# Dear Santa: Letters from teacher Linda Darnall's second-grade class at Black Oak Elementary

Dear Santa,

I would like a slime set, a toy horse with a play set, a place for my Barbies, a new bunny, a Hatchimal, a pair of boots, some clothes, a toy horse trailer, and a pair of socks. Thank you,

**Georgia Shelby** Parents: Kristy and Aaron Shelby of Ridgely

#### Dear Santa,

The first thing I want for Christmas is a snow cone maker. I would also like one for my sister and one for my brother. The second thing I want is a new cat. The third thing I want for Christmas is a new bike.

Thank you, Avery Bell

Parents: Heather and Steve Bell of Hornbeak

#### Dear Santa,

I want a little toy truck, a box full of trucks and tractors, toy plows, a little money (about ten bucks), and a Happy Christmas.

#### Thank you,

Jacob Hail

Parents: Niki and Shane Hail of Hornbeak

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Nerf gun, a PS4 with Fortnight, a new pair of shoes, a dog, a battery for my four-wheeler, and some candy. I want a game that has rocks that you have to hunt for a real diamond. I want a fone.

Thank you.

C.J. Litchford Parents: Kathleen Biggs

and Calvin Litchford of Hornbeak

#### Dear Santa.

I want a dirt bike for Christmas. I would also like a little safe, and a dog of my own. I would really like my two front teeth for Christmas.

Thank you,

Easton Kendall Parents: Dana Kendall and John Kendall of Troy

Dear Santa. I want a Nintendo Switch

## Did you know?

Kwanzaa traces its origins to Africa and is celebrated across North America and other nations that have large populations that trace their

The holiday begins

and a botle robot. I would like a Raptor Strike Nerf gun just like my brother has, and some Nerf bullets. I want a Paw Patrol Sea Patroller.

#### Thank you, Sawyer Homra Parents: Amber and Kyle Homra of Hornbeak

Dear Santa,

I want new skates for Christmas, a new Minecraft game, and Minecraft toys. I want a horse, a new game for Xbox, and a fidget spinner. I also want a whoopie cushion, a robo horse, some horse toys, and a bb gun. Thank you,

### Michelle Batchelor

Parents: Sandy and Jeremy Batchelor of Hornbeak

## Dear Santa,

I would like for you to please bring me a remote control helicopter, a remote control truck, and a drone. Thank you, **Drake Gooch** Parents: Kayce and Joseph Gooch of Ridgely

Dear Santa,

I want a necklace, some new shirts, new pants, new shoes, and some nice boots. My favorite toy is a toy truck. I would also like a swing set, a new trampoline, a new horse, a new puppy, a new cat, and an Xbox.

### Thank you,

**Cobyn Jones** Guardian: Hannah Taylor of Hornbeak

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a hoverboard, new clothes, shoes, an American Girl doll and stuff to go with her, Barbies and Barbie stuff, a Slip-N-Slide, and slime stuff. I would also like an Iphone, a computer, and an Ipad, and a new car for Daddy and Mommy. Thank you,

**Becca Eaves** 

Parents: Richard Eaves and Hope Eaves of Ridgely

Dear Santa, I want a new backpack, and a Mario Cart 7 game.

Thank you, **Marcus Poucher** Parents: Phillip Poucher and Samantha Poucher of

Tiptonville

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a potbellied pig. I want a tie-dyed bean bag and lead rope, a horse sleeping bag, a horse gown, a horse jogging pants and shirt, a Barbie van and my own wheelbarrow. I want a slime kit, 4 gallons of glue and 6 bottles of glitter glue.

## Thank you, **Kendall Clanton**

Parents: Brandy and Chase Clanton of Hornbeak

Dear Santa, I want some Shopkins for Christmas. I would also like a toy elephant, a toy horse, and a toy pig. Thank you, Abby Allen

Parents: Heather Allen and Gary Allen of Hornbeak

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a belt with a horseshoe buckle. I want some Buckle jeans, a four-wheeler, an elf onesie, some makeup, some pointed cowgirl boots, a 22 rifle, and a horse that is brown with white on its face.

Thank you, Mckenzy Pitts Parents: Tabitha Brown and Evan Pitts of Troy

Dear Santa,

I want a football game for a Playstation 4, a remote control boat, a Razor, a Ranger, a dirt bike, a baby puppy, and a real ring.

Thank you, Bryer Boane

Parents: Courtney and Brandon Boane of Obion

Dear Santa, I want stuffed animals, especially a unicorn. I want



py, and a kitten.

**Carli Armstrong** 

Armstrong of Obion

Thank you,

Megan Fisher Parents: Kelly and Dan Fisher of Hornbeak

Dear Santa,

Hi, Santa! How are you doing at the workshop? I would like a new puppy and some roller skates, please. I would like a new saddle, a horse blanket, and a bridle. I would like to see my elf, Gracie.

Thank you,

Natalie Daniel Parents: Annah and Larry

Joe Daniel Jr. of Hornbeak

Dear Santa,

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I want my family to be happy, healthy, and lov-ing. I would like some Hot Wheels, a Mario game, and a Nintendo playbox. Thank you, **Tucker** Cagle

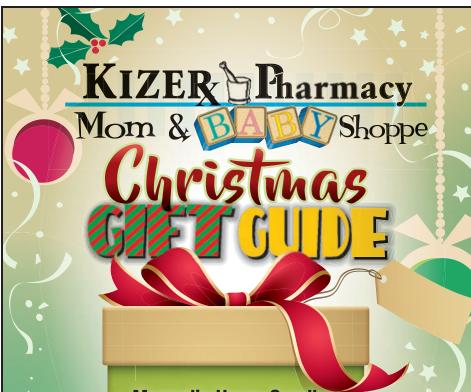
Parents: Kayla Kirk and

Zachary Cagle of Horn-





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Thank you,

Parents: Charity Smith of Hornbeak and Daniel

Dear Santa,

I want more horses for Christmas. I want stuffed unicorns, a kitten, and some slime.

Dec. 26 and continues until Jan. 1.

The main components of the celebration include family, community and culture. Kwanzaa was not designed to replace Christmas. In fact, many Kwanzaa celebrants also celebrate Christmas.

The word "kwanzaa" is from the Swahili phrase "Matunda ya kwanza," which means "first fruits." Maulana Karenga, the professor who created the holiday in 1966, chose Swahili as the language associated with the holiday because it isn't affiliated with a particular African region or tribe.

At the heart of the holiday are seven principles that celebrants embrace and follow: unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

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