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In letters, children's requests stretch beyond gifts

Editor's Note: Each year, The Dallas Post asks teachers at Back Mountain elementary schools to share letters to Santa written by the children and holiday artwork. We can't publish them all, but here is a selection from the schools that submitted letters this year. They have not been corrected for spelling or grammar.

Gate of Heaven First grade

Dear Santa,
I like you. Yyu renice. Santa you r red.
Love,
Nicholas Oley

Dear Santa,
I wish for two TowaNouas and I wish for three Uu-Gi-Oh boostes boxe also. A Bopit 2, dark duel stories, another. Yu-Gi-Oh game, and a sponge-Bob squarepants game.
love, Michael Stachnik

Dear Santa,
Could you get me new hamsters and new toys? Could you get me a new bike and could you get my dog some toys?
Love, Sarah Whittle

Dear Santa,
I try to be as good as I can be.
Love Michelle Ash

Dear Santa,
This is my Chrstmas list. I want a guitar,
Love, Adam Litchkowski

Dear Santa,
I want a dog house and a pink leash and color and a cookies.
Live, Zoe Zarola

Second grade

Dear Santa,
My special wishes are that kids with no parents get some, that everyone will stop fighting, that teenagers stop smoking, and people who get in car crashes get better.
Michael Morrison



Colleen Frederick, a sixth grader at Gate of Heaven School, drew this depiction of an angel bringing love.

Dear Santa,
My special wishes are that the kids who don't have medusen have it so they are not sick.
Eric Yurko

Dear Santa,
My special wishes are that the people in the hospitols are well for Christmas Eve and that the homeless shall find a home before Christmas Eve.
Will Thede

Dear Santa,
My special wishes are to people that are sick and that have alageas and that have the chick-

inpocks.
Dominique McMillen

Dear santa,
My special wishes are for peace in the workd. I also wish that I could see my mom's parents.
Haley Dudock

Dear Santa,
My special wishes are for my Aunt to feel better and our World to be safe and the bad people to stop hurting other people.
Ramya Gajula

Third grade

Dear Santa Cloase,
I am sorry I am writing late but its been busy!!!!!! I'll write my letter ABOUT the TOYS!! But now I'm going to ask you to make PEACE in the WORKLD and that's it.
Danielle Olenginski

Dear Santa,
For Chirstmas I want all six tin can's of you-gi-oh cards and I wish for world peace and I would like 50, packs of yu-gi-oh cards and a new playstation 2 since mine broke and the uu-gi-oh

game for playstation and in one of those packs of uu-gi-oh cards all 5 piecis of arzodia in american and the flueyer oltmant dragon in americans Jordan Stephens.

Dear Santa,
I would like peace in the world, and some Yu-Gi-Oh cards and a Gameboy Advance, and a marry marry Christmas please.
Love,
Adam Chorba

Dear Santa
Please bring the present of peace to Afghanistan and to stop

war. Also my dads car keeps on braking down and it crashed once so please get him a 4x4 pickup truck,

By
Michael C. Banas

Dear Santa,
I do not want any presents this year but can you get something special for my mom, dad, brother, my sister and my dogs. Thank you.
Love
Zoe Evans

Dear Santa,
I really don't need anything except a new football without a tail.
I also think it is really nice of you to give all the kids in the world what they would like!
From,
Kirby Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like to ask you if you can bring my mom and dad a present. I would also like peace on Earth. I like the poor people to have food! AND MOST OF ALL I WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Live,
Brianna Morgan

Dear Santa,
I would like wrold pace. I also would like the movie Sprit and Lilo and Stich. I would like lots of model horses. Some books on horses too.
Love,
Megan Grabowski

Dear Santa,
What I would realy like for Christmas is the Bratz car, a sky cout that is blue. My sister realy wants a nouthar paraket. My mom and dad realy wand a DVD player. I would also like a blue sky jacket that we saw in Raves sky shop.
Merry Christmas Rander and santa.
Love,
Allison Banks

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High school students bring holiday joy to children

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

LEHMAN — The children were dressed in their best clothes as they waited to meet Santa and his special guest at the 13th annual Children's Christmas Party at the Lake-Lehman Senior High School last week.

About 200 people attended the event, which was sponsored by the student council and and other high school students.

"Some children have been dressed since 3:30 to come," said Geris Baranowski, Child Development and Home Economics teacher. "This is the party to be invited to."

The party is put on every year for children in the Lake-Lehman school district who are in need either financially or emotionally. High school students volunteer to make a monetary commitment to sponsor the children. They purchase items of need as well as toys that the children have specified they want. This year students provided gift boxes for 56 children.

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POST PHOTO/ERIN YOUNGMAN

Tux, the mascot of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, kept them in stitches at the 13th annual Children's Christmas Party at Lake-Lehman High School. Sharing the stage were Betsy Pitcher, left, and Jordan Van Scoy.

Wendy's gets okay for exit on Mill Street

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

DALLAS — The Dallas Borough zoning hearing board voted unanimously December 19 to allow Wendy's to build an additional exit onto Mill Street.

The board heard from residents of Mill Street and Woodlawn Avenue who felt that an additional exit out of Wendy's onto Mill Street would cause their neighborhood duress. At least 10 residents attended the hearing.

Wendy's applied for an additional exit in 1995, but was denied due to the concern of residents in that community.

The restaurant's owners reapplied in November, citing congestion issues that were causing unsafe conditions and business hardship. Paul Pasonick of Pasonick Engineering and two additional traffic engineers attended the meeting. Pasonick Engineering conducted the traffic study that was turned over to the borough with the variance application.

"Approval was given (by the board) on a basis of a hardship they are under. It, in fact, created a hardship and unsafe public situation," said Joe Moskovitz, Borough Manager and Zoning

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Early publication for next issue

Because New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday this year, next week's issue of The Dallas Post will be printed early, so that local subscribers can receive their copies on New Year's Eve. The Post

will also be available at newsstands Tuesday, December 31.

As a result, all submitted news and community items for the next issue must be received by 2 p.m. Friday, December 27. Display advertising should be ordered by 5 p.m. Thursday, December 26, and classified advertising will be accepted until 4 p.m. Friday, December 27.

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