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# Beaming it up in FM



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Anthony Montez, far left, demonstrates some of his laser etching work to Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Friday morning at his new retail outlet at 618 8th Street in Fort Madison.

#### **LASERWORKS:** New business features localized etching and engraving

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

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FORT MADISON - Anthony Montez is so advanced, he wants to Beam You Up.

Not the type of beaming where you get de-atomized and pulled through a tiny wormhole from point A to point B, and then reassembled by Montgomery Scott. He's got a milder form of beaming.

Montez has opened Beam It Up Laser Works at 615 8th Street on the northeast corner of the former Lee County Bank building. A small reception area opens up into a lab in the back with laser etching equipment where Montez can laser etch just about everything except PVC piping.

It's another story of a hobby turning profitable as Montez originally bought his first laser as a gift to his wife during the COVID pandemic.

"During the pandemic, I got my very first laser because I was losing my mind being at home with my kids 23.5 hours a day," he told Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce ambassadors Friday morning during a ribbon cutting at his store.

"It was supposed to be a gift for my wife, but I put it together to learn how to use it so I could teach her - and she's never used it since.

"I'll let her, but she's not interested."

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Central Lee FFA participates in Wreaths Across America!! Picture (Left to Right): Tom Boeck, Central Lee FFA Advisor, Josie Mueller, Josie Newton, Jayden Mueller, Aubrey Weber, Audrey Sturdivant, Jaylyn Hawk, Landon Rudd, Owen Swan, Ward Fraise, Dusty Souder and Colton Taft.

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#### **EDITORIAL**



## A wrapping up of 2023

 ${f H}$ ave you ever seen a dog try to play with a ball...that's me trying to wrap Christmas packages.

I do it right. I really do. I get everything out and make room by moving all my furniture to the walls. I do my stretching and yoga with Survivor's 'Eye of the Tiger' in my mind.

It's go time.

My wife still has bins and bins and bins of wrapping paper in the basement with other bins and bins of bows. She never met a roll of wrapping paper she didn't love or a bag of bows she could walk past.

I have those separated and organized into certain wraps for certain purposes, kids' paper, girl's paper, boy's paper, themed paper from holiday movies, wrap for adults, wrap for dogs, and all the accoutrements like ribbons and tags.

After the downward facing dog and that weird archery pose, I do one final stretch and sit down.

Wait, I forgot the scissors and the tape. Back up and into the hallway to grab that drawered-box thing. It has the scissors, tape, pens, and small scraps of wrap in it, too.

Back to the living room. I stretch over to the coffee table to grab the remote and flip on the television but go to the music setting and play Michael Bubble's (I guess it's Buble') latest Christmas crooning.

Music – check. Wrapping, scissors, ribbons, bows, tags - check. I look around for what's next.

Gifts to wrap.

Back up to the other hallway to this six-foot stack of presents stacked on the floor in everything from boxes to sacks, to bags, to tubes. Humbug is starting to enter the back recesses of my mind.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### WILLIAM B. ROXLAU

William "Bill" Bernard Roxlau, 89, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Birkwood Village in Fort Madison. A lifelong resident of the Fort Madison area, he was born on Sept 5, 1934, to Edward

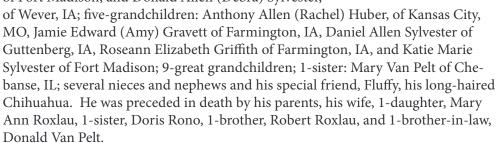


and Helen Fraune Roxlau. He married Clarine "Sam" Millspaugh on June 29, 1963, and they were for married 29 years before she preceded him in death on April 25, 1992. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, graduating from Catholic Central High School in 1952. He served in the US Army, completing basic training at Camp Chaffie, AR. He then attended classification training in electronics repairs at Fort Monmouth, NJ. He was stationed at Clark Air Force base for 2 years working with the Army Security Agency. He was honorably

discharged 1957. After the service, he worked at the Sieg Company as a manager for 10 years, for the Fruehauf Company in the maintenance department, and then 24 years as a purchasing agent, for a total of 29 years. He was an active member of the Mississippi Valley Vintage Race Car Association and raced TQ Midget cars.

He was an avid collector of antique military rifles and a hunter. He was also a Lifetime member of Sacred Heart Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his three children: Donni Sue (Dave Steward) Karczmarczyk and W. Patrick "Pat" Roxlau, both of Fort Madison, and Donald Allen (Debra) Sylvester,



A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Lee County Hospice. Online condolences to the Roxlau family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www. kinglynk.com.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### CARL WEIRATHER

Carl "Junie" Weirather, Jr., 91, of Montrose, IA passed away December 12, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

He was born April 28, 1932 the son of Carl Joseph, Sr. and Mabel Elston Weirather. He graduated from Montrose High School with the class of 1950.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Korean War.

On December 18, 1955, Carl was united in marriage to Janet Van Ausdall at the First Lutheran Church in Keokuk. She survives. They were married six days shy of 68 years.

Other survivors include two sons, Lane Weirather (Nadine) of Montrose, IA and Paul Weirather (Cathy) of Montrose, IA, four grandchildren, Sara

Newton (Chase) of Keokuk, Megan Warneke (Nick) of West Point, IA, Wesley Weirather (Meijia) of Jacksonville, FL and Waylon Weirather of Montrose, IA and six great-grandchildren, Caedon, Drake, Kennedy Newton and Ellie, Lily and Bode Warneke. He is also survived by two brothers, Robert Weirather (Judy) of Quincy, IL and Garry Weirather (Sarah) of Quincy, IL and one sister-in-law, Deanna Weirather of Montrose, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Donna Elschlager and Betty Phelp, one brother, Larry Weirather, one brother-in-law, John Phelp and one great-granddaughter, Sydney

Carl worked with his dad, Carl Sr., and his two uncles, Lee and

Jack Weirather, in their family construction business for many years. He then began his own construction business and built many homes in Southeast Iowa through the years. As a young man, Carl also farmed and raised livestock. He was a longtime and dedicated member of the Montrose Presbyterian Church and was also a member of the Montrose Ball Association.

Carl was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed deer hunting and fox hunting in his younger years and gardening into his later years. He was known for his great sense of humor and his tireless work ethic. His grandchildren were the greatest joy in his life and he was a faithful fan of all their sporting events.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at the funeral home with the family present from 5-7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor John Abraham officiating. Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery in Montrose, IA. Memorials may be made to the Montrose Ball Association. Checks may be made to the City of Montrose Youth Activities

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#### KATHLEEN KLEPFER

Kathleen "Kay" Klepfer, 89, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Maple Grove Memory Care in Carthage, Illinois.

Kay was born on September 28, 1934, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond



John and Helen Virjean (Ewers) McCleary. On December 29, 1956, she was united in marriage to Louis "Bud" Klepfer in Keokuk, Iowa. He preceded her in death on October 9, 2016.

Kay was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk, the Keokuk Yacht Club, and co-owned the Tipenbud Grill with her husband. She also worked in the offices at Iowa Gateway Terminal.

Kay always believed in trying to be the funniest person in the room, and found reasons to laugh every day, even when life was hard. Her

big personality made her friends anywhere she went, and she loved nothing more than spending time with those she loved. One of her greatest joys in life came from marrying her high school sweetheart, Bud. He was her best friend and the love of her life. Whether it was raising their family, owning their business, or simply boating on the river, there was no one else she would have rather done life with.

Kay is survived by one son Kerry (Judy) Klepfer of Keokuk, Iowa; four daughters: Trudy (Mark) Frank of Chicago, Illinois, Kathy Klepfer of Chicago, Linda (Michael) Clarizio of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Stephanie (Mike) Fehl of Boca Raton, Florida; six grandchildren: Nate (Tara) Klepfer, Danielle (Josh) Anderson, Jordan (Stephanie) Frank, Taylor (Patrick) Short and Evan (Fiancé Taylor Real) Frank, and Mia Clarizio; seven great-grandchildren, Lennon and Layne Anderson, Faye and Hattie Klepfer, Calder and Rilynn Frank, and Stratton Short; one sister-in-law Marlene Short of Hamilton, Illinois; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kay is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bud and her sister, Jean. The family would like to thank Stacy Lunt for being a wonderful neighbor and friend to Kay and looking after her while she was in her home, and the staff of Maple Grove in Carthage for their exceptional care after.

A funeral mass and celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Memorials may be directed to Keokuk Area Community Foundation or The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

#### ETHEL C. NOLTE

Ethel C. Nolte, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:20 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. She was born on August 24, 1939 in Donnellson, IA to Denver & Murial Junkins Kincaid. She married LeRoy "Tad" Edward Nolte on



January 16, 1960 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on July 6, 2011. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company in the data processing department for over 40 years. She enjoyed collecting all types of hand bells, going out to eat with her co-workers and classmates, watching game shows and most of all loved spending time with her grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Ethel is survived by: 1-son: Kevin (Paula) Nolte of Denmark, IA; 1-daughter: Lori Rung of Fort Madison, IA; 8-grandchildren:Bryan Hart, Kaitlin (Nick) Wilson, Emily (Zach) Wagoner, Nick (Dezeray) Nolte, Elyssa (Danny) Hall, Tyler (Katie) Rung, Allisyn Hart & Brody Rung; 6-great grandchildren: Paislee, River, Silas, Clay, Levi & Tatum; 2-brothers: Leroy (Rozella) Kincaid of Fort Madison, IA & Eddie (Clarann) Kincaid of California; 1-sister: Susie (AJ) West of California; several nieces & nephews and a special niece: Julia Saunders of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-daughter: Carla, 1-grandson: Daniel, 1-brother & 4-sis-

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Jeff Metcalf officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Online condolences to the Nolte family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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#### DAVID L. SAPP

David Lawrence Sapp, 73, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, December 8, 2023 at his

He was born on June 8, 1950 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Charles and Grace (Varner) Sapp. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1968. On March 5, 1977, David was united in marriage to Yvonne Allison.



He is also survived by one son, Derek Sapp and his wife Corrin of Hamilton, IL and six grandchildren, Allison Sapp, Josephine "Josie" Sapp, Makenzie "Kenzie" Sapp, Kallie Harmon, Brodie Edwards and Abbie Gunning. Other survivors include three brothers, Roy Sapp and his wife Pam of Keokuk, Melvin Sapp of Keokuk, Charles Sapp of

Edmond, OK, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by several siblings, Betty Boyer, Rolene Fenton, Esther Kehler, Mary Moellerif, Ruth Gooding, Lewis Sapp, James Sapp and Bob Sapp. He was also preceded in death by two sisters and one brother in infancy.

In his early years, David had been employed at Ideal Ready Mix. He then was the owner of the Ten Pin Bowl and later the Arrowhead Bowl until his retirement in 2015. He had also owned and operated the Lee County Speedway for six years.

David's favorite hobbies were bowling and NASCAR racing. Most of all, his grandchildren were the light of his life and he enjoyed attending all the sporting events that they participated in. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



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#### Sports/From the Front

#### **CENTRAL LEE**

#### Lady Hawks fall to Canton Saturday

DONNELLSON – The Central Lee Lady Hawks dropped a 48-38 loss in non-conference action Saturday to Canton, Mo.

Kenna Sandoval led the Hawks with 18 points, while freshman Lizzy Mason added 11.

Central Lee held a 12-9 lead at the end

of the first quarter, but that was reversed by Canton in the second quarter as the Hawks trailed 24-22 at the break.

Riley Gregory had four points, while Ellie Lake added three and Taylor Jones added a bucket in the third quarter.

