

The
Santa Claus Book



The Providence Bay Gospel Hall, located near the Providence Bay Fairgrounds, is the only remaining Brethren church structure on Manitoulin Island.

Providence Bay Gospel Hall

Nestled in the trees on a lot facing the Providence Bay Fairgrounds, the Providence Bay Gospel Hall is the only active church structure on Manitoulin for the Brethren denomination.

Frank McCandry of Providence Bay, a member of the Brethren's Providence Bay fellowship, was kind enough to do some research on the little white building which was built in 1953 on property purchased the previous year from Del Patterson.

The original Brethren fellowship was in Gore Bay, established by Robert Booth who had been coming to Manitoulin over several summers and meeting people at camp meetings.

The first official Assembly in Gore Bay was built in 1948-1949 and improved in 1960. It has since been decommissioned and sold. The Providence Bay Gospel Hall, when it was

built in the early 1950s, was associated with the Gore Bay Brethren Assembly.

The Brethren Assembly in Providence Bay began before the church was built. Its focus was on a Sunday School for children which Mrs. Annie Gordon hosted in her home.

When the Providence Bay Gospel Hall was built, its Sunday School was a thriving concern there for many years, Mr. McCandry notes.

The Providence Bay Assembly is small now and meets at the McCandry home although the church and grounds are neatly maintained and are sometimes used in the summertime for gospel meetings.

When it was in active use, the little church hosted ministry meetings on Wednesdays and, in the summertime, nightly gospel meetings over two to three week periods.

"Our main aim is to see souls saved," Mr.

McCandry observed. "We follow the scriptures rather than the teachings of man."

"The Brethren denomination does not have a national organization nor does it elevate people to be formal worship leaders. We have leaders and deacons. People are recognized by the work that they do," he noted.

Brian Owen, a missionary and former preacher at the Gore Bay and Providence Bay Brethren Assemblies, comes each year to the Providence Bay Fair and to the Bluegrass in the Country event where he has 'Bible Booth.'


Mr. McCandry notes that their numbers are currently small but there are many families who have historical ties to the Brethren. Anyone interested in the work of the Brethren can contact him at 705-377-4970 or by email at franknbridg@hotmail.com.

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God With Us

The Bible records the birth of Jesus. In the Gospel according to Matthew, Matthew proclaims, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel – which means, 'God with us'."

What a declaration! Incredible! Can it be true? Is it possible that the entity we call God, the Creator of this world and of all the heavens, came to dwell here on Earth in human form? That's what Matthew tells us.

Matthew is not the only one in the Bible to make this claim. Luke, in the Gospel according to Luke, tells us that Mary was expecting a child and while she and Joseph were in Bethlehem she gave birth to a son, wrapped him cloths and placed him in a manger because there was no room at the Inn.

Luke goes on to say that there were shepherds in a nearby field who were approached by an angel and the angel declared to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David (Bethlehem) a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Israel's prophets of old prophesied centuries before the birth of Jesus about a coming Messiah. One of them, the prophet Isaiah, declared, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given ... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on



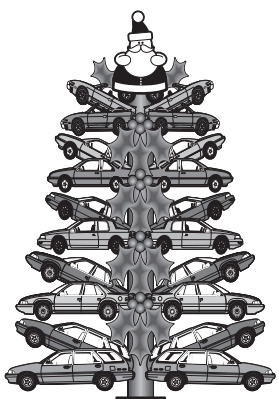
No Place Like Home!

We are presently in the midst of the season called Advent as we progress to that wonderful day of celebration – Christmas. Advent is a good season; it gives us an opportunity to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to focus our attention on Him – for He is the "reason for the season." The word Advent means coming or arrival. Thus, it is a season to anticipate our celebration of the coming or arrival of Jesus into our world. However, Advent is much more than looking forward to Christmas; it is actually about celebrating three comings or arrivals. Let's ponder them for a moment.

The first coming or arrival we celebrate is one we naturally think of – the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, in Bethlehem. It was long foretold and anticipated. Consider just a few of the promises:

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He called people to follow him and they became known as "followers of the Way." He preached and taught about the Kingdom of God and said that the Kingdom of God/Heaven is more important than anything else. The Kingdom is a hopeful, alternative vision of what the world can and will be.

