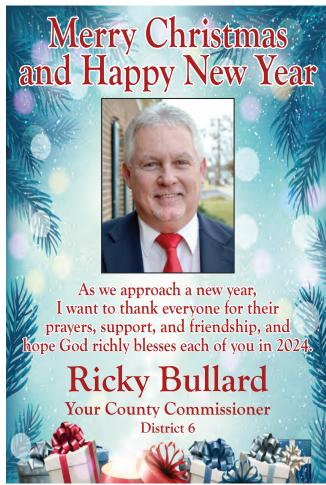
It comes every year filling us with much cheer We sit with our family reminiscing about the year. Together by the fireplace opening gifts Oh what a wonderful feeling it is We laugh and pray, singing songs in pairs

Is Christmas time, without snow but it's ok

Atheena Swindell Khandi Cooper 10th grade Carolina Adventist Academy











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# An angel without wings

When I was 4 years old, my family lived in Pembroke, and both of my parents were musicians. Daddy directed a Methodist church choir and Mama directed a Baptist church choir. Or maybe it was the other way around. Who am I to say after all these years?

Anyway, Mama planned a Christmas program featuring a choir of children dressed in little white robes and paper angel wings and singing "Away in a Manger." I was one of her little angels, but my 2-year-old sister Rachel wasn't.

I felt like a big girl as I helped Mama shop for tissue paper, which she painstakingly glued onto coat hangers to make our wings. She embellished the edges with silver tinsel garland.

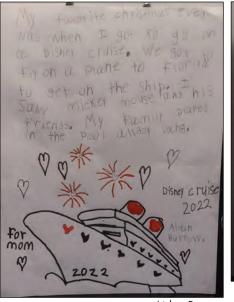
I tried to talk Mama out of using plain white paper, thinking angels ought to have multicolored wings. She told me I had angels mixed up with fairies. But, looking back, who were we to say what colors angel wings are?

Our little choir practiced and practiced. When the night of the program came, it was darker than usual in the sanctuary, and a bright light shone on all us preschool angels. I don't know who was watching my sister out in the pews; apparently Daddy was across town directing his own Christmas program because Rachel suddenly decided to join the action. Who could blame her? She toddled down the aisle, climbed onto the platform where Mama was standing, and raised her little arms to be picked up.

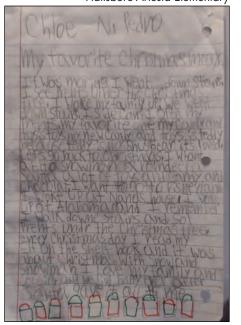
Rather than have a showdown with a 2-year-old in front of all the Baptists and the angelic host, Mama relented and held her littlest angel on one hip while she conducted the rest of us with the other hand.

Hearing the song "Away in a Manger" still brings me a happy memory of that day.

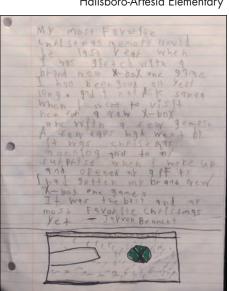
- Diana Matthews, assistant editor, The News Reporter



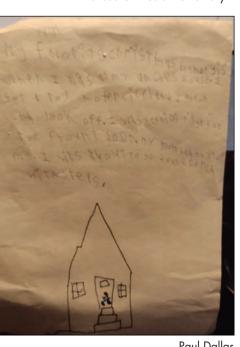
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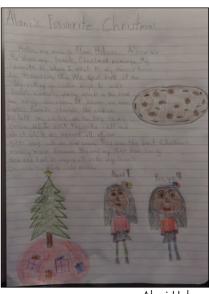
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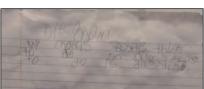
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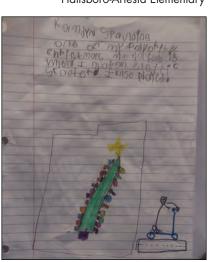
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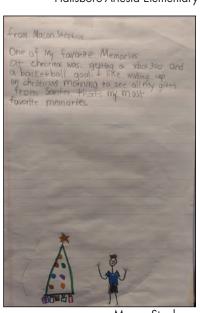
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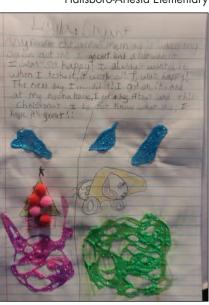
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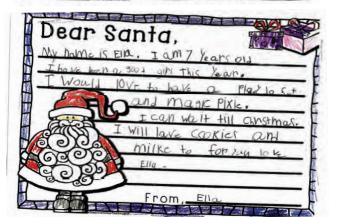
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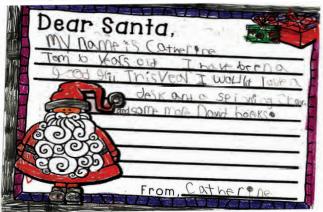


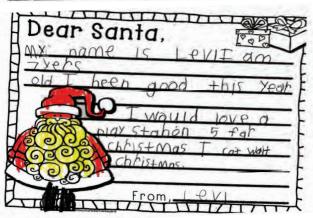


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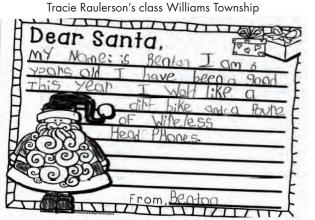
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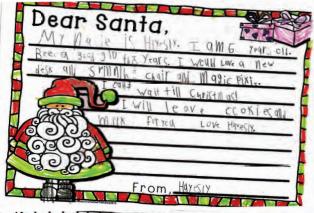


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Old Dock Elementary

John Baker

Kindergarten

Ashley McDowell-Spivey

Old Dock Elementary



Kenzington Spivey Ashley McDowell-Spivey



From John A

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From, Nash Ward

From, Mattie Ban

From, Eli John

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AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU told some 400 youngsters of the National Spinning company employees at the annual Christmas party held at the Columbus Theatre. He promised to return about midnight Tuesday.

# DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,

I hope you are Mrs. Clause are staying warm. Are you doing well? This year I have been very nice. I would like a My Little Pony play set, a L.O.L. Doll, and a Barbie dress. I will leave you chocolate milk and chocolate chip cookies. Thank you for all your hard work.

Love,

Alexis Vest Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

I hope you are staying warm! For Christmas I would like an iPhone and a swing set with a slide. Thank you for all that you do.

Your Friend. Angela Salmeron Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Brayton and I am 7 years old. Do you like the cookies and milk that people set out? Is Rudolph a good reindeer? I have tried really hard to be nice this year. I would really like a Kilo Ren light saber, and a Wubble Bubble. If it is possible I would also like a Nintendo Switch. Thank you for all your hard work.

Your Friend,

Brayton Smith Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Ciara and I am 7 years old. I have been very nice this year. I just wanted to ask you if I could have a baby alive doll, a long red dress, and some makeup. I am very grateful to you and God. Thank you for all of your hard work.

From,

Ciara Alvarez Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa.

I hope you have a good Christmas this year. What is your favorite type of cookie? I would like to have some football gloves for Christmas, a Green Bay Packers light, and a Batman Game. Thank you for all that you do.

From, Coston Hooks Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Isabella, and I am 8 years old. I hope you have been doing good. I have been really nice this year. I would like an iPhone 15. I would like a pink case for the iPhone, a teddy bear, and a makeup set. Thank you for all of you hard work.

From, Isabella Pietrucci

Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

This year I have been very nice. I hope you are doing well. I hope the reindeers are doing good. I would like an iPhone 15, and a lot of Lilo and Stitch shoes and clothes for Christmas. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Jackie Ramirez Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Flementary

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing okay. What do you do in the Summer? This year I have been very nice. If it is not to much trouble can I have a robot and a big blue teddy bear? Thank you for all of the hard work that you and the elves do.

From,

Keegan White Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause doing? My name is Kyndall, and I

am 8 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas I would like an iPhone 14, makeup, and some slime. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Kyndall McLamb Angela Strickland's 2nd grade

Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. Are you staying warm? This year I have been really nice. I really would like an Xbox for Christmas, or a PS5. I would also like a computer. Thank you for all of you hard work. From,

Landon Worrell Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well. I have been well. Do you like cookies? I am going to leave out cookies on Christmas Day for you. I would like an iPad with a Minecraft case, and a Barbie Doll. Thank you for all your hard work.

From, Lexxes Miller Angela Strickland's 2nd grade

Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Maria and I am 7 years old. If it is not to much trouble could I please have a makeup set, a light saber, and a L.O.L. Doll. Thank you for all of your hard work. Your Friend,

Maria Hernandez Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,

How are you doing your reindeers doing? I hope you and Mrs. Clause are staying warm. This year can I have a computer and a science lab? I could use a table and a chair, also. Thank you for all of your hard work. From,

Mila Bell Angela Strickland's 2nd Grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa, I hope you and Mrs. Clause are staying warm. I would like a light saber and an iPhone 15. Thank you for all the hard work that you do.

From, Ryan Long Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa.

How are the reindeers doing? Are you doing well? For Christmas this year I would like a cooking set, a remote control snake, and a Baby Alive doll. I have been a little naughty this year, but I will try harder to be nice. Thank you for all your hard work.

From, Zariyah McLemore Angela Strickland's 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is my family and I opening the gifts. We were so happy. Quickly, we play with the gifts Santa left us. Then we looked and saw the cookies were gone and that made us happy too. Afterwards, we watch Christmas movies.

Anthony Aguilar Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

When I think of Christmas, I think about Jesus' speaks to me. Christmas means families get together and have a feast. Christmas means Jesus' birth. I think of God and Jesus. I think of Santa and elves. Christmas time I like to think about my family.

> Braylynn Locklear Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means God, Jesus and Joy. I love Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. Christmas is a happy time. I love decorating Christmas trees at my mom's house and my dad's house. I get to put out milk and cookies for Santa. Christmas is great.

> **Brentley Davis** Denise Cartrette 3rd grade

Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory was when my family and I spent time with each other. My brother had moved to Atlanta but he gave me a soccer ball with my 2 favorite gifts. My dad got the baby stuck in his beard. That was so funny. Mom put on Christmas music. It was so much fun. I opened a lot of presents. It was a good day.

> Cristian Carreno-Rodriguez Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memories

My favorite Christmas memory is when I am at school and home. At school, I get to spend time with my friends and my teacher. Then when I get home I get to see my mom, bonus dad, brothers, and my cats. I love my friends and family to pieces. Emoni Johnson

Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

Christmas means a lot to me. Christmas is a verv special holiday because it is Jesus' birthday. It is not about the gifts but spending time with family and having fun with them.

Gemma Smith Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas is the year I received a Hoverboard and a bike. I thought about how lucky I was to get them. Luckily, I learned how to ride a bike and the Hoverboard.

Hank Shuman Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

When I think of Christmas I think of stockings, elves, reindeer and Santa. I think about how we celebrate with eggnog. I think of the special time we spend together with family and

friends. Heysel Ramirez Cruz Denise Cartrette 3rd grade

Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is the Christmas Light Show. It is so much fun and the best! I love spending time with my family. I am looking forward to spending Christmas with them. I also like to spend time with my two teachers and friends.

> Karmynn Clark Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is with my cousins. We get together and play video games. We also play with our toys. I get to stay with my cousins until Christmas Eve. Before we leave we unwrap presents. It is so much fun.

> Kayden Garcia Nunez Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means Jesus, God, family, and friends. It is also about Christmas day, yummy food, elf on the shelf, and NO SCHOOL! It is full of happiness and joy.