The Hawks fall to 3-5 overall and 3-3 in the SEI Superconference with the loss.

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# New laserworks opens in former Lee County Bank

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Montez said he has already cultivated some working partnerships with other retail outlets in Fort Madison including Lost Bear Coffee. He said now the business is a small footprint, but it has the feeling of a larger future.

"Our slogan is 'If you can dream it up, we can beam it up," Montez said.

"This has grown from a passion and a hobby to now this. We're really excited about it and this is a small step to a much bigger future for us."

He said there are some materials you can't laser on such as PVC which creates a harmful gas, but he said Material Safety Data Sheets are helpful in keeping the operation safe.

He also has a UV Laser which works well on glass.

The business has gotten its start mostly from word of mouth and social media. Montez said he's had enough orders to keep him busy out of the gate.

"I wish I had more time, I have more business than I anticipated when I started. Before we even opened these doors, people were calling and wanting to find out more about us," Montez said.

He said one of his favorite things to do is work on empty whiskey bottles. Montez said he can cut the bottles and invert them where he can insert a cork stand to make a wine glass and then etch the surface with graphics, words, etc.

Laser etching and engraving can be done on just about anything anyone can dream up, Montez said, including Christmas ornaments, photo frames, glass memorabilia, all locally produced.

The six-year veteran of the Air Force has extensive retail experience managing rental outlets in the area. He moved to Fort Madison in 2022 where his father-in-law had a home vacant.

Montez said he loves the city and the retail environment. The Wisconsin native said he wishes there was a bit more snow for the holiday.

"I wish we had more snow and I know people hate when I say that, but it is what it is," he said.

Beam It Up can be found on social media at @beamituplw for Instagram, Facebook, and X, and his website is being developed but is functional at <a href="https://www.beamitup.com">www.beamitup.com</a>.

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#### From the Front

## Christmas gifts abound as 2023 comes to an end

**WRAP** - Continued from Page 1

I start looking at all the labels because some people send gifts to me, organize things and then trudge back into the Great Hall of Wrapping that is my living room.

I love boxed gifts. They are easy to wrap unless you have no sense of spatial relationships. Which I clearly don't. You would be flabbergasted at the number of times I have a rectangle to wrap, and I have to do additional surgical removal of one end or both of the wrapping paper because I started with waaaay too much.

I also fear stretching too far while kneeling and running the scissors down the dotted line, they now imprint on the inside of the wrapping paper for dufuses like me that can't cut a straight line.

And I always grab the scissors that won't perfectly execute the slide cut. I'm absolutely positive I invented that. And just when I had it perfected, they go and start leaving microscopic gaps between the scissor blades (or I'm just a cheapskate) you can't get that nice razor slice of the paper. Instead I get catches every couple of inches that snarl the pretty paper as I try not to re-strain my back cutting the full length.

Don't even get me started on unorthodox gift items like the fishing pole I bought my nephew last year. That thing about made it into the Mississippi River with no bait. But my daughter came to the rescue and saved the day with a cardboard wrapping tube and some creative cardboard work. She's a genius. And she loves, Loves, LOVES to wrap packages. I should write her a check and sit back with a spiked hot chocolate, or spiked hot apple cider, or spiked glass of ice.

But I forge ahead. Singing way off key to Micheal Bubble and his litany of Christmas melodies. My parakeets Jonnie and Frankie sing along, too, but I don't believe they're singing. I think they're crying. I am waaay off key.

As the packages slowly and ugily (yeah, that's not a word, but I like it and it fits) pile up to the left of me, my knees are telling me to get off the damn floor, so I start moving the things to the tree in the other room.







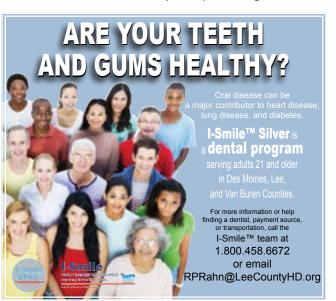
Now I like to have gifts cascading out from under the tree and have them pouring out onto the living room floor, then Santa comes in and is required to stack all his crap around the perimeter. At least that's what I leave on my note for him.

"Dear Santa, don't set your crap on top of mine! Enjoy the Jameson, sundried tomato sliced turkey, and pepper-jack cheese." You must tell Santa Claus what's on the plate if it's not cookies, because he has tunnel vision, and a very picky palate.

It usually takes me about four days to wrap everything. And by that, I mean the 45 minutes to an hour per day that I can stomach doing it before Christmas Eve. Fortunately, Taylor usually flies in about three days beforehand and she's a wicked relief pitcher. She bails me out of the bad start, and I can breathe easier.

I keep her company and she will usually take over the big screen and put on Christmas movies that aren't on her Christmas Eve schedule. Usually something like Fred Clause or one of the sequels to The Santa Clause. The original is on her Christmas Eve list and you don't screw with the Christmas Eve list.

Not if you don't want the stink-eye from that tradition soldier. You never even suggest a different agenda for Christmas Eve with her, you're just along for the







ride on that one.

I'm looking forward to Christmas Eve this year. Mom is spending the night here so she doesn't have to leave early to get here on Christmas Day. She likes to see Taylor as much as she can when she's back, so this works out.

I usually snack all day but drink a lot of water as I know Christmas will be a meal heavy day. Our Christmas Eve finale is A Christmas Story with Ralphie and Randy. When Randy can't put his arms down, I know Christmas has arrived.

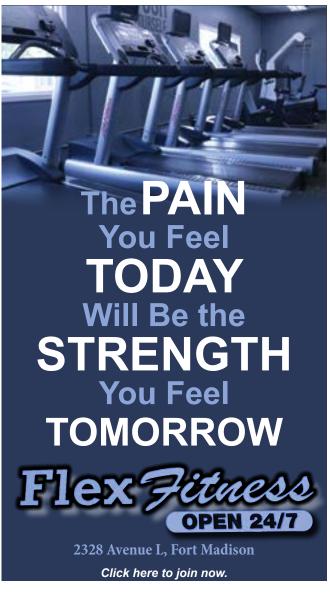
I think I used to wish for Christmas gifts in this column for some of our readership. I think that's a good tradition that I will re-start here.

To Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, I wish a full year of city governance without a Pen City Current Freedom of Information request. For Sheriff Stacy Weber, a full year without a traffic fatality. For Your Heat & Air Guy Tom Schulz, one day to sleep in. For FMHS Head Coach Derek Doherty a speedy 6'4" 220 lb. tight end with great hands and a nose for the endzone; for Brad Randolph, a year without getting stung (even if it is healthy); to Kate and Timm Lamb, a case of Goo Goo Clusters (since Timm ate mine); for Mark Pothitakis a year free of filling cavities - because that means I don't have any.; to Bobby Holtkamp a gentle horse; And for my friend Charlie Scoville - a wonderful Christmas back at home.

To everyone else, Happy Holidays. Now let's get that snow! - but that's Beside The Point.

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#### **Sports**

## Bendlage hits 1,000 as HTC wins

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP

FORT MADISON - Mary Kate Bendlage's 1,000th career point went unnoticed in Holy Trinity's first-

half flurry in Friday's 60-11 win over Van Buren. Bendlage's free throw to finish off a three-point play gave the Crusaders a 23-2 lead in the first half, but, when the game was over, the senior knew what the milestone meant.

"It shows all my hard work, and that my teammates have my back," she said.

Bendlage became the second 1,000-point scorer in Holy Trinity history on a night when the Crusaders posted an impressive win to bounce back from their first loss of the season.

The 61-57 overtime defeat at Notre Dame on Tuesday knocked Holy Trinity (6-1 overall, 5-1 SEI Superconference South Division) from its No. 15 spot in the Class 1A rankings, but it provided plenty of motivation for the Crusaders.

Holy Trinity dominated early against the Warriors (1-6, 1-5). The Crusaders led 25-2 with 4:55 left in the first half, led 37-10 at halftime, then held Van Buren to one second-half point.

"Tuesday was a tough loss — it was a game we should have won," said Bendlage, who finished with 13 points. "It sucked because of the hard work we had put in. But just because we had the loss, it didn't define us. We came back and we worked hard, and it showed in a game like this, the way we

bounced back."

"It was nice, because we came off a rough game against Notre Dame," said senior Natalie Randolph, who scored the first five points of the game and finished with 19. "It was really good to get a nice win."

The focus for the Crusaders in practice this week was on defense.

"We came back to practice, and cleaned some things up," Randolph said "We worked on our defense, especially our press a lot. I think our press worked really well tonight."

"I thought our defense was good tonight," Bendlage said. "We communicated really well. Our defense was solid, and our offense came with it."

Holy Trinity coach Tony Johnson liked how his team started the game.

"The good thing is we were getting the shots we wanted," Johnson said. "Now we've just got to start finishing the shots. I told them they needed to attack the rim better, shorten up the distance between the shot and the rim. We're getting better at running the offense, and we're rebounding a little better too."

The last field goal of the game for Van Buren was Shae Batten's 3-pointer that beat the first-half buzzer. Marlee Mertens' free throw with 4:12 left in the third quarter was the Warriors' only point of the second half.

"Defense wins games, that's what we're told in practice, and then the offense will follow through," Bendlage said. "Tonight we didn't score much in



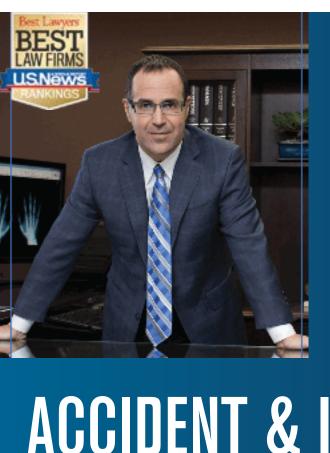
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HTC's Mary Kate Bendlage looks for a passing lane in the third quarter of the Crusaders' 60-11 win over Van Buren. Bendlage reached 1,000 points for her career in the second quarter of the win.

the third quarter, we came out a little flat. But our defense kept us going."

Holy Trinity scored 14 fourth-quarter points, 10 coming from guard Teagan Snaadt, who hit two 3-pointers on the way to a 12-point game.

"At the end, it was good to see Teagan hit some outside shots, because we've got to start shooting the ball better from the outside," Johnson said. "So, that's the focus from here until Christmas is getting them shooting from the outside."



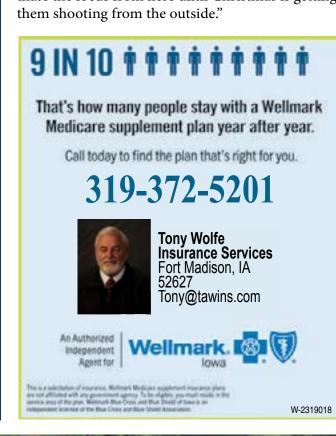
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#### **Sports**

## Fort Madison girls split weekend games in Burlington

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – Fort Madison's Irelynd Sargent started the game with a 3-ball and wrapped up the first quarter with another long ball at the horn setting a tone for Saturday's 46-30 win over Class 1A 15th-ranked Burlington Notre Dame.

Sargent finished with nine points, while senior Aija Jenkins had 10, and freshman Reilynn Turnbull had nine to lead the Hounds.

It may be the play of Turnbull that has Head Coach Landon Bentley's attention, coming after a strong performance on Friday in a 57-49 loss at Burlington.

"I'm a coach that if you earn it, you're going to see it, and she earned it (Friday) night. She played a phenomenal game Friday night so I told the girls she would be in the rotation more," Bentley said.

