Dear Santa: Children share hopes, dreams, well wishes for a Merry Christmas for all

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POLK COUNTY — Last year, we had the honor of printing a handful of letters to Santa Claus, written by children in Polk County. We so enjoyed sitting around our trees on Christmas Eve and morning, reading the letters to our families, we wanted to continue this as a tradition.

The following letters were written by children at Monmouth, Ash Creek and Lyle elementary schools. Our gratitude goes out to those teachers who helped them with this assignment. Dallas Post Office also let us borrow some letters they received. Spelling errors were corrected.

Not all of the ones we received can fit here, but we chose some of our favorites. C h e c k o n l i n e a t www.polkio.com for more.

First names only were used to respect the Santachild privilege. We will make sure they get into the right hands from here.

Dear Santa,

You and your elves are quite fancy in your suits. Could you please bring us world peace? We need world peace because violence is not the answer. Will you also please bring me a Nerf gun and bullets? I want a Nerf gun because I like to have Nerf battles with my brother.

Sincerely, Alecya

Dear Santa,

I want to see my real dad

for Christmas.

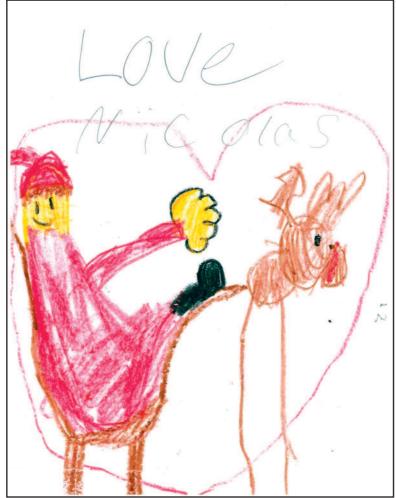
Dear Santa,

Love, Jaden

Thank for the candy cane. But I want presents. A little bit of presents. But I want a remote control motorcycle.

Love, Kobe

Dear Santa,



I've been thinking of some things, but first, how have you been down at the North Pole? It's very cold down there, huh? I don't need a lot of stuff this year, just a couple games for the Xbox, and if you could, maybe get me a new skateboard and maybe a new pair of shoes for my mom. I want you to know I was good this year. I'm very excited for you to come. Oh, and we don't have a chimney, but I'll leave the door unlocked. If you get this letter, write me back and tell me what kind of cookies you like, OK?

Love your friend, Tylan

Dear Santa,

I want to know if cookies can hurt your belly. And I want to know if Vixen is OK; he's my favorite.

Love, Anabell

Dear Santa,

How are you? Did you eat enough cookies? Merry Christmas! What I want for Christmas is a football, a soccer ball, and a baseball. Oh, and tell Rudolf to shine!

Love, Asa

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? I hope Dancer is OK (Dancer is my personal favorite.) For Christmas, I would want a picture of Dancer and you in my stocking. I would also like a boogy board and a giant platypus stuffed animal.

Love, Hannah



Dear Santa,

I know you live in the North Pole, but is there any pet shops around? Are the reindeer OK? Just to let you know, my favorite reindeer is Cupid. What's your favorite kind of cookie? Do you

like the ones we give you? When you come down our chimney with a bound, I please don't want you to make a lot of noise. So what I want for Christmas the most are pillow pets and a guitar. But me, myself, have a big Christmas list. I just wanted to say, 'Hi!' So bye!

Love, Hadley

Dear Santa,

How are you and everyone at the North Pole? Am I on the nice list? If so, I want you to know that this year, I only have a few things on my list. They are: A horse, a barn, stuff for my horse if I get it, and that's all!

Warmly, Clara

Dear Santa,

Do you really drive rein-

deer and trade them for kangaroos in Alaska? What type of cookies and cocoa would you like? For Christmas, I don't want much, just lots of stuffy animals.

Frozenly, Colleen

Dear Big Man,

How are the reindeer? I hope you don't have a cold

this year. What is your favorite cookie? Do you like doughnuts? I would like to know about Comet. I would like to know what you would like for Christmas besides cookies? I don't want a lot of stuff for Christmas, but I do want a stuffed animal of

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