The "followers of the Way" eventually became

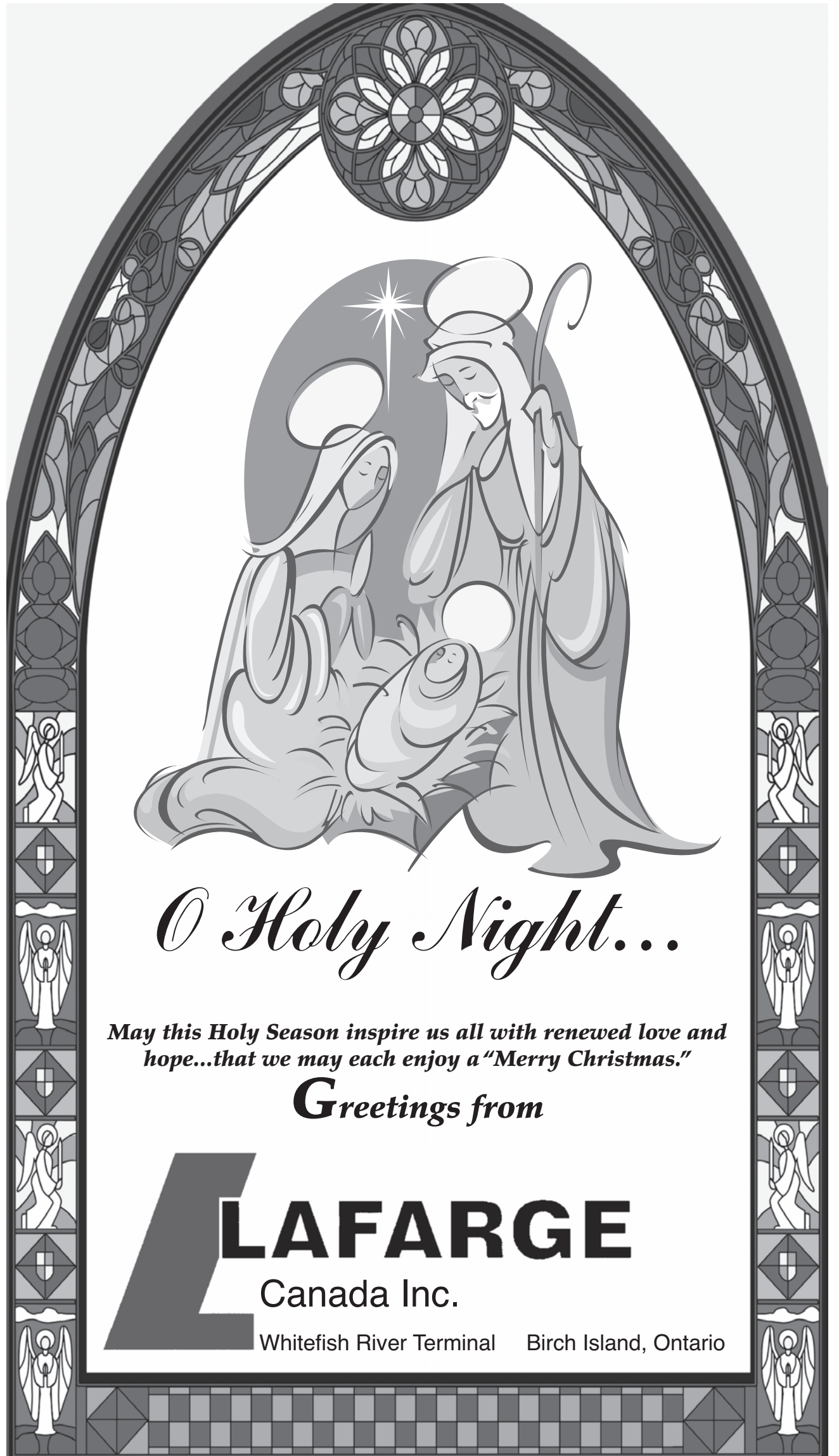
the church. And though the church has failed in its calling too many times to be counted, it still seeks, when at its best, to be faithful to the Way of Jesus.