"She suffered the freshman jitters early, but now she realizes she can just play basketball. She's going to be a great asset to Fort Madison girls basketball for the next four years."

Turnbull said she's just trying to give the Lady Hounds a boost.

"I wanna go in just to play. It's a lot harder at the varsity level than it is at junior varsity so it's a big transition," she said. "I just want to help my team get rebounds and steals. I don't have to get a lot of points. I just want to help my team."

She said she still gets some jitters when she first checks in, but that's staring to sort itself out.

"It takes me a while. I get nervous when I first go in, but then my confidence builds as the play goes on."

Fort Madison opened a quick 6-2 lead on Sargent's long ball and a 3-point play by senior Taylor Johnson, but Notre Dame would come storming back on a 10-2 run to take a 12-8 lead on Taryn Stephen's bucket.

Sargent would cut it to one with the 3-ball at the buzzer

and then Fort Madison would step on the gas a bit in the second quarter.

Sargent would score again to start the second period to take a 13-12 lead. Turnbull would add a freethrow after getting fouled swinging into the lane on a floater that didn't go. A bucket by Notre Dame freshman Daizy Hazell tied things back up at 14. The Hounds' defense would hold up allowing just one more bucket from the field to the Nikes by Aviana West with less than 20 seconds remaining to make it 20-17, but Jenkins would add a bucket just under the horn at the half for a 22-17 lead.

The Lady Hounds would open up a 12-point lead in the third period when Jenkins hit a 3-ball from the right wing. Fort Madison would hold that lead throughout the third period. The Nikes would get whistled for four fouls down the stretch in the third, sending Turnbull to the freethrow lines six times and Dayonna Davis twice. The Hounds completed just 3 of the eight for a 35-25 lead at the end of three.

Fort Madison would complete just 9 of 31 from the freethrow line, a stat that has Bentley baffled a bit.

"We shot 50 each day last week. It's coming down to us staying focused on freethrows. We're going to try different drills maybe for them, but we shot 50 every single day last week," he said.

Notre Dame didn't get any closer than 10 the rest of the way. West hit a bucket at the 4:26 mark to make it 37-27, but Jenkins would answer with another 3-pointer and Halle Menke would convert inside for a 42-27 lead that would stretch to 16 by the game's end.

Bentley said he was happy how the team responded after a lackluster performance Friday at BHS.

"A lot of what we did differently tonight was them," he said. "They brought energy and played all four quarters. Last night, we came out and acted like we didn't want to be there. When you think stuff's gonna get handed to you, you get



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lady Hounds' sophomore Dayonna Davis posts up for a ball in the first half of Saturday's win over Burlington Notre Dame. Davis had six points in the win.

humbled. But I'm extremely proud of how the girls came out played today."

Davis and Johnson each had six in the win for the 6-2 (2-1) Lady Hounds. They take on Washington Tuesday at the Hound Dome in a Southeast Conference matchup. The Demons are also 2-1 on the conference and stand at 5-4 on the year.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Lee County, Iowa **Board of Supervisors**

Agenda **DATE: Monday, December 18, 2023 MEETING CONVENING TIME:** 10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H

#### ---AGENDA---

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Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda **Public Input** Receive Compensation **Board Recommendation** Consider Approval of **Budget Amendment and** 

Set Public Hearing

Consider Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding with PPME Local NO. 2004 Regarding Current Employee Transfers

Discussion of Implementation / Adjustment of Secondary Roads Permit Fees

Consider Approval of Resolution Awarding & Authorizing the Engineer to Execute a Contract for Project # M2024-I, Countywide Pavement Markings

Consider Approval of **Fund Transfer Resolution** 

Discussion and Possible Action on Opioid **Funding for Talbot House** 

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (4)

Consent Agenda

- Monday, December
- 11, 2023 Board Minutes Claims for Payment
- Officer Change on Class B Beer Permit Ap-

plication for Izaak Walton League

Personnel Actions:

A. Wage Increases (2) Veteran Affairs

B. New Hire (Replacement) - Treasurer's Office C. New Hire (Replace-

ment) - Secondary Roads D. Step Increase - Conservation

E. Promotion - Secondary Roads

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Workshop to follow A. Breeder/Cattle Ordinance

B. Port Trail Drainage Issue

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**FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL EXEMPT SESSION** Tuesday, **December 19, 2023** 4:30 P.M. City Council Chambers, City Hall

**TENTATIVE AGENDA** 

**ROLL CALL** 

**EXEMPT SESSION** 

1a. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECOND-ED to enter into Exempt Session under Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss collective bargaining strategy with the City's bargaining representative, Lynch Dallas, P.C.

1b. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to come out of Exempt Session

**REGULAR MEETING** Tuesday, **December 19, 2023** 5:30 P.M. **OR FOLLOWING EXEMPT SESSION Place: City Council** Chambers, City Hall

INVOCATION **ROLL CALL** VISITORS AND AP-

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CONSENT AGENDA
1. (Blank) MOVED and
(blank) SECONDED to
approve the consent

• Minutes of December 5, 2023;

agenda:

• Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General #15777; 429 Avenue H, effective January 10, 2024 – Class B Retail;

• Claims dated December 14, 2023 and November Financial Report; and

• Payroll of December 15, 2023.

COMMUNITY RE-PORTS: American Cruise Lines, Frank Klipsch

PUBLIC HEARING: Concerning the Sale of City-Owned Property at 1730 Avenue H

Close Public Hearing 2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the final determination on potential sale of interest in real property and approving and authorizing execution of a purchase agreement by and between the City of Fort Madison and Kapo Realty, LTD within the Business US Highway 61 Corridor Urban Renewal Area for a cost of \$155,000.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing City Manager Laura Liegois to serve on the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, term expiring January 1, 2025.

4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving Partial Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$110,834.55 to Voltmer, Inc. of Decorah, lowa for the PIP-2022-03

Fort Madison Municipal Airport AWOS Replacement Project.

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances and Agreement, appointing Mark Bousselot as the City's Title VI Coordinator and naming Mark Bousselot and Laura Liegois as designated signatories for the City of Fort Madison. (COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-44)

6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting Public Improvement Project 2022-02, Marina Improvements – Fuel System as complete.

OTHER
7. (Blank) MOVED

and (blank) SECOND-ED to approve 2024 City Council Meeting Dates. (COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-45)

8. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Josh Denning to the Airport Commission, filling an unexpired term, term expiring September 30, 2025.

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#### **Sports**

## Riddle 1st; Arnett, Pennock 5th at FM Invitational

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- The Fort Madison
Bloodhounds earned one
first-place finish over this
weekend's 23-team Fort
Madison Invitational at the
Hound Dome.

Dubuque Hempstead won the two-day event with 382 points, followed by Clear Creek-Amana with 376.4. Fort Madison's varsity finished 10th with 242 points. Fort Madison's junior varsity was 23rd with 23 points.

Nolan Riddle was the sole champion at 157, running through the bracket with six wins, scoring pins in all but one of the matches – the championship match with Washington's Chase Greiner.

An action-filled first period had Riddle up by a point after an early takedown. Greiner scored the 2-point reversal, but Riddle would escape for a point. Greiner would get another 2-point score with :41 seconds remaining in the period before the Bloodhound was able to roll-up a reversal with just two seconds remaining in the period to take a 5-4 lead into the second

period.

Greiner would choose a down start in the second period to try to tie the match with an escape, but Riddle would maintain control all through the period, getting a two-point nearfall with :30 left in the period for a 7-4 lead heading into the final two minutes.

This time Riddle would start down, looking for a quick escape. He would never get the point on the escape, but literally did one better with a reversal 37 seconds into the period that he would ride to the title.

Riddle, the 7th ranked 157 lb. wrestler in the state in 3A, improves to 20-4 with the title.

The Hounds' next best finish was Logan Pennock at 132 lbs. Pennock had to wrestle nine times over the two days. Pennock came out of pool wrestling Friday as the No. 2 seed in the B pool after going 4-1 with a round 5 loss to Benton Community's Elijah Kupka in a 13-10 decision.

The Fort Madison junior nearly had that match in the first 30 seconds when

he scored a takedown 18 seconds into the match and nearly got Kupka's shoulders down for a 5-point early lead, but Kupka would score a reversal and his own nearfall with less than 20 seconds left in the first period.

Pennock started down in the second period and, after a minute of trying to get out of Kupka's control, suffered a two- and three-point nearfall within 15 seconds of each other. Pennock would get a reversal in a very active final minute of wrestling in period 2. Pennock would get a penalty point with 26 seconds left, but Kupka would be awarded 2 points with :02 left in the period by officials for an 11-8 lead over the Bloodhound. Kupka would carry the 3-point advantage through the third period with Pennock getting a takedown with:12 left in the match to trail 12-10, but couldn't get the pin before the final whistle.

Pennock would wipe out Ottumwa's Daltin Doud in just :37, but then would suffer a pin at the hands of Washington's Aaron Boone



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Nolan Riddle gets close to a fall in his first match of the day Saturday at the Fort Madison Invitational in Fort Madison.

in the semifinals, sending him to consolation wrestling where he lost to New London's Gage Burden by fall with two seconds left in the match. Pennock led 6-5 with a minute left in that match, but Burden would score a takedown and a near fall for four points and a 9-6 lead before securing the pin. Pennock would again beat Doud in his final match for 5th place overall.

Cory Arnett was the only other Bloodhound to have a top 5 finish, taking fifth in the 285 lb. division. Arnett went 2-1 in pool wrestling Friday falling to Russel Coil of

Columbus/Winfield-Mt. Union with a pin in the third period. Cardinal's Isaac Cox scored a 6-2 decision over Arnett in the opening round of Saturday wrestling. Cox would end up 4th overall. Arnett downed AJ Wilson-Myles of Benton with a pin at 1:20 of the first period on the consolation side before falling to Zach Conlon of Dubuque Hempsted with a second period fall. The Hound junior would knock off Vinnie Keller of Clear-Creek Amana in the second period in the fifthplace match.

The Hounds had four other wrestlers finish in

the top 10 with Brody Bolandar (113 lbs.), Luke Vanderpool (120 lbs.), Rainer Johnson (150 lbs.), and Aaron Warner (215 lbs) all placing 10th in their divisions.

The Bloodhounds were without state-ranked Ike Thacher, who wrestled Thursday against Mt. Pleasant, and Teague Smith, both out nursing injuries.

Keokuk was 20th overall with 62 points. Robert Howes led the way with a fourth-place finish at 126 lbs

Complete results can be found at <u>trackwrestling</u>. <u>com</u>.

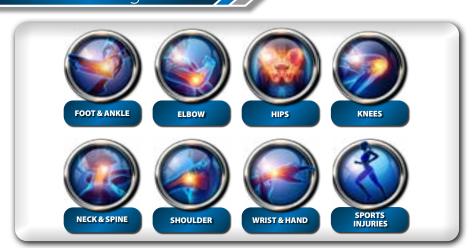
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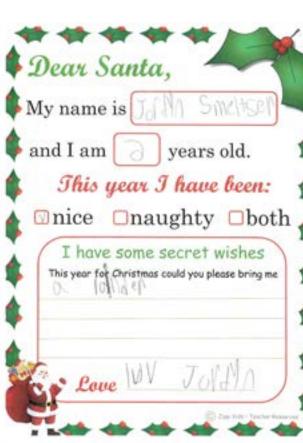
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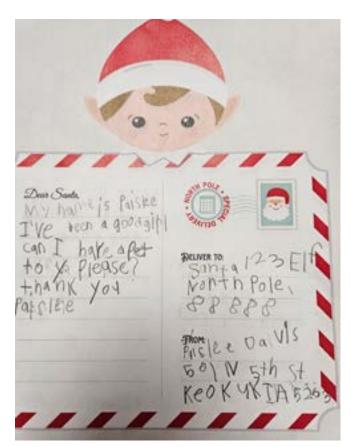
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## Keokuk Community School District Mrs. Johnson, 2nd Grade













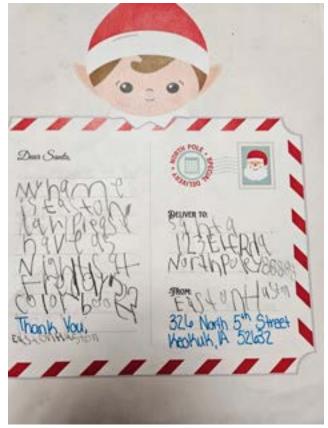






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Dear Santa,

Do you like white milk or chocolate milk?