Landon Long Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

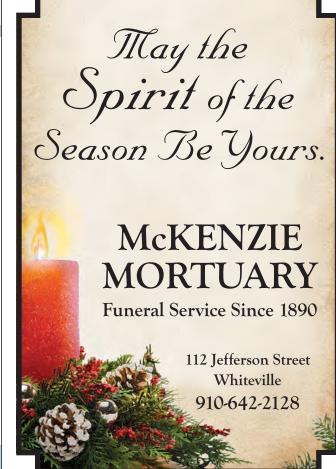
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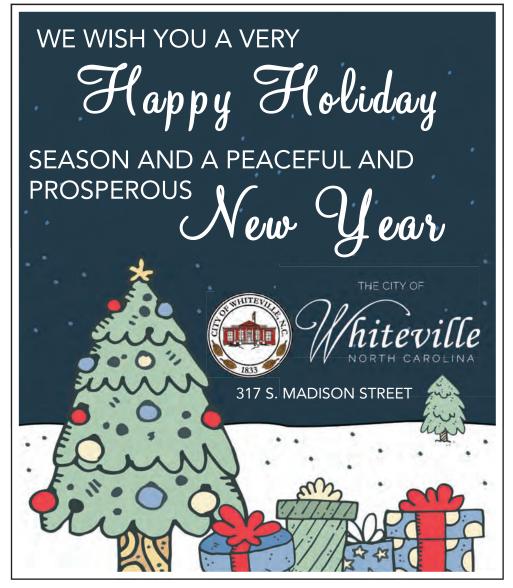
To me, Christmas means to be happy and to spend time with family, but Christmas isn't all about that. It's really about Jesus' birth! If it wasn't for Jesus, I would not be here right now. You see Jesus created us and saved us! Now I can go to heaven and so can you! I love Jesus, and that's what Christmas is all about. What does Christmas mean to you?

Malissa Jeffords Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

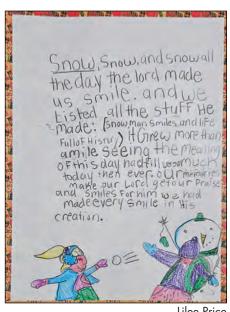












The News Reporter reader submission

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Raven Price The News Reporter reader submission

What Christmas Means

When I think of Christmas, I think of family gatherings with joy. It is not about presents but bringing joy, laughter and love to each other. I think about the love our teacher gives us and how much she means to us.

Marcos Escobar Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

My favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas memory is when I was three years old on Christmas. It was Christmas morning and my family and I were waking up. First, we went downstairs for breakfast as normal. The Christmas tree was full of presents and my entire family was there. Since then my dad passed away and I do not get to celebrate with him anymore. That is why that one was so special.

Maxwell Patrick Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

to Me

Christmas means family. Christmas means love. Christmas means Jesus. Christmas means Santa. Christmas means time with

Reid Rivenbark Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

When I think of Christmas, I think of God, I think of spending time with my family. I think about decorating the Christmas tree and hanging up our stockings. I think of the presents around the tree and how grateful I am to have them

Summer Long Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

When I think of Christmas, I think of Jesus' birthday. Jesus grew up in Bethlehem. He never did anything wrong. The king wanted

bad man. Jesus died on the cross so that we could all go to heaven. We go to church to honor the Lord. So that is what I think of at Christmas.

Tripp Ward Denise Cartrette 3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is when we went and saw the Christmas lights. It was nighttime when we got home. Then we decorated the tree. My family and I buy each other presents. I received soccer stuff. My brother received a jacket and my parents got a new car.

> Adolfo Alvarado Gonzalez Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

Christmas means getting to put ornaments on the tree with my family. Giving and receiving presents. Watching Christmas movies and relaxing. Waking up Christmas morning and playing with all

my new toys. Finally going to the most important thing is the mountains.

Aiden Singletary Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

When I think of Christmas, I think of Baby Jesus' birthday and how he was born. I think of spending time with my family. I get excited when the elves do something funny and wake up each morning looking for them. I love reading Bible verses with my family before we go to bed on Christmas Eve. We celebrate Christmas because of Jesus our Savior. I love having Christmas parties at school and gymnastics. We do Secret Santa, play games and eat yummy food. Christmas also reminds me of getting out of school for two weeks.

Aniston Smith Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

When I think of Christmas, I think about spending time with my family. I also think of Jesus' Birth. I am grateful for Jesus coming to the world. I thank God because he made people that I love. He is always with me even when times are hard. That is what Christmas

> Arely AndresCruz Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas means to Me

Christmas means so much to me because it is about love, family, and Jesus' birthday. It is a lot of fun and exciting waking up on Christmas morning with family. We love opening presents. It is fun to see Christmas lights and trees decorated. But

about Jesus. This month we remember that Jesus' was born on earth to save us all. So remember it is not about the gift but giving and JESUS is the reason for the Season.

Chesney Formyduval Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

to Me When I think of Christmas, I think of presents, family, and food. My mom buys me things on Christmas. She is very special. When my family comes together, we open gifts. There is a lot of food. The food is great. We celebrate together and we have a great time..

Debori'us Floyd Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas

My favorite Christmas memory was two years ago. I was so excited on Christmas morning. That year I received a PS4 with Vbucks to buy things for Fortnight and Dragon Ballz stars to power up to get stronger. I also received a bike. My family had so much fun that Christmas. We were able to go outside and ride bikes and play the PS4 when we went back inside. I was so happy.

Edgar Ismael Salmeron Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is waking up to a Nintendo Switch. After we opened up our presents we went to IHop. That was a special treat for us.

Emmanuel Jimenez-Lopez Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

Christmas means eating with my family and friends. I think the most important thing is sharing with everyone and showing love to one

> Isabella Lawson Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means

When I think of Christmas I think of it being cold outside. I think of having a Christmas Tree with presents around the tree. Most of all I think of all the fun I had with my family.

Ishmael Pineda Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

When I think of Christmas, I think of spending time with my family and opening presents. I love going to my aunts and grandpa's house. There we eat yummy foods. I love Christmas and I am grateful for my family and the gifts I receive.

Julie Ward Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

When I think of Christmas, I think about Santa, Elves, presents, Hot cocoa and movies. Just like every kid but may Christmas itself just means a little bit more. It's not all about presents and Hot cocoa and movies. It's about Santa and Elves. You should believe, trust me it's true. It's about Jesus. Giving gifts and donating them to the homeless or people who are struggling is important. That's what I think about Christmas.