It is at this time that Christians around the world celebrate the coming of 'God with us' in the birth of Jesus at the little town of Bethlehem. And he continues to be with us by his Spirit.

May all people hear Jesus' ongoing invitation to "Come, follow me!"

Rev. Martin Garniss

The United Church of Canada congregations of Knox in Manitowaning, Fairview in Tehkummah and St. Andrew's By-the-Sea in South Baymouth



O Holy Night...

May this Holy Season inspire us all with renewed love and hope...that we may each enjoy a "Merry Christmas."

Greetings from

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Oh, For That Ole Raincoat

Raincoats play a very special role in our lives. They come in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours and are typically hung up where there is quick and easy access to them. As an outdoors person, I have several kinds of raincoats. Medium duty for those opening day fishing trips in May where it always rains. There's the light-duty raincoat for summer showers that cool down the hot humid air. Then there's fall. But not just fall. There's early fall, mid-fall, late fall and early winter-fall weather like the one we're having this year. The fall requires not only light

duty and medium duty but heavy duty, the kind that are bullet-proof, the kind I wear in the boat right up to December.



Raincoats keep us warm and dry. They add wind protection, especially in an open aluminum boat when the wind and sleet are cutting into one's cheeks. In short, a raincoat is always there when we need it. And then hung up on the coat hook when we don't. That's their purpose. We don't wear a raincoat when it's sunny outside, regardless of the temperature.

To most people, God is like a raincoat. We hang Him on a coat hook and we only take Him off when we need Him. When there are rain and storms in our lives. And that makes God sad; He's not a raincoat. God is all-

weather gear. Capable of being worn 24-7. Jesus and the Holy Spirit laughs with us, cries with us, walks with us, listens to us, comforts us and yes, even disciplines us; that's what shapes us into such great people if you give God a chance. God is so much more than a

raincoat. If you want to give a gift to Jesus this Christmas, give Him yourself. Try taking God off the coat hook and put Him on wherever you go, whenever you're awake, and even when you sleep. You'll be absolutely amazed at just how warm and dry, and comfortable

the coat of God is when you wear it 24-7. Merry Christmas.

Fr. Doug Prebble
Anglican Churches of All Saints in Gore Bay, Holy Trinity in Little Current, St. Francis in Mindemoya, St. John's in Kagawong and St. Paul's in Manitowaning.

...No Place Like Home!

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Jesus is the Promised One who would crush the serpent's head and destroy the works of the devil. He is the descendant of Abraham through whom every people, language, tribe, and nation would be blessed. He is the child of the virgin who would be Emmanuel – "God with us." He is the Promised One who would save his people from their sins. However, Advent and Christmas are also about looking to the future – the Bible promises that Christ will return to planet earth, that He will come again to bring to the intended goal what He initiated when He came the first time.

But, there's more! Advent and Christmas are an invitation – an invitation for us to come home. Jesus told the story of a prodigal son, who wandered far from home, disowning his father and squandering the inheritance that the father had given him. The story ends with the son admitting his wrong and coming home. The father welcomes him with over-the-top generosity, throwing a lavish welcome home party! That story is a picture about your story – the story about you and God. You see,

all of us are like the prodigal, and the father in the story represents God, our Heavenly Father. When we put our trust in Jesus, admitting our wrongs and our sins, and turning our heart toward God and His ways, we are coming home. H-O-M-E—what a beautiful word!

There's an old gospel song that Alan Jackson has given a new lease on life. Its first verse goes like this: "Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me; See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me. Come home, Come home, Ye who are weary come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling – Calling, 'O sinner, come home!'"

Is life feeling distant and hard to bear? Those feelings are a sign that your soul is far from its Creator – far from home. He is the Heavenly Father who made you and sent His Son, Jesus – the Good Shepherd who sacrificed himself for the sheep – to seek you out and call you home. Come home to your Father-Creator today. To quote Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz: "There's no place like home!"