I need books and more shampoo please.

I really want mermaids and unicorns and dinosaurs.

Thank you!

Janna

PS I think my teacher wants a mermaid toy because she doesn't' have one. Dear Santa,

Do you get presents? I know you are good.

My mom needs new socks please.

I want the lightning race track and the Thomas the Train.

Thank you!

Jaiden

PS. I think my teacher wants a cup because she needs a drink.

Dear Santa,

Do the reindeer really fly?

I really need new clothes.

I want a Spiderman Shooter and Spiderman gloves.

Thank you!

Conner

PS I think my teacher wants a big blankie that would be comfy to keep her warm.

# Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Johnson, Kindergarten

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I really need new clothes.

I want a Spiderman Shooter and Spiderman gloves.

Thank you!

Conner

PS I think my teacher wants a big blankie that would be comfy to keep her warm.

Dear Santa,

Do reindeer eat cookies too?

I need a new pillow.

I would like a fire truck.

Thank you!

Wyatt

PS I think my teacher wants

lots of money because she is

awesome.

Dear Santa,

Do the reindeer eat cookies?

We need strawberries at my

house.

I would like a unicorn and bar-

bies and all the doll prizes.

Thank you!

Meredith

PS I think my teacher wants a watch because she is late too

much.

Dear Santa,

Are the elves naughty or nice?

I need a Christmas tree.

I would like a candy cane and presents with water bottles'

and barbies and hats.

Thank you!

Atheena

PS. I think my teacher wants a lollipop because she loves lollipops.

Dear Santa,

How did you build the North

I need extra juice, like grape juice and apples.

I would like Lightning Mc-Queen Semi, and the cars that change colors in water and a Jack-in-the-box.

Thank you!

Roenic

PS I think my teacher wants grapes and apples and berries because she needs more food... Dear Santa,

Do the elves have different colored clothes?

I need toilet parts for our toi-

I would like a doll house and dolls and a carpet for my room and slippers.

I Love You!

Lily

PS I think my teacher wants a new computer because sometimes ours doesn't work.

Cear Santa,

I didn't do anything bad, but my brother kinda did.

How did my elf named Elficon cut off the string on my door?

I need a mini vacuum cleaner that is the height of me to clean up stuff.

I would like Robux and a Lego Police Officer set.

I Love You!

PS I think my teacher wants good kids because everyone is not being respectful.

Clear Santa,

Could the elves at the North Pole make a Barbie Dream House?

I need 6 year old clothes and 6 year old swim suits.

I would like new paints for my bedroom and a Barbie Dream House.

I Love You and Ho Ho Ho.

PS I think my teacher wants a new stapler because she has a dirty one.

Cear Santa

How many elves do you have? I need more spoons for my Mom's house.

I would like a cool race track that is Mario race track that has all the characters, a Robot that can get in water but won't zap and overload and get stinky, a ball that goes underwater. My sister could use a doll house and a doll and a doll car.

I Love you and Thank you!

Alaric

PS I think my teacher wants a new phone because Iphone 14's are so smart and she could call anybody.

# Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Johnson, Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Do the elves like stockings?
My mom needs a mug.
I would like a bunny that is fluffy, a blue one. I would alos like a Cinderella book and a Rapunzel one and a plushie - like a panda one.

Thank you!

Maria

PS I think my teacher wants a mug so she can drink hot co-coa out of it

Dear Santa,

How are the elves, what are they doing?

Mommy needs a laptop so she can text people.

I would like a make-up thingy make-up case, a suit case that has a thing on the front its person on the front that helps people and a make-up thing for my sissy. Does the elf have make-up to match me? I Love you!

Ebony

PS I think my teacher wants makeup because she can do her makeup when she wants. Dear Santa,

What do the reindeer eat?
I would like a drum, new songs, a new speaker.
I love you,
Aiden

Dear Santa,

We need tacos at my house.

I would like a Batwing car,
Spiderman mask, Batman Gotham City Guardian Playset.
Thank you!
Mateo





Dear Santa,

Do the elves fly?

We need books and pillows at our house.

I would like a Playstation with a gamer controller and a station that connects to it. I would also like a chew-chew train and a ride in Santa's sleigh to the North Pole.

I Love You!

Sapphire

PS I think my teacher wants a puppy because she has 3 puppies and probably a baby cat.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Chelsea Mermaid Doll, Gabby Cat Dollhouse, Gabby Cat Dolls, Gabby cat's Mercat Mermaid. Thank you, Ora Dear Santa,

Are the elves really silly all the time?

I need pajamas.

I would like a drone, a Pac-Man machine I saw at Walgreens, and a Pikachu Plushie. Thank you!

Nikko

PS I think my teacher wants a new heater fan that turns so she can cool down.

# Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Jones, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

Here are I five things I want for christmas.

- 1. Five books.
- 2. Draw in the air wand.
- 3. Bakuguns
- 4. Afrute.

5. Pokemor.

This year I have been an okay boy.

Sincerely, Fyntan.









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Dear Santa, for Christmas, I want a squishmallow (Elf), legos, nutcracker, merfyun Sincerty, Hoverson



# Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Jones, 3rd Grade

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Dear Santa i would like a 1820's, a puppy, some new e, a swing sit, and I would

Dear Santa

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Dear Santa, you don't have to get the all of the things on this list. So could you get we plane tickets to Florida to disney warp, computer, Phone, Stitch Sqishmelow, Stitch legos, Stitch Phone Case, cursive book, math book. Baby Sitter club books, Mylittle Ponycomics, Unicor 1 Coloring books, Barbies, Angel Stuffedominal, and a stitch L.E.D. lights.

Dear santa, my name is housen scott for (hrisma) & want a nuther ? elf and t want it's name be dip it gose together can fougive me one Gally

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Dear Santa, can you please give me: 1,000 robux,1 gift card, a walf staffed animal, a world map Super mario maker 2, and a boancy ball.

Lore Benjamin



# Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Jones, 3rd Grade

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To Santa. This year I would like.

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2. A puppy.

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4. Baterfly hearely.

5. some colored pinsils.

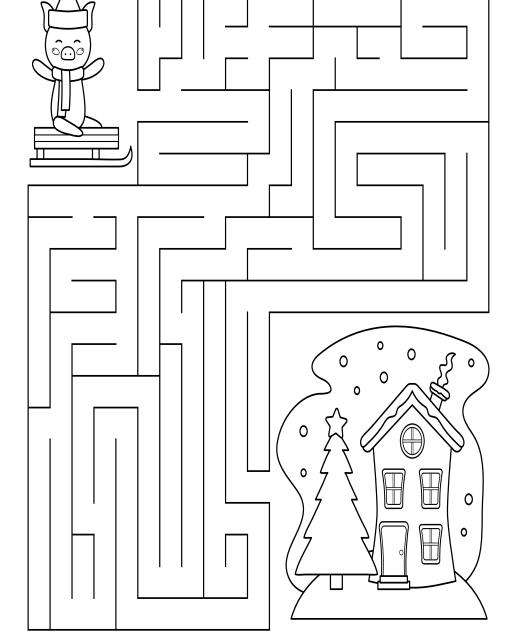
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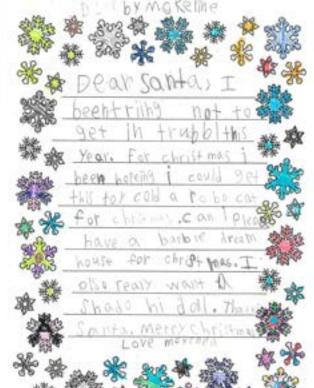




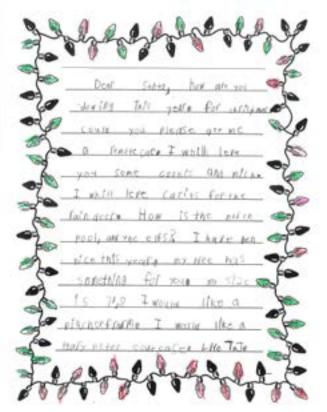


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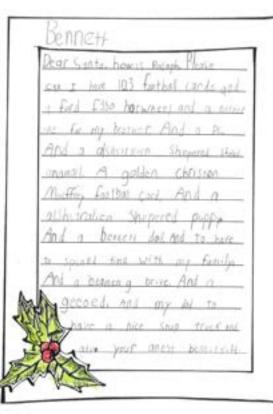






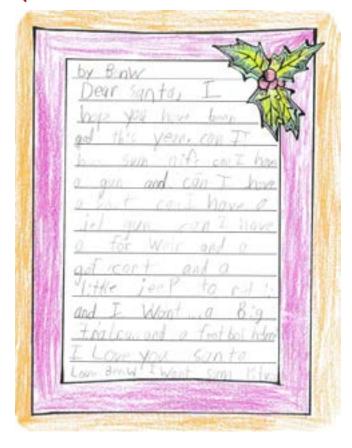






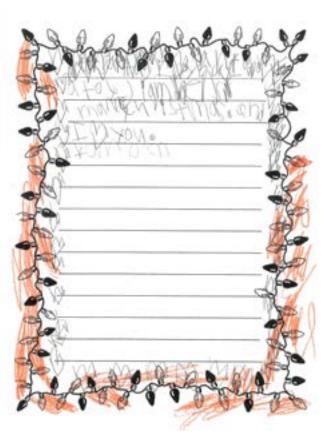
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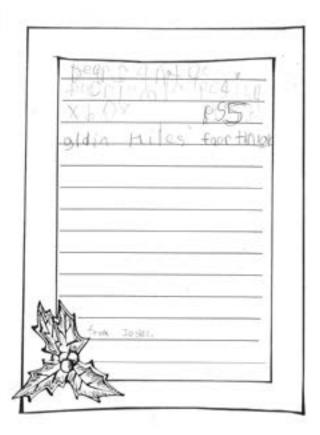








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## Lincoln Elementary Gchool Mrs. Lodge, Kindergarten



















# Lincoln Elementary Gchool Mrs. Lodge, Kindergarten

















# Keokuk Community Gchool District Mrs. Martin, 1st Grade



I want Barbie Dolls and I want fast cars. - Zoey

Dear Santa



Dear Santa

I want a tablet. I want mini brands. - Emberlee



### Dear Santa

I want Legos. I want cars. -Alexander



## Dear Santa

would like a robot for a present. Are the elves real? Can elves fly? I like it when you say "Ho Ho Ho". -Tytus



## Dear Santa

I would like a big Bluey stuffed animal and Bluey accessories.
- Cali



### Dear Santa

I want to get magic that has every power, a kitten, and to get everything I want. -Charlotte