> Kennedy Ward Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary





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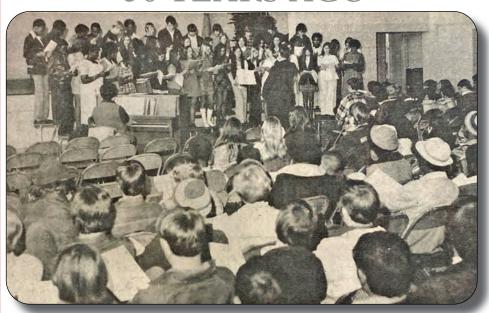


As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are reminded and we are thankful for the many blessings we have received, including the opportunity to serve good people like you. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

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What Christmas Means

to Me
When I think about Christmas, I think of Christ's birth.
Joy to the World a savior came. He died on the cross.
He died on the cross for our sins. One day he will return to earth and bring us all back to heaven with him.

Liam Creech Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas

Memory
My favorite Christmas
memory is when we go to
Polar Express. On the Polar
Express, we get hot chocolate, tickets, and we dance.
Also, it snows almost everytime we go. The drive is
beautiful. It is beautiful to
look at the snowy mountains.
We always wear our pajamas.
We also visited our favorite

restaurant. We go to the gift

shops, and go Gem mining.

Melia Smith Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elemtary

What Christmas Means

Christmas means that God sent his only son to come to this earth and die on the cross for our sins. Jesus was born on Christmas. Because of that we get to have fun and celebrate Christmas with family and friends.

Remington Long Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

What Christmas means to me is like a birthday party. Well it is Jesus' birthday. I love celebrating it and the lights and color is alway festive and beautiful. The food is always tasty and yummy. The food is perfect for our taste buds. The presents are lovely, like it's our birthday. Most of all I like to rest and use all my gifts. I would love for it to snow.

Sadie Formyduval
Denise Cartrette 4th grade
Old Dock Elementary

My Favorite Christmas Memory

My favorite Christmas memory is the best memory. It was the first time it snowed at Christmas time for me. We were able to go outside and make snow angels. Then we had snowball fights. Last, we made a snowman. It was a great day.

Sawyer Godwin Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means Jesus'



Brentley Reynolds Hawley 2nd grade



Kendall Jacobs Hawley 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



Kynsley Rochelle Hawley 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

birthday. He is special to me. We get to celebrate Christmas with family.

> Wesyn Grice Denise Cartrette 4th grade Old Dock Elementary



Elieso Lagunas Hernandez Hawley 2nd grade



Kennedi Fox Hawley 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



Zayda Bellamy Hawley 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary

Winter Key Hawley 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



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Kinley Ferrebee Hawley 2nd grade Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary



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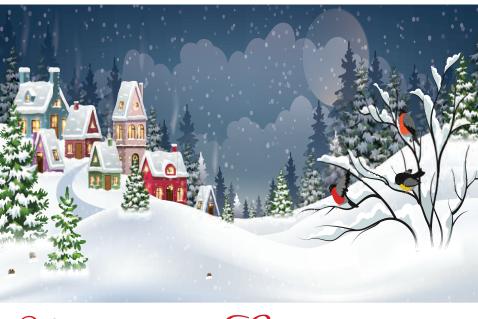
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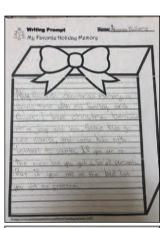
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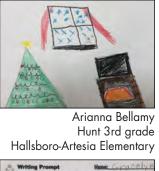
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Hunt 3rd grade



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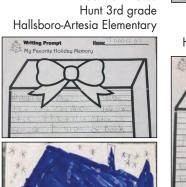
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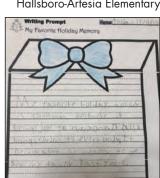
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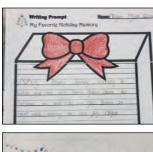




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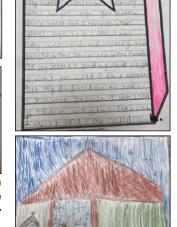


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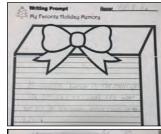




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AWAY IN A MANGER — Innkeeper Jasper Wilson, Spencer Strickland (Joseph) and Wanda Strickland (Mary) at Cherry Grove Baptist Church.

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to see

and there

sleigh.

eryone.

Christmas Day.

ing pretty

flowing silver

Four colored lights shin-

Five shiny ornaments

Oh what a beautiful sight

Christmas

Elves are dancing here

using their magic every-

Santa comes late at night

when you are sleeping

Santa's reindeer pull the

They just can't wait for

Ornaments are on the tree

shining bright for all to

The big day has finally

Lots of presents for ev-

Kim Andrews 4th grade

Old Dock Elementary

Layla Dorsch

Jiovanny Oliphant

Kim Andrews 4th grade

Old Dock Elementary

Christmas Time It's the time of joy and

When Christmas is finally

Snow falling, lights so

bright Filling us with delight The air is full of love and

Come with us and sing along

> Alicio Cruz Kim Andrews 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

**SANTA** 

Snow is falling down from

A reindeer with a red nose is in the sky

Night is where the magic begins The presents are under

And the next day Christ-

mas is gone Breanna Jones Kim Andrews 4th grade

Old Dock Elementary

**CHRISTMAS** Candy canes

Hot chocolate Reindeer

Ice

Snow

Tree

Merry Christmas Angels

Stockings

Daleyza Valencia-Avellaneda Kim Andrews 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

**BLIZZARD** 

wizard.

My elf's name is Blizzard. You might think he is a

He comes once a year, To spread Christmas

He goes back each night, To report if my brother and I fight!

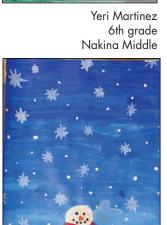
> Isaiah Oliphant Kim Andrews 4th grade Old Dock Elementary

A POEM ABOUT CHRIST-MAS TIME

One little star on the top

of the tree Two little presents under-

neath for me Three silver ropes twisted



Elizabeth Valdez 7th grade Nakina Middle

Christmas

A Christmas tree has lots of decorations.