Pastor Ray Kloetstra
Mindemoya Missionary Church

Things you learn from a dog

Run, romp and play daily. Be loyal. Scratch where it itches. Never pass up the opportunity to go on a joy ride. Play every chance you get. Always be happy to see those you love. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. When loved ones come home always run to greet them. Take naps and stretch before running. When someone's having a bad day be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



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Jesus is the perfect gift

In the next few weeks you are going to hear this question a lot, 'Are you all ready for Christmas?' Now that could mean a lot of things. It could mean, 'Are you ready for the endless number of parties, concerts, get-togethers and dinners that will take place this month?' Or it could mean, 'Are you ready for the family drama that is sure to happen over the holidays?' It could also mean, 'Are you ready for the excitement and anticipation of the birth of the Saviour?'

It could mean those things, but I think what most people mean when they ask whether or not we are ready for Christmas is, 'Have you purchased all your gifts?' The fact is, Christmas has become about buying and giving presents. Someone might object and say, 'No, Christmas is about family' or 'Christmas is about peace on earth and goodwill toward man' or that 'Jesus is the reason for the season.' And while all those things may be true, try using those platitudes to explain why there are no presents under your tree on Christmas morning to your young child expecting the latest version of XBOX or Baby Alive Potty Dance Baby (no I did not make that up) and those clichés will sound pretty empty—even in your own ears.

The truth is, we love to give presents. We love to make people happy. We love to see the excitement build as they frantically rip the

wrapping paper from the package. And we especially love to see that look of excitement on their face when you got them the perfect gift. That look is usually followed with words that go something like this:

'It is just what I always wanted!'

'It's exactly what I was hoping for!'

'I can't believe you got this for me!'

That look with those words is the reaction we are hoping for. And



that is the response that will keep us searching on Amazon late into the night. That is the result that will give us the courage to face over-congested box stores and malls. That is the reaction that will cause us to spend more than we probably should to get that perfect gift.

Which leads us to another question. What makes the perfect gift? Well, obviously we have already talked about the fact that the perfect gift has to have the desired reaction. But I think there are two more ele-

ments that come into play to make the perfect gift. The first thing is that the gift has to be wanted. An unwanted gift will never elicit the cherished 'It is what I always wanted' response. (Unless, of course, it is said in a monotone, sarcastic way. And that is the last thing you want to hear.) And secondly, ideally the gift would also be needed. Admittedly, it is very difficult to put "wanted" and "needed" together to get the desired response, but when you do you have achieved the trifecta of gift giving!

But let's be honest, how many Christmas presents actually live up to the standard of the "perfect gift?" I think most presents fit into another category altogether. They fit into the "things we need - but are not all that exciting" category. We are glad to have them but, they just don't generate the kind of enthusiasm that other gifts do. Of course, we are talking about...socks and underwear. And unless they are outrageously priced theme socks and unless the top 1/3 of the designer underwear are planned to be worn exposed (is that still a thing?) than these old standards just don't get the recognition they deserve.

And that makes me think of another gift that doesn't get the recognition it deserves. It was the very first Christmas gift and it was the most perfect gift of all time. This gift is for every-

one, yet most people don't want it or even think they need it. It certainly doesn't bring the kind of reaction the giver of the gift was hoping for. Even on that first Christmas there were mixed reactions to this gift. And I often wonder how God feels when we treat the gift of His Son with the same reaction we

would give to a gift of socks or underwear.

The fact that we love to give gifts shouldn't surprise us. I believe that stems from our Creator. God has given us the gift of life, nature, relationships and countless other blessings along the way. But His greatest gift was His Son. My prayer for you this

Christmas is that you will realize that Jesus represents the trifecta of gift giving - wanted, needed, and be received with the expected reaction. He is the perfect gift.

Pastor Paul Van Kesteren

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A Christmas Wreath

A Christmas wreath. Something we see all around us this time of year, but do we actually take time to appreciate them and understand why we enjoy them so much? A wreath is a circle, a never-ending loop. Wreaths were originally made from fresh leaves, twigs, fruits and berries. Today we find them made with just about anything. They are a symbol of Christian faith.

There are four advent themes, themes that carry us through this time of waiting for Christmas Eve. They are love, peace, joy and hope. Hope is the idea that allows all the others to grow. If you have hope you can rejoice with joy and feel love which brings your heart peace. A wreath reminds us that hope is always there, an eternal feeling which never stops and just keeps circling. When troubles arise, it is easy to get

bogged down in the negativity. Sights and sounds of worrisome things can bombard us daily. To reach beyond these negativities one needs to remember to have hope. A positive outlook at something wonderful to come.