### Dear Santa

I want a Bluey beach house, new shoes, a Bluey stuffed animal, Bingo stuffed animal, Santa toy, and a kitchen toy set. - Ariana



### Dear Santa

I want a chest, markers and a PS<sub>5</sub>. -Nikolas



### Dear Santa

Can you just make some presents for me please? -Nevaeh

# Keokuk Community School District Mrs. Martin, 1st Grade







### Dear Santa

I would like a go cart. I would like to race it on the sidewalk. I would like a reindeer truck. How do Reindeer fly?- Kayden

## Dear Santa

I would like a Pokemon deck that has a card with a thousand health. I would like a rc car.- Ryder

## Dear Santa

I would like to get a makeup table, a Bluey doll, and a Bluey house.- Prisha







## Dear Santa

I want a Spiderman Shirt, a helmet, Hello Neighbor 2 beta controller and a camera. -London

### Dear Santa

I would like a fox night light. I would like a stuffed sloth. I would like a LaLaLoopsy doll. -Julie

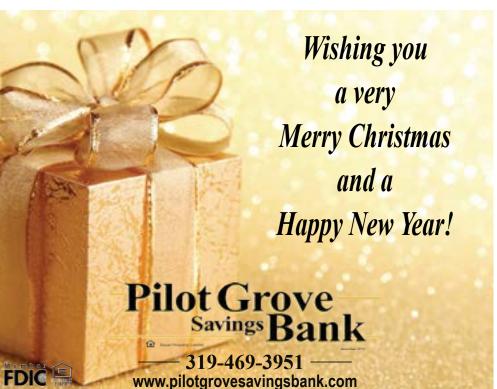
### Dear Santa

I want a Grinch doll. I want a PS5. I want a Nintendo.- Reagan

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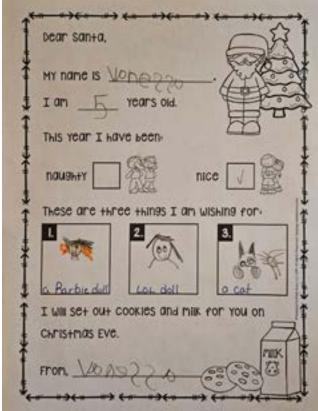


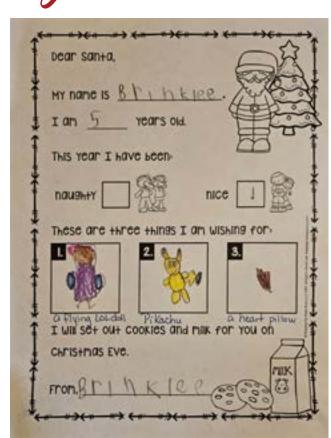




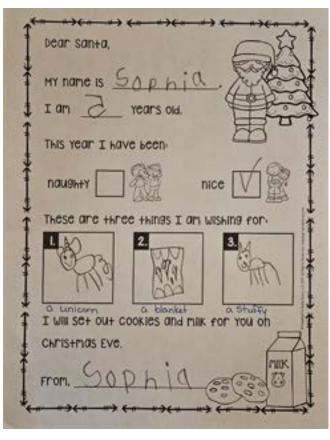
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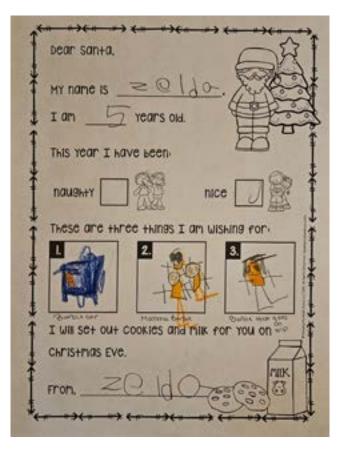














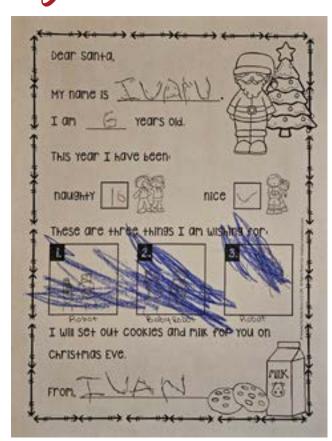


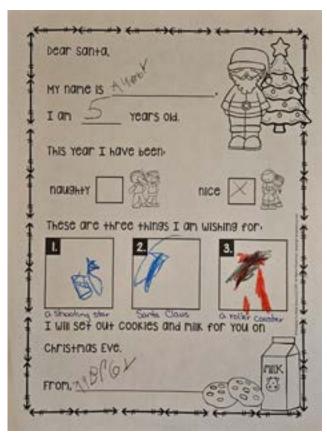


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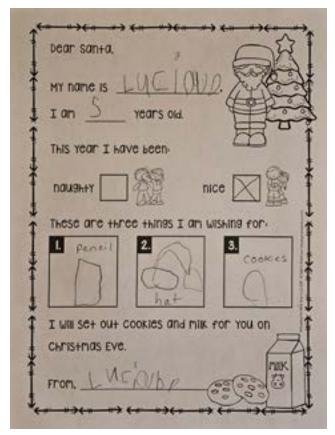




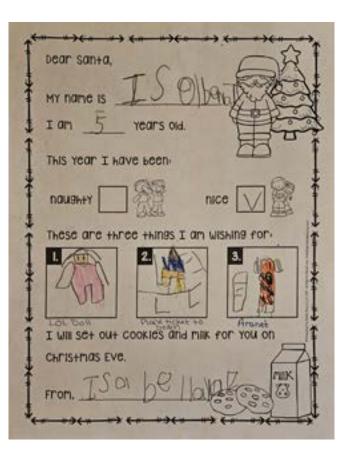






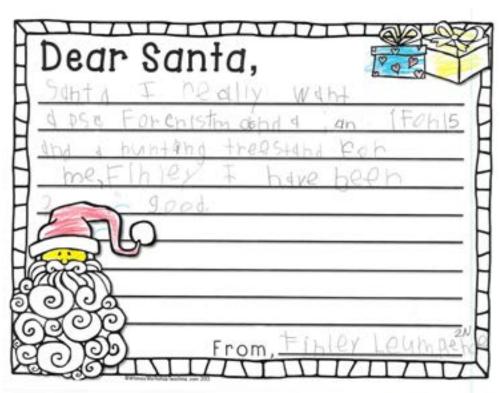


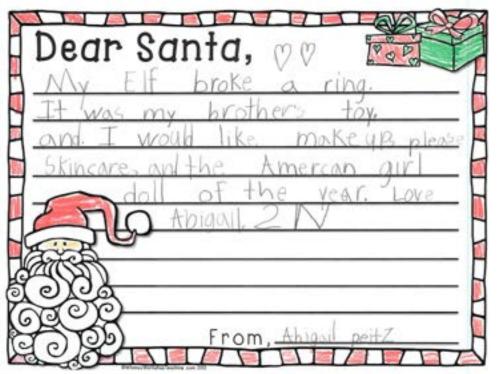


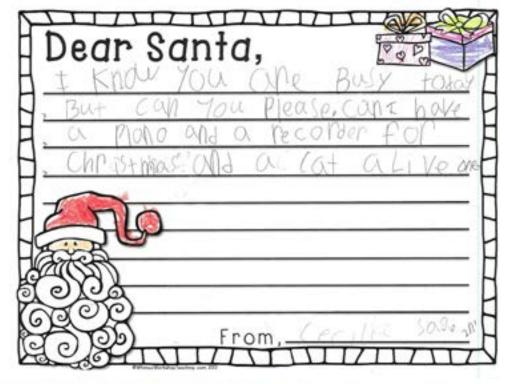


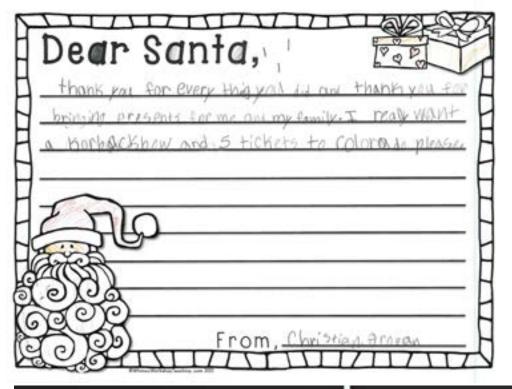
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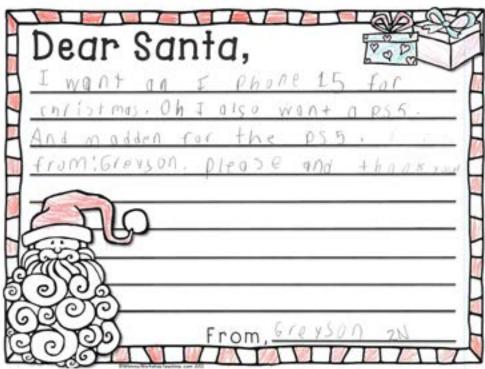






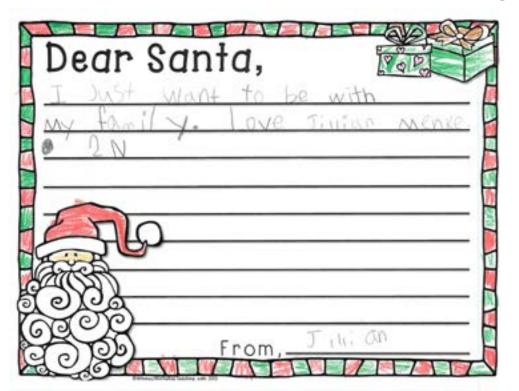


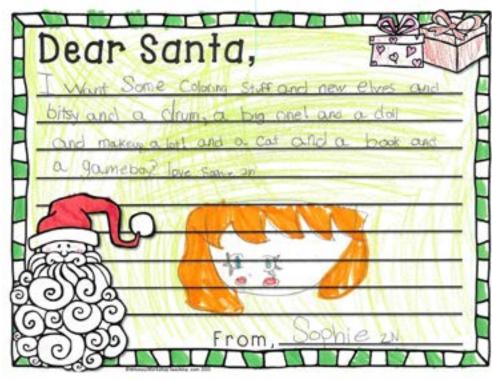




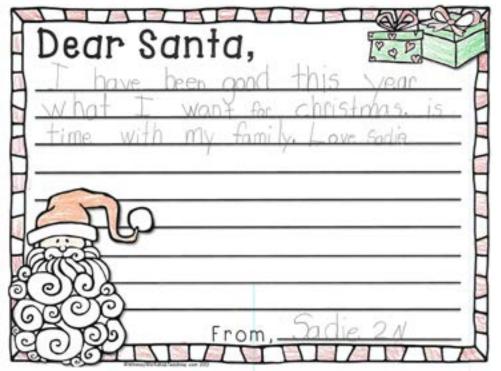


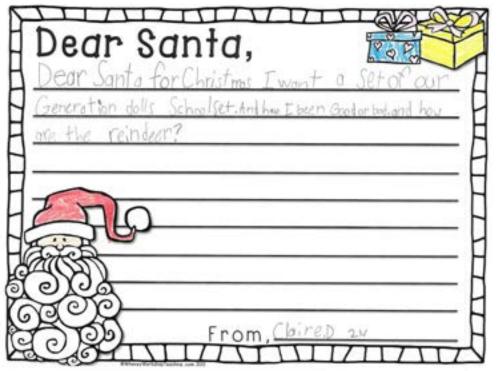
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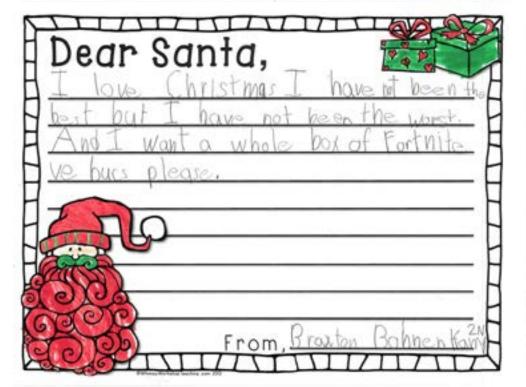