A Christmas tree has lots of lights.

A Christmas tree has a star on top.

A Christmas tree can be big or small.

A Christmas tree has presents below.

A Christmas tree has a skirt underneath.

A Christmas tree can be anywhere.

A Christmas tree can be real or fake.

A Christmas tree can be bright.

A Christmas tree lights up the night

Mila Dorsch Kim Andrews 4th grade Old Dock Elementary



Elizabeth Cox Brittany Ward 8th grade



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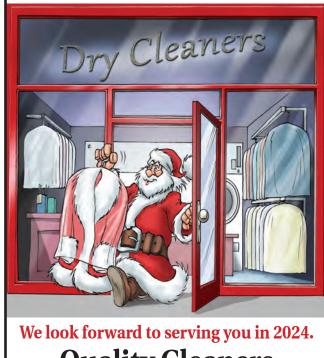


Amber Landis 12th grade West Columbus High



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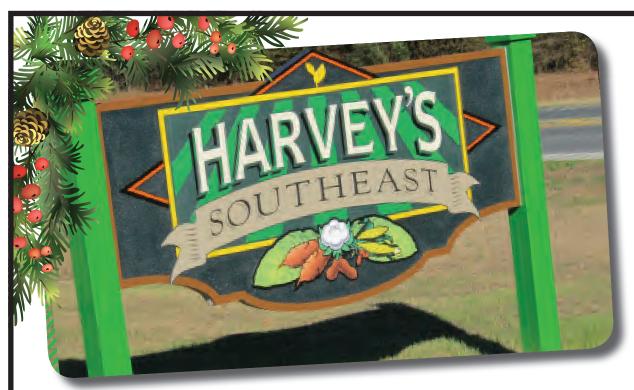
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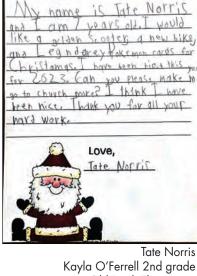


Oakley Brown Kayla O'Ferrell 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary



Kayla O'Ferrell 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary

Dear Santa,



Kayla O'Ferrell 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary



Old Dock Elementary



Hunter Jeffords Kayla O'Ferrell 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary



Makiah Lagunas Kayla O'Ferrell 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary



Luis Salas Ramos Kayla O'Ferrell 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary



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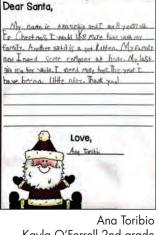
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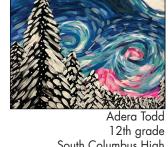
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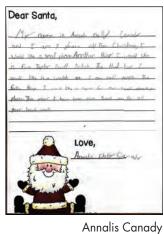
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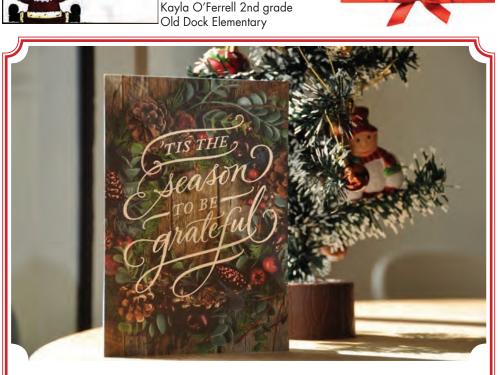
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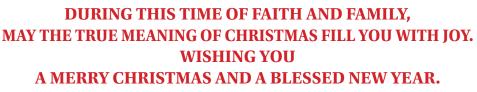
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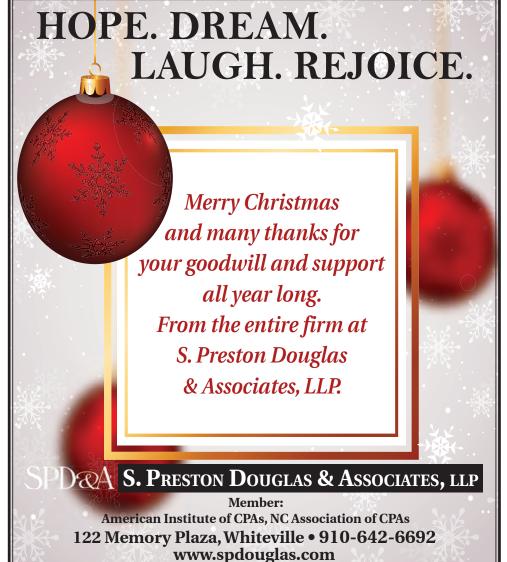
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MENORAH LIGHTING — Children of the Steinberg, McCurry, Kramer and Edwards families light a homemade Menorah at the Kramer home. Both the children and adults celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah at each other's homes every year.



Stacy Johnson 4th grade



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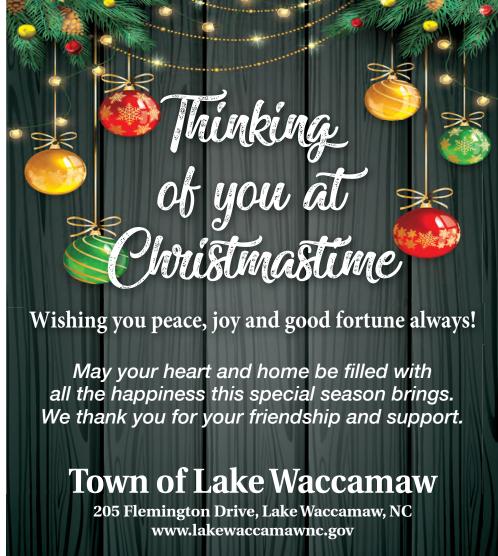


Briley May Streoud 8th grade Tabor City



South Columbus High







With well wishes to team members, their families and those in our community, we take this time to express thanks for your support, and look forward to a bright new year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, COLUMBUS COUNTY





Season's greetings.

