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## Children's letters to Santa - a directory of pop culture

*Editor's Note: Teachers at Lake-Noxen Elementary School shared their young students' letters to the jolly old elf.*

**Ms. Susan Yogodzinki's  
First Grade Class**

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a toy stuphed animal Rudolph, A Stuphed Butterfly, A beany baby Chorizorde, A beany baby Blastords, A beany baby butterfree, A stuphed Rabbit, A Pokemon book, a stuphed animal Peckachev, A box of crayons, and 2 Barbie CD's. I wold like these things because I have been good. I would like A beany baby seal, A Pokemon yellow Versson, A Pokemon Red Version, A Pokemon Blue Version, And a yellow game boy, A flower braslet and a heart bracele, A stuphed animal dog A dragin night Pokemon card. And A charisard Pokemon card. That is All. I Love Santa.

Sincerely,  
Jenna Barski

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control motorcycle, a big box of legos, a bunch of Pokemon

cards, a trampoline, a computer, a football, and a globe. Thank you Santa.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Hess

Dear Santa,

My name is Melissa. I want pokemon things like cards pokemon ball. Angellica pickles, Barbie Dolls, a big doll, a big cat, a big dog, blues clues, sleaping buity and ken. Another thing is a really puppy, a rocking horse, Santa Clause doll, a little bear, a big drum, a flag, jingle bells, a Santa clause hat, a wig a Dorthy stuff.

Your friend,  
Melissa Wright

Dear Santa Clause,

How are you this year? Can I have Pokemon Gameboy, Pokemon yellow, the game Spiderman 2, and Tigerhawk and Megatron? I have been really good this year. I like Pokemon and all theo ther stuff on my list. I'm hoping that you will get the stuff that I have wished for. Well, I hope you and your elves have a great Christmas.

Your Friend,  
Michael Ferrara

Dear Santa Claus,

I want Amazing Ally, a trampoline, a bunny, a chalk board, a erase board, My old playhouse, SwingSet, My own computer, a tent, My old TV, a bear beanie baby, a pikachu, and 2 barbie CD's, and a beabie baby dolphin and penguin, a

noard game with barbie, 6 barbies and 6 boy barbies, and a necklace and a ring and lots of games, and a tiedye shirt and butterfly hairclips, and my own cd's, and dry erase markers, and I want to ride a dolphin to New York city.

Sincerely,  
Diana DePrimo

Dear Santa Clause,

For Christmas I would like a pack of Crayons, a Sony playstation, pack of markers, and Some beanie babies, and some games for my sony.

I've been a good girl this year Can I please have these toys. We'll I hope you have a good Christmas.

Your Friend,  
Dana McMullen

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Brad Cross what I want is remote car, pokemon cards, pokeball, computer, and games for computer, sony plus games, trumplen, pokemon snap, a bike, toy cars, game boy with red verson, trading cord, toy guns, gold verson, park, quady, internet, mini

mordercycl, truck, telascope, phone, deck of holos, pool table, toy bus, toy race boy now I want these toys to have fun and also I have bin a really good kid. Thank you Santa.

Sincerely,  
Bradley Cross

Dear Santa,

I would like Pokemon Cards, a Barbie, a Phone, a Pokemon Book, a Helmet, a Beanie Babie, a Computer and a Ring. I have been good this year. I would really likr it if you could give me all these toy's.

Your friend,  
Taylor Brobst

Dear Santa Clase,

My name is Morgan Meyer for Christmas I would a Drum, a Trumpet, jeans size 6 or 7, a mountain Bike, a pair of shorts, T shirts, socks, a Blues Clues Backpack, Goosebumps lunch box. I would also like Mr. Potatohead and Mrs. Potatohead. Pokemoncards, playdo, a cowboy hat, workboots, Arts and crafts

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## Students get first-person warning on smoking

By KASIA McDONOUGH  
Post Staff

**DALLAS** - Imagine being 11 or 12 years old. It's about 4 o'clock in the afternoon on a non-descript Tuesday. You've gathered with some pals at your best friend's house to play a little Playstation. Someone has a pack of cigarettes they stole from an adult. Everyone takes one. You hesitate and feel like a dweeb.

Do you go along, grab a smoke and feel cool again? Or do you think about coughing up blood, getting cancer, losing your voice, having a stroke and dying? Do you leave the room and live to see your wedding day, your daughter's birth, your old age?

Thinking big is easy in the abstract. It's more difficult when you're a child and your reputation with "the guys" or "the girls" hinges on your next move. That is why Ken Lyons, a long-time smoker whose voice has been reduced to a raspy whisper, visited sixth graders at Gate of Heaven Elementary School last week. "I was about nine or ten years old when I first started to smoke," said Lyons. "I used to take a cigarette out of my father's pack three or four times a month."

A habit started innocently enough, a child's prank, grew into something more serious as Lyons matured. "One night, I was in the ninth grade, I was at a football game, and one of the guys asked if I wanted a cigarette," he said. "I really

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## Gilded tombs, Cleopatra inspire Lake-Lehman students

By M.B. GILLIGAN  
Post Correspondent

**LEHMAN** - Lake-Lehman High School's World Literature I class has been studying Egyptian hymns and poetry and the students recently did some interesting projects to demonstrate what they are learning. "The Egyptians lived a hard life so their poetry was flowery and pastoral which reflected their wish for a better life," said Bonnie Pajka, teacher. "The students' assignment was to pick an aspect of this and do a research project or paper."



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

## Double his pleasure

Twins Thomas and Tyler Manzoni, of Dallas, were a handful for Santa when the jolly old elf stopped in at the children's Christmas party held last weekend at the Dallas American Legion. That was one of several visits Santa made around the Back Mountain recently. Turn to pages 12-15 for more photos.

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Amy Ruda and Betsy Pitcher studied Egyptian tombs. "They looked so interesting with so many pictures in them. They really showed their life," Betsy said. Amy was struck by the attention paid to burial sites. "They really made such a big deal about their tombs, much more than we do," she said.

Several students researched Cleopatra. "I wanted to know more about her," said Britni Gurnari. "I didn't realize that she

was such an important queen of Egypt."

Donna Kaminski and Sheryl Fishel used a 3-foot wooden pole that they painted and decorated with beads and a wig to make it resemble Cleopatra. "We hear about her so much that we wanted to learn more about her," Sheryl said. "I found out some things I didn't know, like how popular she was with the common people. The Egyptians really liked her."

Mike Mully said he choose to do his project about the pharaohs and their pyramids. "We're also learning about them in our history class, so I thought it would be interesting," he said.

Many of the students worked on hieroglyphics, and there were quite a few posters reflecting signs and symbols from Egyptian poetry. Matt Navin drew the hieroglyphics for his group's report. "We picked King Tut because there is so much information available about him."

Jim Jones remarked on a ruler's lavish coffin. "I learned that King Tut's outer sarcophagus was made entirely from gold. The Egyptians used both an inner and outer sarcophagus to bury their kings," he said.

The projects will be on display in Mrs. Pajka's classroom until the holidays.

## Giadosh melds racing, charity

By KASIA McDONOUGH  
Post Staff

**DALLAS** - Carey Giadosh loves to drive fast. He also loves to help others. Competing in the Busch Road Racing Circuit has allowed him to do both.

The Busch racing season runs from May to October with competitions held throughout the mid-Atlantic states. This year, Giadosh, who owns Giadosh Racing, finished second in the nearby Giant's Despair race while a teammate captured the first place prize. "That was my first race in quite a while. Even though I have been involved with racing for 24 years I haven't been behind the wheel lately so I

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