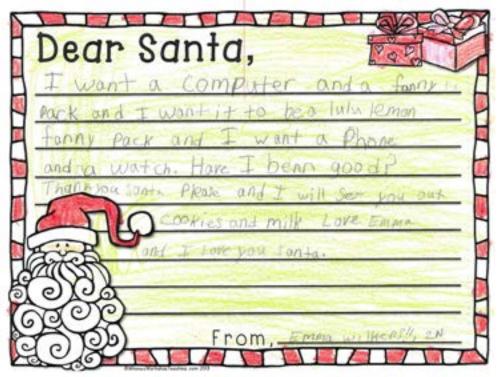




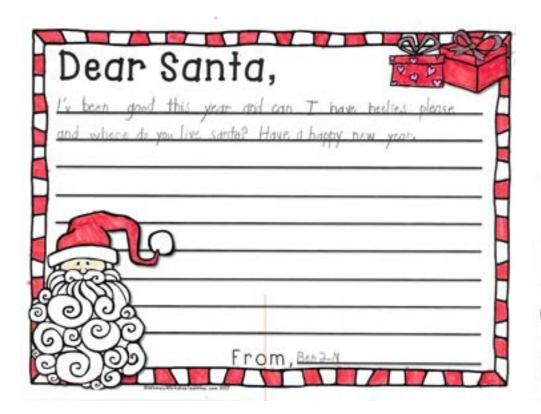


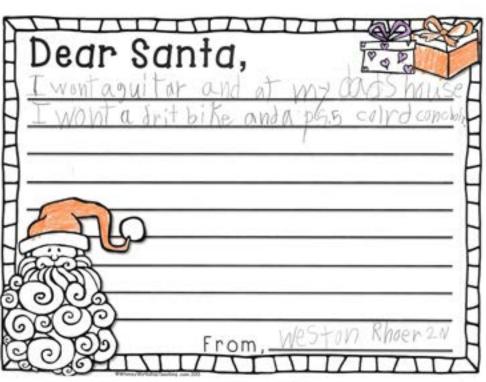


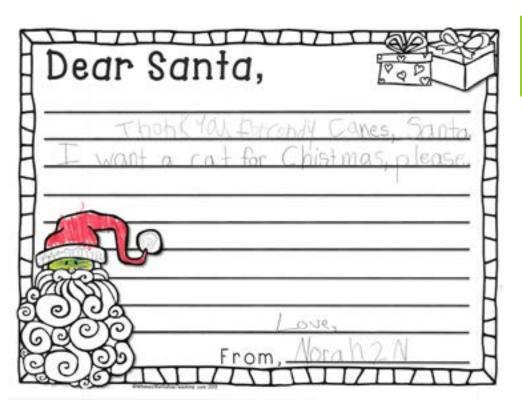


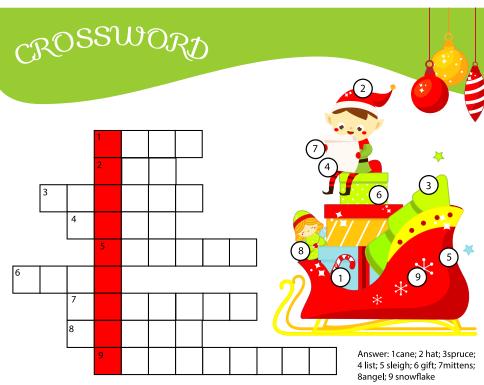


# Holy Trinity Elementary Gchool Mrs. Meeley, 2nd Grade











# Richardson Elementary Gchool Mrs. Trout, 1st Grade



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Santa, I think you are:

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Santa, I think you are:

# Richardson Elementary Gchool Mrs. Trout, 1st Grade













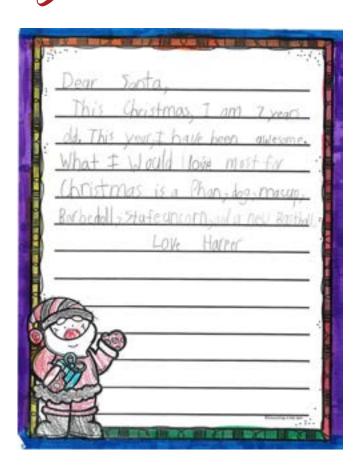




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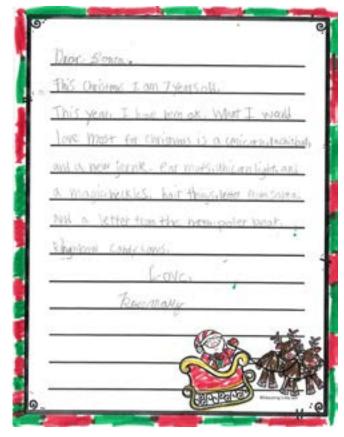












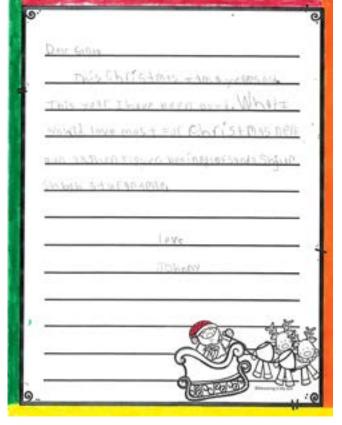




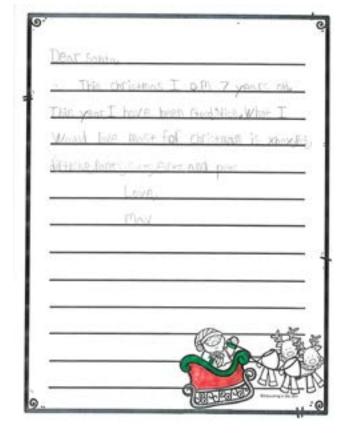


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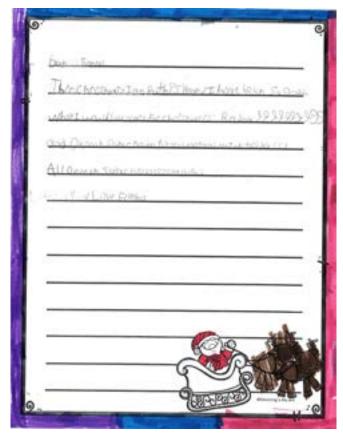












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## Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Woodley, Kindergarten



For Christmas, I would like a stethoscope, a toy dog and Legos. I would like to know what your favorite cookie is so that I can leave it for you as a snack.

-Fallon



Hi Santa, I am going to make cookies for you, so I need to know what your favorite one is! I would like mermaid things, makeup and Barbie dolls. I also want some Mini-Brands. You can get those at Farm and Home.

-Eleanor



For Christmas I want a bunch of magnets so that I can build a tall tower. Can you leave me a picture of yourself so that I know what you look like?

-Kylin



I would really like a German Shepherd puppy for Christmas. We would also need a collar and a leash to walk it. Is Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer ready to go for Christmas eve?

-Ronan





For Christmas this year, I would like a kaleidoscope to look at all the different shapes. I would also like some Elsa earrings and a new phone case for my mom because hers broke. Have the reindeer been eating a lot?

-Amina



For Christmas I would like a tiger and a wooly mammoth to play with. I would also like a saber tooth cat to go with them. What is your favorite cookie so that I can leave it for you? I will also leave the reindeer a snack.

-Joshua



I want a Barbie doll for Christmas. I was also wondering if you could bring an apple for my mom because I know she loves apples! How will you know where our house is? Will you see our Christmas tree and know that it is my house?

*-*Lillian



I want a toy grill and a watch and some playdoh for Christmas. Can you please bring my mom some chicken noodles because that is her favorite? I will leave you a note, some milk and chocolate chip cookies on my kitchen table.

## Richardson Elementary Gehool Mrs. Woodley, Kindergarten



Can I have a Barbie house and some Barbie dolls for Christmas? Can you get some cleaning stuff for my mom and maybe some stuff for my lunches at school? Why do you eat so many cookies, but you don't get any cavities? Do you brush your teeth every time you eat cookies?

-Addly



I would like a bunch of Wild-Krats stuff this year. I want a WildKrats backpack, blanket, pillows and lunchbox. I love WildKrats.

-Ritei



For Christmas this year I would like for you to bring me a puppy. I want a white dog with black spots on it. I will also need some food for him. That's all I want!

-Lincoln



I would like to get Paw Patrol things and a Hot Wheels track with lots of cars. I have been really good this year, so I hope you find my house. It is the white one.

-Khalid

-Noctis





What cookies do you like? I'm not sure which ones you like the best and I want to have my mom make some for you. I would like the game Spitoon 3 for Christmas this year. I'm really good at the first 2, so now I want the 3rd one.

-Christopher



I would like a big bad Robot toy and Batman with the Joker for Christmas. Can you also bring Ironman for Mrs. Woodley? I think she needs him so that she can fight bad guys too. I am going to leave you cookies with milk on Christmas eve. Dear Santa

Can you please bring me a Barbie Dream House and a Gabby doll house with all the Gabby cats for Christmas? I should be on your good list because I have been really good this year. Could you also bring my mommy a Christmas watch with a pretty dress? I have your favorite chocolate chip cookies ready for you on Christmas eve.

Ievani



Dear Santa
I would like a baby doll, a pop-it

book and a squishy pen for Christmas this year. I would really like to see your house at the North Pole some time. We are going to make Christmas cookies, so we will save you some so that you will have a snack to eat.

-Zahcariana

# Hawthorne Elementary Gehool Ms. Brooks, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

Why is cookies and milk your favorite thing to eat on Christmas Eve? How come the elves lose their magic if a human touches it? Is Rudolph real or a myth? I've tried to be good this year. Could I get a signed Cee Dee Lamb helmet and football card? I want a tv for my room and a custom football card of an elf from your football team at the North Pole

Wyatt Maxwell



Dear Santa,

I've been really good this year. Could I have V-BUCKS for Christmas? I need them to play Fortnite. I want a new headset, android charger, controller, pencil box, book bag, phone, a water bottle for my desk, and a black sweatshirt. I've always wondered where the magic comes from. I will leave you some cookies, milk and nine carrots for the reindeer. Zayden Moorer



Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like V-BUCKS...lot's of them! I want a new pair of Nike Jordan shoes, socks, ROW-BUCKS, a bean bag that is light blue for my room, a wooden sled, a PC, a gas dirt-bike, and glasses that are pit vipers. My elf hasn't come yet. Where is he? Brayden Nelson



Dear Santa,

I would like a clear shelf for my legos, a new sled, a gaming chair, nerf guns, Pokemon cards and a soccer ball. Ms. Brooks wanted you to know that I've took and passed more AR test than anyone in class! I'm asking for something special, can I please see my uncle again?