Andrea Valdez 7th grade Williams Township

Dale Langdon

Williams Township



Season's greetings

Aria Bowen Williams Township

Makenzly Daniels

Williams Township



Samuel Terrell Williams Township



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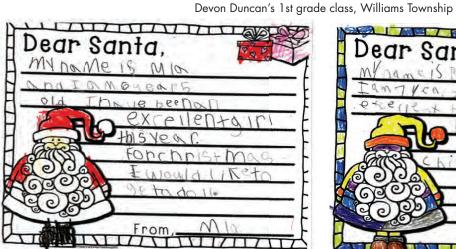
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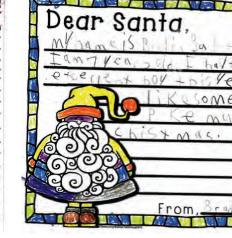


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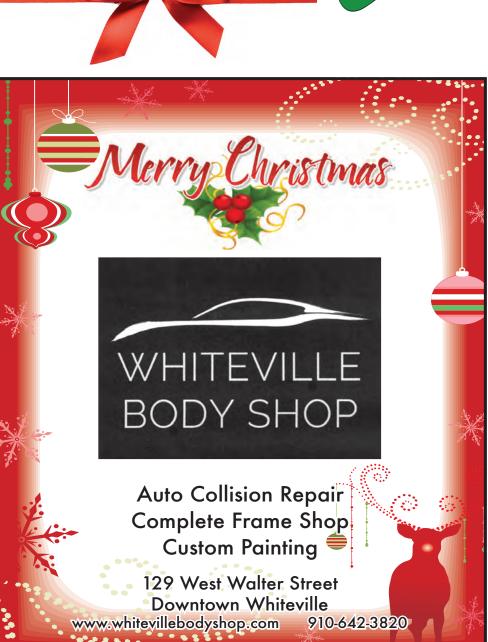
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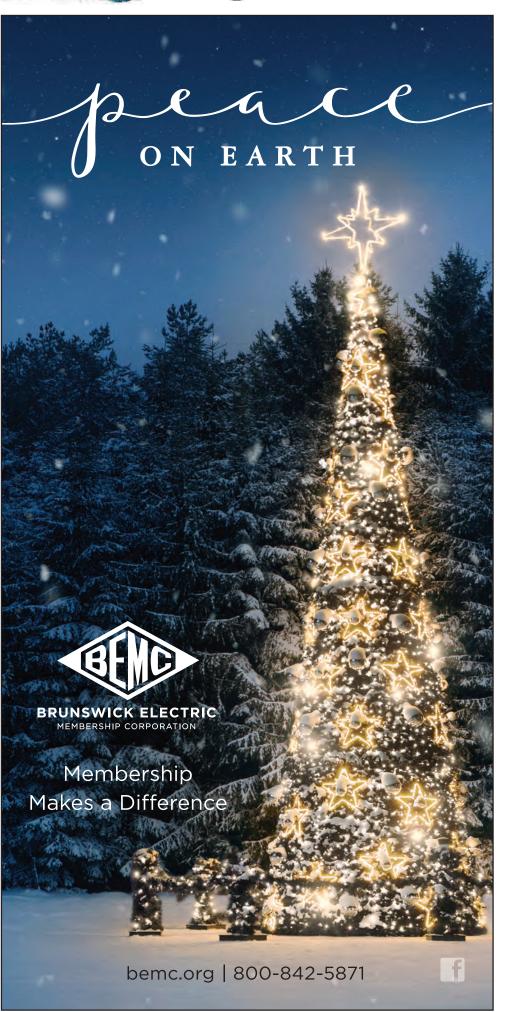


Emma Berry 7th grade West Columbus School











— A TRADITION CONTINUES — Whiteville's First Baptist Church presented its Live Nativity three nights in a row before Christmas. The church used the same set, upper right, built by Warren and Billy Cook and first used in 1975. Three generations of Cooks continued the family tradition of erecting the manger and inn. Top left, Brownie Cook and father Billy Cook inspect the manger portion of the outdoor set. Bottom left, Warren Cook eyeballs a piece of tin being nailed into place. Center top, Joseph Cook, left, and father Joe Cook take a quick break. Center bottom, Kyle Cook hammers a piece of roofing. Bottom right, Grey Cook slides a piece of the manger into position. Youth director Melvin Ezzell and youth members Duncan Briley and Joseph Hooks assisted the Cooks with the cold-weather project.



Samantha Strickland 8th grade West Columbus School



Emma Williamson 7th grade West Columbus School



Ian Thompson 1 st grade West Columbus School



Arabella Tchorz 6th grade West Columbus School



Gemma Hardin 5th grade West Columbus School



Karlie Buffkin 5th grade West Columbus School

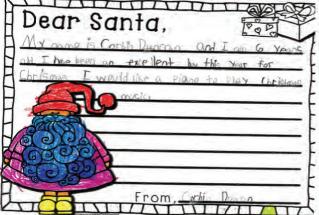


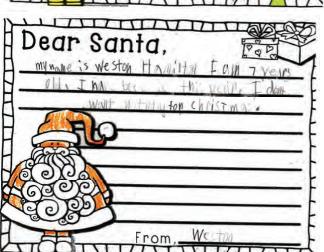
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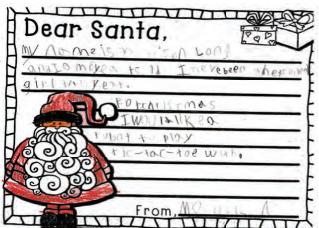


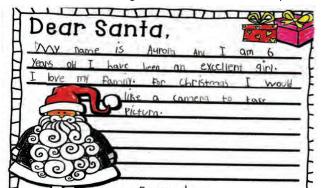
Sadie Harrison 6th grade West Columbus School











Devon Duncan's 1st grade class, Williams Township





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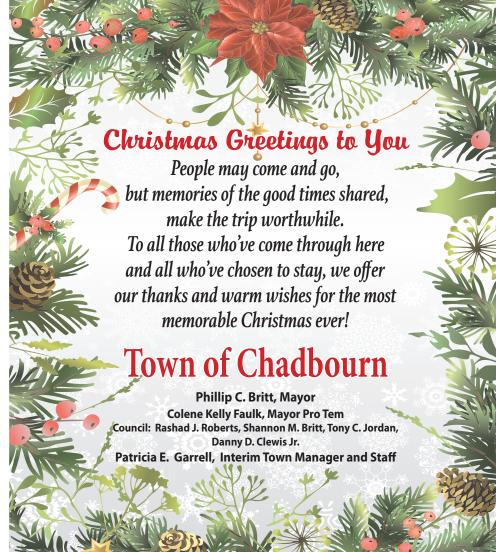
At this reflective time of year, we recall with gratitude all the goodwill you've shown us, and offer you our best wishes for a truly memorable holiday season.