This year, as you prepare your homes for the Christmas season, add a wreath to your décor. Take time in the crowded shops to stop and admire and reflect on the wreaths around you. Every time you see one remember there is hope. We celebrate a child that was born to bring love to all and allow our hearts to be at peace. A promise of hope.

Elder Dawn Dawson

*Merry Christmas from the members of the
Providence Bay Community of Christ*

The Happiness Test

Happy is the one who endures testing, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each one is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desires. Then when desire conceives, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full grown, it gives birth to death. - James 1:12-15, NET

The usual gauge that measures happiness is getting what we want, how we want it and when we want it. Yet, James teaches us that it is the source of evil. How can getting the good things we all desire be the impetus for evil? How can having nice things happen to us be so bad? Do we not count our blessings by all of the good coming our way? Is there anything wrong with wanting good to come our way? First, James is not saying we should take on a persecuted martyr complex. Instead, he points to how the pursuit of personal happiness can be turned into something sinister and evil. Second, all good gifts find their origin in God—all praise and glory go to him to whatever good comes our way. Third, getting what I want may very well be the entry point through which Satan enters our hearts to set up his headquarters. Sometimes hardships purge evil from our lives and make our

souls more pliable in his hands. More importantly, God is fully capable of bringing good from any darkness or spite that seems to overwhelm us.

We are mistaken if we equate getting



everything on our Christmas list with the measure of our happiness. If we base our happiness on avoiding all the stoplights in our lives as we navigate its heavy traffic, then how will we ever be truly happy? Such a measure is simple not possible. In this life, we must navigate constant course corrections, slow down for construction zones and obey all traffic laws—especially those laws given by God. If we equate our righteous standing with God by the blessings we receive, then we hold God ultimately responsible for our

failures. Isn't it strange how we bask in the glories of accomplishments but blame God when life runs amiss? God chooses for beings created in his image to be free to choose our destiny. It simply is not rational to believe that God could have created us only to choose good while giving us a choice between good and evil. How can I have the freedom to choose evil when I can only choose good?

What lures us away from God and His goodness? It is whatever I want? Satan cannot tempt us to do evil with the allure of what I do not want. What I want entices me; and before I know it, I have wandered from what I know is good. As a diabetic I know the importance of eating a nutritionally dense diet; but when key lime pie comes my way, the riches of the cream, the tang of key limes and the sweetness of the sugar not only call my name but outright own me as well. I would love to eat it morning, noon and night, but it supplies very little nutrients to my body and causes my blood glucose to spike. Its initial taste is wonderful. For a diabetic, it is all rocket fuel for a long

journey to another planet yet not providing enough resources for the astronauts' survival and safe deployment to their destination.

Ultimately, happiness boils down to the question of whether I possess what I want at a given moment in time or does it stem from me. Is it possible to choose happiness when nothing seems to be going my way? Do I possess my possessions or do they possess me? It is easier to blame someone else for my lack of happiness—especially whoever is in charge. Let's face it; the world will never be as it should if for no other reason that imperfect humans occupy it. In face of this, how will I live, what will I become and will I choose happiness no matter what I face in life? "Rejoice in hope, endure in suffering, persist in prayer" (Romans 12:12, NET).

Steve Davis

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Christmas Thoughts

Many people on Manitoulin Island seem to retain a strong portion of respect and reverence for the celebration of Christmas Day as the birthday of Jesus Christ. The true Bible story of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem where the baby Jesus is born in a humble stable is well demonstrated by an outdoor theatrical production in Mindemoya called Journey to Bethlehem. Many children and adults feel part of the story by acting in it or going on the trail of history with a guide to each station from shepherds to inn to stable scene.

I asked a school bus load of children this week for their thoughts about Christmas and some said "getting toys and stuff, having a holiday with family and fun, Christmas is awesome and singing songs." At the dinner table one response was that we should remember "Christ is the Living Son of the Living God."

Santa is a modern reality of this season of Christmas as are snowmen, sleigh rides and candy canes. These things need not be discarded for they can all promote feelings of love for one another. One little boy in Sunday School started drawing an airplane when asked to make a picture of a Bible story.