Dear Santa,

I was wondering how many elves are at the North Pole? I would like some new black football cleats, Micah Parsons football jersey, AJ Brown football jersey, Tyreek Hill football jersey, Luka Garza jersey, a football helmet signed by Justin Jefferson who plays for the Vikings, a football card of Josh Allen who plays for Buffalo Bills I will have quaker oats and carrots for the reindeer and cookies and milk waiting for you on Christmas Eve. Bryce Chase



Dear Santa,

I would like a Minecraft Nerf, some more Minecraft lego sets, some Minecraft blocks that light up, and some snow boots and snow pants. Ms. Brooks and Ms. Markell said, I've been a good boy!

Preston Varner



Dear Santa,

**Dominic Custer** 

I know I haven't been the best. But, I've had some days that I've been really good too. I would like to have a Playstation 5 and a tablet to draw on and a kitchen set with food. I want to tell Buddy the Elf hello. Jaleigha Jones



Dear Santa,

I was voted president of the student council at school. I want a Patrick Surtain who plays for the Broncos signed helmet, a signed Cee Dee Lamb jersey, some football cleats (dark green or dark blue), V Bucks, a Denver Bronco cap, a Darius Slay who plays for the Eagles signed jersey, and some Iowa Hawkeye clothes. I was wondering where the elves come from? Paxton Abston



Dear Santa,

I got an award for outstanding artist at school! I want a bunch of LOL dolls. I would love a kitchen set, some Kinder Joy's, an art set, and a pair of pink overalls. I will be sleeping and I'm so excited for Christmas to be here.
Emma May



# Hawthorne Elementary Gchool Ms. Brooks, 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa! I would like to have a VR set, Pokemon cards, and a new Nintendo switch game. How do reindeers fly and get their magic? Harper Alexander Foley



Dear Santa,

I'm sorry that I said, Buddy and Jingle weren't real!
I apologized to them. For Christmas I want a purple bean bag, mini fridge for my room, a makeup mirror, a chair for my vanity and a Robukx. Please travel safely, Christmas Eve.



Dear Santa,

I know I've been a little bit bad and a little bit good. I really want a coloring tablet with a pencil that goes with it, some LOL dolls, some pink Nike shoes, art craft things and Stacie the American Girl Doll.

I hope Vincent is going to be okay. My mom told me he broke his arm.

Rozzlyn Billings

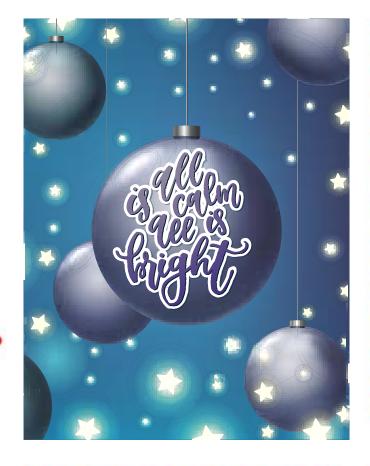


Dear Santa,

I've tried harder to be good lately. I'm working hard at school so my mom won't be disappointed. For Christmas, I would like a dollhouse, an American girl doll, an iphone 15 Pro-Max, makeup, some Nike black shoes, and a mirror.

Briyley Burgess





Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. For Christmas I would

like a dentist toy set, a squishmallow, a pink fluffy blanket to match my room, and an i phone.

Caylee Atterberg



Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a

signed Tyreek Hill helmet, Curry shoes color black and gold, a signed Jeffrey Jeffers who plays for the Vikings #18 helmet. I can't wait! Merry Christmas

Gattlin Anderson



Dear Santa,

Chester and Chelsee made it!
They got in my mom's baking soda. They are doing something silly every night. I want the Rainbow High Barbie, a My Life baby doll, a mini fridge, and starburst candy!

I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk. For the reindeer I will leave carrots and blueberries.

Sylynn Whippie



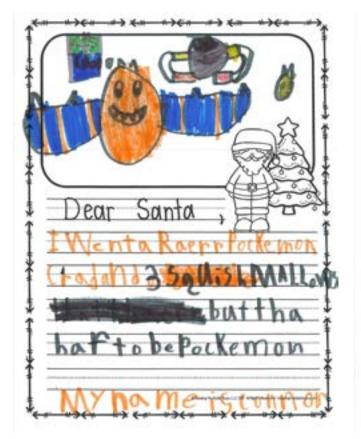
Dear Santa,

I want my dad back home! I also want an i phone, a baby husky puppy, some crafts and art supplies, a science kit, and a Hatchimal. I hope you know that I love you and I'm SO excited about Christmas.

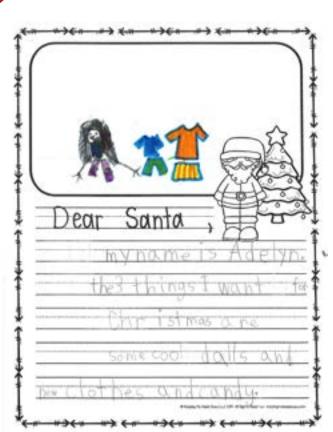
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# Holy Trinity Elementary School Ms. Johnson, 1st Grade



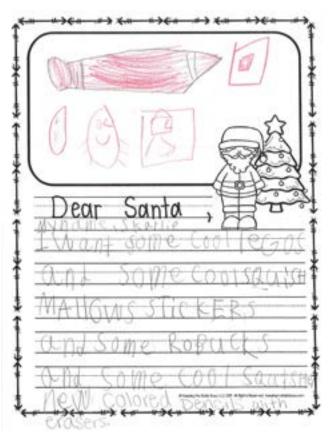
















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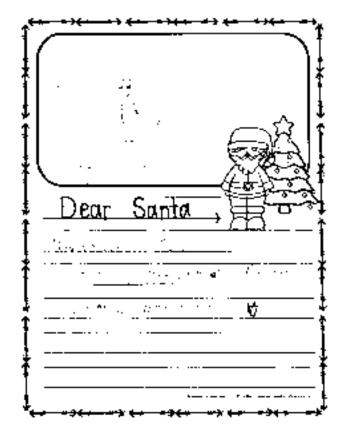








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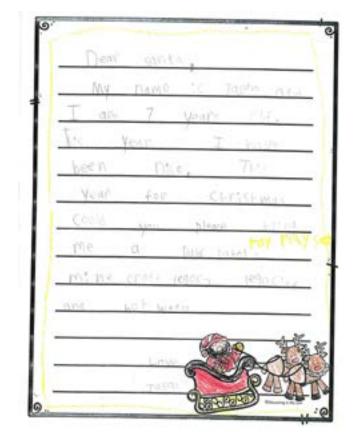




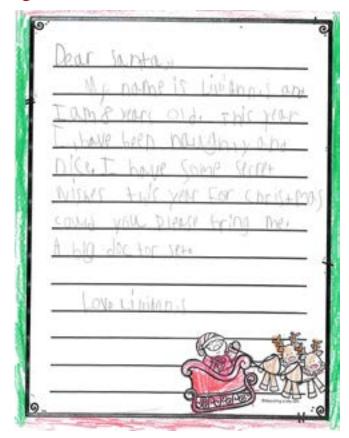




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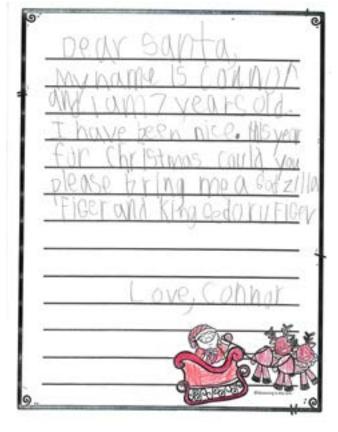


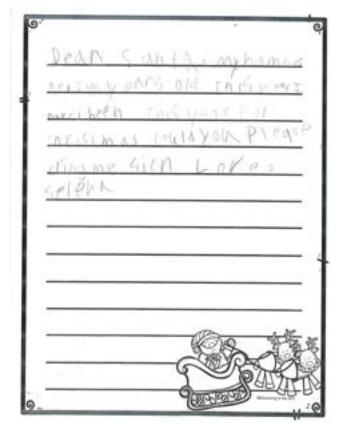
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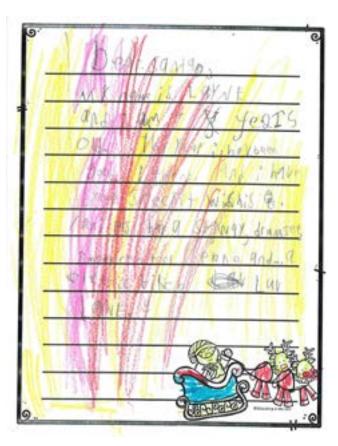
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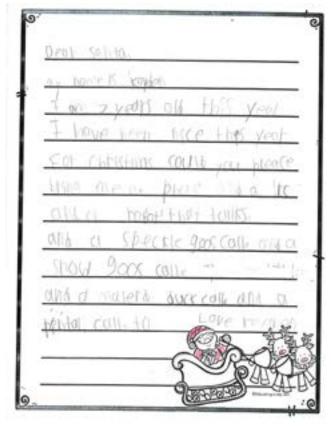






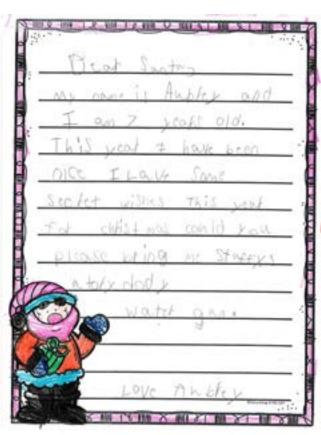




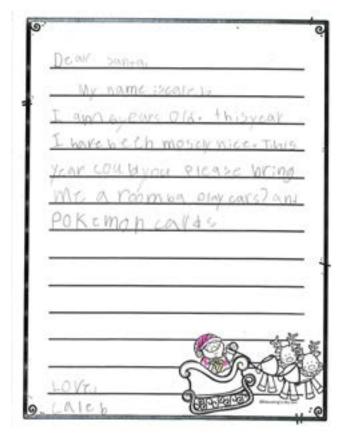


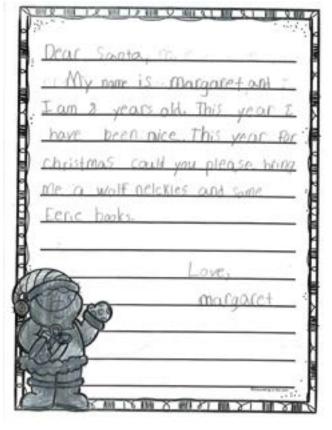
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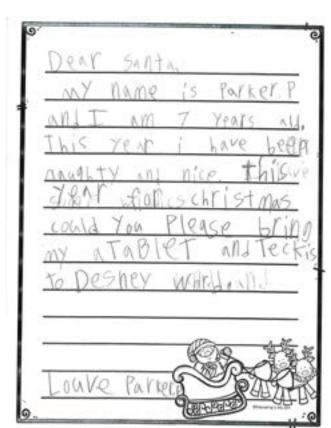