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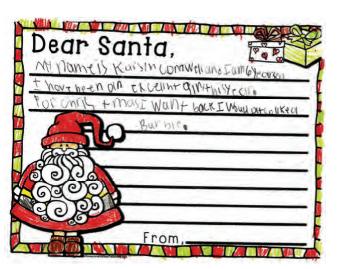
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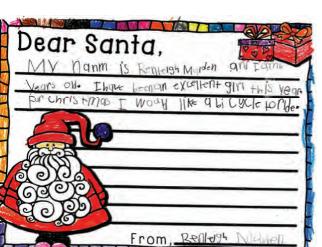
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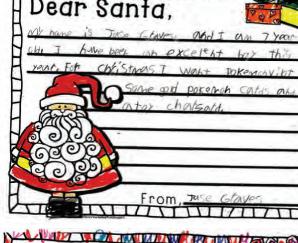


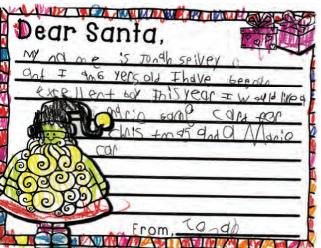


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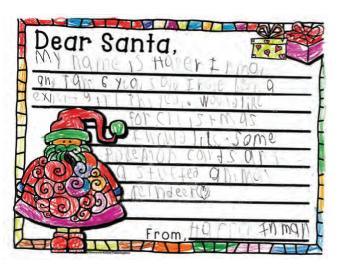












Christmas to Me

Christmas is the time of year when I go house to house visiting my family and friends. It is a time when I give gifts to all of them. Christmas is a time when Santa visits me. Christmas is a time of giving. I love Christmas!

Ashton "Luke" Cox, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas is the Best Christmas is my favorite holiday. My birthday is two days before Jesus' birthday. At Christmas I get to decorate my Christmas tree and even put the star on top. I love opening presents on Christmas day. At Christmas my elf visits. I like to make gingerbread houses and spend time with my family. Last, but not least I like to eat candies out of my Christmas stocking that Santa leaves me. I love Santa and I love Christmas!

Joni Stanley, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township Christmas with my Fam-

Every Christmas eve I go with my family to my great great grandmother's house and we eat together and then open presents. Later that night, we go home and put up our Christmas stockings. On Christmas day, my family opens presents at our house and we open our surprises in our stockings. Christmas is special to me because I get to spend time with my family and I get lots of presents.

Yazan Gharam, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township Christmas to Me

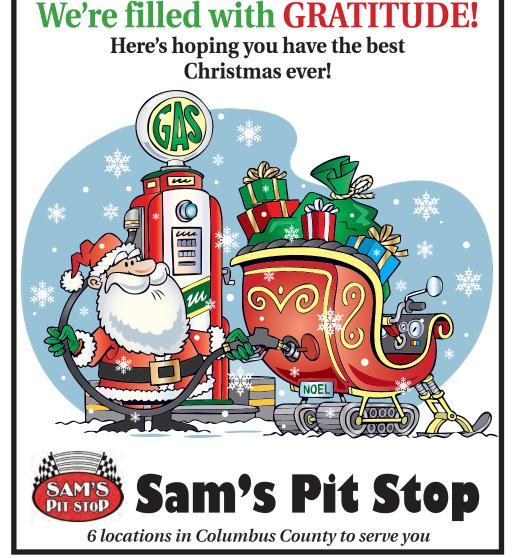
Christmas is a holiday when my family and I celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a special time. We decorate our house with lights, snowmen, and Christmas trees too. Also, it is a time when Santa visits and brings me a lot of gifts. I like getting to spend time with my family. We do fun things like bake cookies and decorate the Christmas tree. I love Christmas!

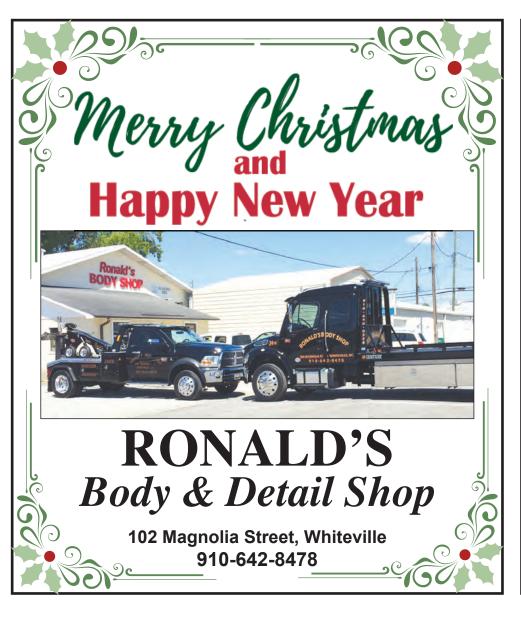
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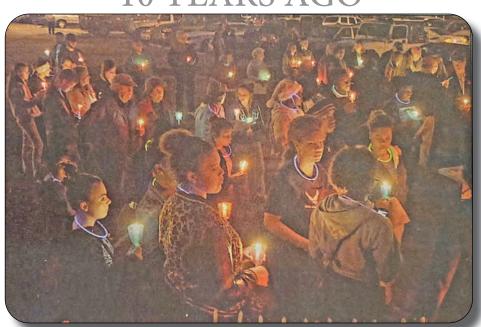


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— WALK BY LIGHT — Many participants came out for the candlelight event. The walk began at Whiteville High School and ended at the Vineland Station Depot. Columbus County Parks and Recreation organized the event.

Christmas Eve Night

On Christmas eve night Santa brings me presents. I always bake cookies for Santa and leave them out for his snack. I leave him some milk too. Santa has a big job on Christmas eve night as he delivers presents to everyone. It is important to always do what is right so you so he will visit you on Christmas eve night.

Leah Dudney, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

A Happy Time

Christmas is a happy time of year. There are a lot of fun things to do at Christmas. My family always decorates our house and the Christmas tree. We celebrate Jesus' birthday and we go to Christmas plays. We visit and spend time with my fam-

ily. I love Christmas because we celebrate Jesus' birthday and we get gifts.

> Hannah Hilburn, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas is the BEST!

Christmas is the BEST! I love to dance with Christmas music. My favorite Christmas song is "Jingle Bells". I love to decorate the Christmas tree with my family. I love to get Christmas presents. I love Christmas! It is the BEST!

Khloe Esturiene, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas

I love Christmas!

I love to decorate the tree with my family. I love to give gifts to my family at Christmas. I love to see the

gifts I get at Christmas. I love Christmas!

> Cristian Vargas, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas Cookies

Christmas is a time of year when my mom and I bake sugar cookies. We use cookie cutters and make lots of Christmas shaped cookies. After they bake in the oven we decorate them. The best part of baking cookies with my mom is eating them and saving a few for Santa.

Autumn Wilson, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas Traditions

One of my favorite Christmas traditions is when my family decorates the Christmas tree. I love to decorate the tree with my mom and sister. After it is decorated we sing Christmas songs around the tree. One of my favorite songs we sing is "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Also, my family bakes and decorates cookies. We always leave Santa cookies and milk. I love my family's Christmas traditions.

Malazhia Nealy, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

The Best Christmas Gift
The best Christmas gift I
have ever received was a Barbie doll house. It is a large
house with lots of rooms inside for my Barbies. I spend
a lot of time playing with it.
My Barbie doll house is the
best Christmas gift I have
ever received.

Maisie Izard, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

The Greatest Gift

Christmas is the time of year when my family and I celebrate Jesus's birthday. I always have a Christmas play at my church and make sure I know my lines. I sing Christmas songs at church. My favorite Christmas song is "Away in a Manger". Also, I love for Santa to come and leave my sister and me gifts on Christmas morning. Even though I like Santa, the greatest gift at Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birthday.

Daxton Lewis, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas Traditions
Santa comes on Christmas eve to deliver my presents. My whole family and I love Christmas. We go to see Santa and take a picture with him each year. I love to sing Christmas songs. My favorite Christmas song is "Rudolph the Red- Nosed Reindeer." I love Christmas!

La'Niya Gore, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas

Christmas is a fun time of year. Santa visits kids on Christmas morning. It is best to always be on your best behavior. I hope Santa brings me a PS5 so I can play Fortnite on it.

Christopher "Jaxx" Long, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas

Christmas is my favorite time of year. I like decorating my Christmas tree. I like eating Christmas cookies. I like the presents Santa brings. I love Christmas!

> Elijah McKenzie, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas

Christmas is my favorite time of year. I love decorating the Christmas tree with my family. I love Christmas cookies and all the gifts. For Christmas I hope I get a mini fridge and a new iphone. I love Christmas!

Valerie Gomez, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas

Christmas is a fun time of year. I like to visit Santa and see his elves at Santa's Village. The Christmas lights are pretty to see. I like decorating the Christmas tree. Singing Christmas songs are fun too. My favorite song is "Feliz Navidad". I love Christmas!

Charlotte Bexley Neumann, 8 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township

Christmas Cookies
My family tradition

My family tradition at Christmas is making homemade Christmas cookies and goodies. I love to bake cookies with my Grandmama Trisha at Christmas. She makes the best chocolate chip cookies. My dad and mom help decorate the Christmas cookies with us. I love making Christmas cook-

ies with my family.

Logan Sellers, 6

Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade
Williams Township

WINTER

Winter is the coldest sea-

I see Mr. Grinch Never say NO to hot choc-

Typically cold outside Events like Christmas Remember December 21st begins WINTER

begins WINTER Damien "Kash" Harvey, 7 Mrs. Sellers' 2nd grade Williams Township





Merry Christmas



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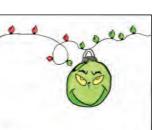
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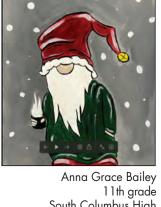


Angelly De La Cruz-Jiminez 9th grade East Columbus Jr./Sr. High



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Zora Gore-Scott

Central Middle

4th grade

Old Dock Elementary

Elizabeth Spaulding 6th grade

Elizabeth Spaulding 6th grade



Kamya Hickman Elizabeth Spaulding Central Middle

Luke Simmons

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Moriah Phillips



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Will Gore



Elizabeth Spaulding 8th grade



Elizabeth Spaulding 8th grade Central Middle



Unknown Elizabeth Spaulding class Central Middle



Mason Thompson Elizabeth Spaulding 7th grade Central Middle



Sonia Torres Elizabeth Spaulding 6th grade Central Middle



Elizabeth Spaulding 7th grade



Ty'lae Rose Elizabeth Spaulding 8th grade



Samantha Rivera Pina



MERRY Christmas!

4th grade Old Dock Elementary



Elizabeth Spaulding 7th grade Central Middle

Rafael Noyola Jr.

Central Middle

Kevin Aparicio

Central Middle

Riley McQueen

Central Middle

Elizabeth Spaulding 6th grade

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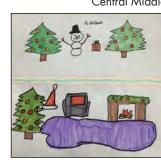
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4th grade Old Dock Elementary



Bristol Armakovitch 2nd grade Old Dock Elementary



Elizabeth Spaulding 7th grade

3rd grade Old Dock Elementary

Maddy Long

Old Dock Elementary

4th grade



Elizabeth Spaulding 6th grade



Annie Smith 4th grade Old Dock Elementary



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