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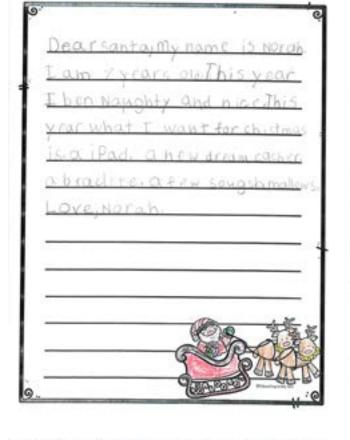
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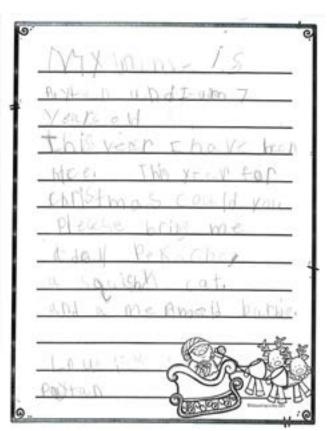
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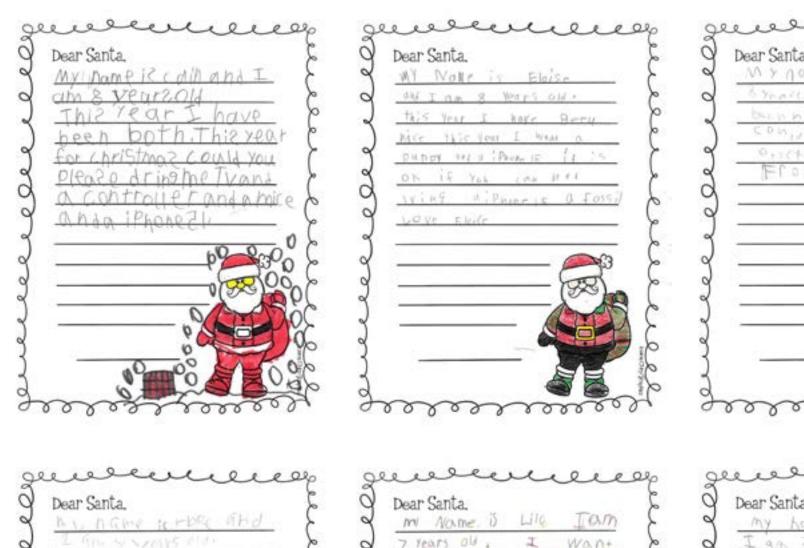


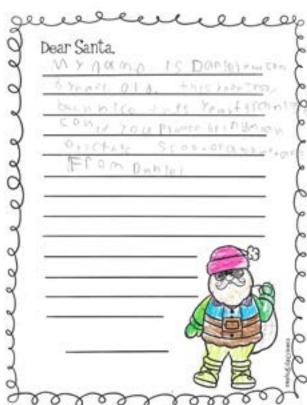






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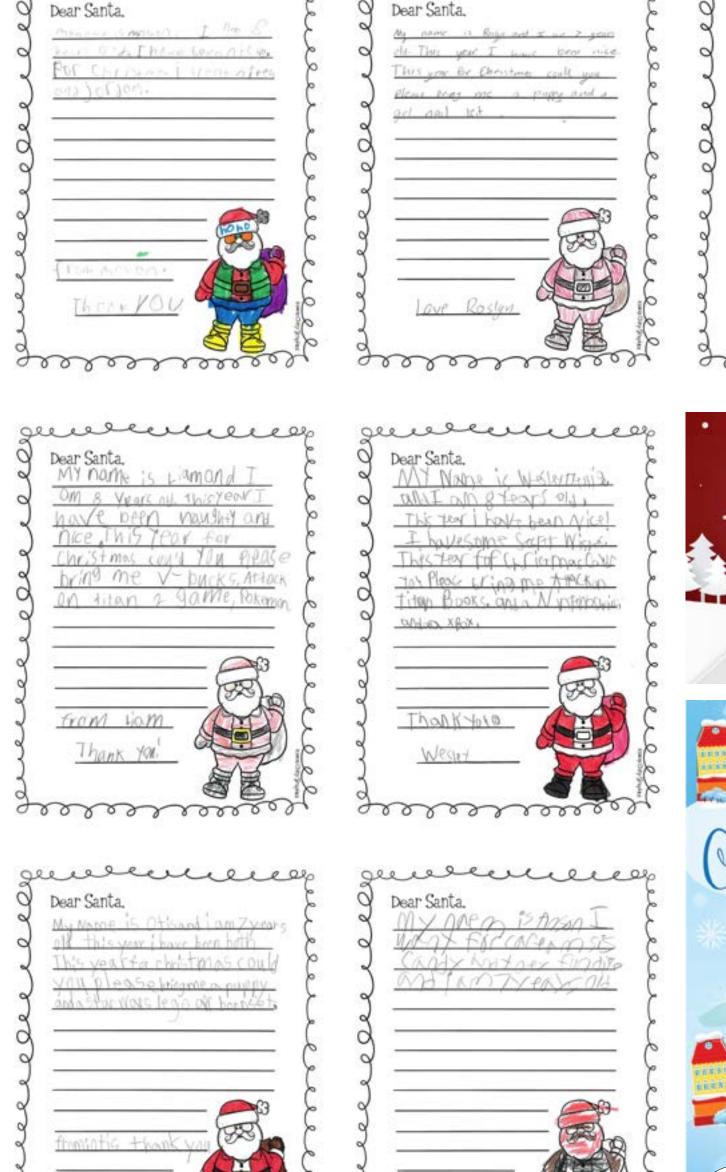






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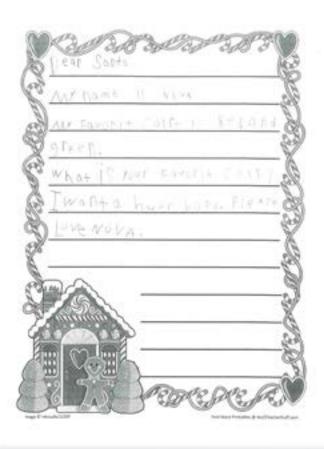
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## Keokuk Community School Wistrict Ms. Unthun



#### Dear Santa

How are you? It must be cold in the North Pole. This year I hope I am not on the naughty list. I really don't want coal. I really want to know your favorite cookies because you didn't eat much of mine last year. What I want for Christmas is a pair of heeles and a bunk bed. Also, an electric scooter and the last thing is for it to snow.

Love,





#### Dear Santa

Hi Santa! How is your day? I just put my christmas tree up and my elf came late because he was supposed to come on November 11 but it is ok maybe he lost his magic. Now I will do my christmas list

1. Popsocket, 2. Cookies! 3.25 robux and more. My wish is for my dad to have all his sickness to go away and my mom to experience America. Happy Holidays,

Dakota Matous





#### Dear Santa

How are you? I hope that you don't get sick, because then all of the children won't get any presents that would be bad. My family put our Christmas lights up. I hope I am on the nice list, but if I'm not, I will still be happy because my family will have presents. If I am on the nice Iist, I would like jewelry and rainbow hi dolls. Love,

Winry Hashbarger





#### Dear Santa

I've been good this year. I've helped my dad fix things And maybe a car. I will leave some Cookies for you.

Love,

Your friend william Dover





#### Dear Santa

Hello Santa, is it super cold in the North pole? Am I on the naughty list? This is a secret! I'm going to get things for you and your wife and the reindeer a special treat. This is the stuff that I forgot to put on my list that I want is a roblox gift card and Foodie mini brands.

I hope this Christmas is a special one!

Thalia McCandless





#### Dear Santa

I've been good this year. I would like a snake. I will need a tank to live in. I promise to take good care of it.

I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you. Love,

TayShaun Clay





#### Dear Santa

How are you? I want a tv, wi-fi, elf, reindeer, remote control car, dirt bike and a four wheeler. If I'm not on the naughty list, great, if not you should find something else.

Love your friend,

Odin Hutton





## Keokuk Community School Wistrict Mrs. Umthun



#### Dear Sarta

How are you? Am I on the nice list or on the naughty list? Can I get robucks, a fortnight toy, a minecraft toy, a ps5 and a Nintendo switch for christmas. I don't want coal!

Your friend,

Nathan Earls





#### Dear Sarta

Hey Santa, is it cold at the North Pole? My family will put cookies at the table just for you. We put up our Christmas decorations in our houses. We're about to put up our stockings. I can't wait until you come. But I really want a ps5 for my dads house and a GTA online. I want a new phone, a new tv and a computer for home. And two controllers for the ps5. Thank you!

Your Friend,





#### Dear Sarta

Hello santa I was wondering if I was on the naughty or nice list? Because I really want a hamster. But do not tell my parents that you are getting me one. And please bring the cag and everything you need for it. And I also want a hamster heater. The hamster will get cold so I wrote this letter to tell you that I want a hamster really badly and I might look at you when you put the presents under the Christmas tree. I have a gift on the christmas tree and a paper and pen so you can tell me if you liked it. You can write anything I do not care. I also have carrots for the reindeer so thay do not get hungry on the ride. I also have cookies for you. I hope you like chocolate or gingerbread. and I have a big glass of milk for you. I have told you everything about christmas so bye bye ... ps tell your reindeer I said hi.







#### Dear Santa

How are you? I hope you come to our house. We haven't put up our Christmas lights yet or any declarations and stockings. We do not have any snow yet what I want of christmas is a RC Airplane and a RC train. I hope it is not too cold to come I hope the elfs aren't too bad

Love,

Jesus Anota





#### Dear Santa

How are your reindeer? Do you have any girl reindeer? Do you have any baby reindeer?

For Christmas I want a makeup kit and a drone that has a camera, a net, and robot hands. I also want my family to know how much I love them. Let my family have the best presents, love, and a happy new year ever like everyone should have. Also please, please let everyone know how much I love them. Oh, and finally please let Mrs. Claus deliver the presents this year.





#### Dear Santa

Hi Santa, I was wondering if I was on the nice

Santa, what I want for Christmas is for the other kids to have a good christmas. Gifts for a girl could be makeup and for a boy a phone. What I want for Christmas is love, an elf, another dog, and good luck.

Love,

Emeri Schneider





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TayShaun Clay



## Keokuk Community School Wistrict Ms. Unthun



#### Dear Santa

Santa, Can I have a new game and an x-box, with a new game. Santa, I am sorry for being a naughty boy. Can you forgive me? I would like a Godzilla action figure, a new DLC Jurassic world evolution 2.

Thank you Santa!

Love,

Dravin Sutton





#### Dear Santa

How are you at the North pole? How many cookies did you eat? Am I on the nice list? I want a Nintendo Switch light for christmas. Also a good christmas. Are you going to give us a big stuffed animal again? What is your favorite cookie? We are going to get a hershey tree and a small tree for you. Love your friend,

Alexandria



#### Dear Santa

Am I on the naughty list? How are the reindeer doing in the north pole, especially rudolph? So am I on the nice list, because I don't want coal! Do you like this song jingle bells batman smells robin laid an egg so did you like it. My Christmas list includes a realistic baby doll, a hoverboard, a rainbow high doll, robux, a polly pocket and slime.

I hope you have a good Christmas! Love,





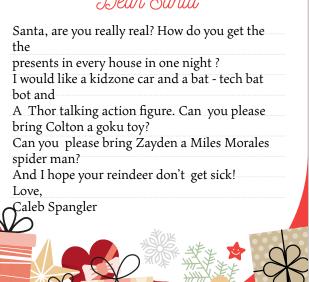
#### Dear Santa

Am I on the nice list? I hope so. I hope it snows in a few days or one day. If it does I will be happy and sad because I don't have snow shoes. I hope I will get a ps5 and the new God of War, and new shoes, new clothes, and robux.

Love, Clark Gilpin



#### Dear Santa





#### Dear Santa

Hello Santa and Mrs.Claus, am I on the naughty list? I hope I am not on the naughty list. Mrs.Claus I love you and Santa too. What I want for Christmas is a Naruto shirt, dinosaur toy, and a necklace with a dinosaur tooth.

Love,