"What is your story about?" the teacher asked. "This is the flight into Egypt" the boy answered. "See here is Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus in their seats and this" he said pointing to the front of the plane "is Pontius. He's the pilot!"

Seriously, Jesus knows us individually. He knows your name. He knows our history and our future. Jesus is the "reason for the season." We believe as written in Luke 3:16 - God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

May You Be Blessed This Christmas

Scholars disagree as to the exact date of Christ's birth. Nor do they know if the Church of the Nativity that is visited every day by pilgrims in Bethlehem is the exact location of His birth. Nor can any of us comprehend how by the Holy Spirit, a virgin girl could conceive a child. But here is good news: You don't have to know when, where or how Jesus was born, you just need to know why.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16)

Only four things matter: (1) If Christ had not come, God would be unknown to us. (2) If Christ had not come, our sins would be unforgiven. The name Jesus means "Jehovah saves!" (3) If Christ had not come, our

prayers would be unanswered. In Biblical days you needed a priest to petition God on your behalf. And Jesus is our High Priest who "understands our weaknesses, for He



prayers would be unanswered. In Biblical days you needed a priest to petition God on your behalf. And Jesus is our High Priest who "understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most" (Heb. 4:15-16 NLT). (4) If Christ had not come the first time, we would have

no assurance that He will come the second time and catch us away to heaven to be with Himself.

We are very blessed that God did send His one and only son, Jesus, to redeem fallen man from the curse of sin. He came in a very humble way, born in a stable as a little baby so that we could identify with Him in His humanity. Just like babies do not force themselves on anyone, God will not force Himself on anyone. He simply makes Himself available to mankind. The choice to receive Him is up to you and me. Thank God John recognized this fact for he wrote "But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn, not with physical birth resulting from human passion or plan but a birth that comes from God" (Jn. 1:12, 13 NLT).

May you be blessed this Christmas and my prayer is that you will know just how much God loves you and that Jesus came to this earth so that you might experience that Love. Have a very Blessed Christmas.

Rev. Dan Thompson
Spring Bay
Pentecostal Church

Gordon Brown, branch president
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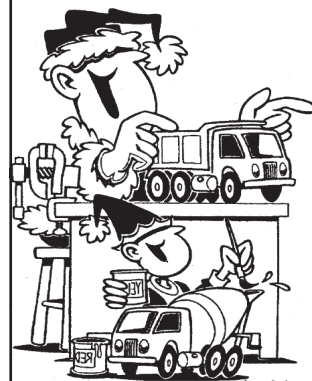
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Having moved to Manitoulin Island only recently, I am awed by the magnificence of the stars and the stillness that one may encounter here at night. At this time of year, many beautiful sacred songs comes naturally to mind – ‘Silent Night’, ‘O Holy Night’, ‘Still, Still, Still.’ The stars that shine down on Manitoulin Island are likely just as brilliant as the stars that shone brightly on the ancient land where the nativity took place. When one realizes that some of the star light we see is millions of years old, it seems possible that the light of that one special gleaming star is still shining amidst the clouds of stars in our sky after a mere 2,000 years.

The birth of a child called Emmanuel, a name

that means that God came to live among us, this is the wonder that we celebrate at Christmas. The message I bring to you from Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is the hope that each of you will find a moment to slip away from the busyness of this time of year. Some of you may slip away from the loneliness and sadness that this time brings to your hearts. Stand in the silence and darkness of one of these deep winter Manitoulin nights. You may hear the faint rustle of angels’ wings or the gentle sigh of a newborn child. You might see one star that shines with special brightness. In possibilities there is much hope.

Blessings and Peace,
Rev Mercedes Hughes
Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay

Celebrate The Birth Of The Lord Of Peace

As we enter the season of Advent we offer each other blessings and a wish for a peaceful Christmas. This represents a far better way to acknowledge and celebrate the birth of the Lord of Peace than being held captive by the rampant consumerism and competitiveness that has tended to hijack the true meaning of Christmas in recent decades.

During the hurly burly preparation for the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child we observe on December 25 we need to remind ourselves that this is a time of reconciliation. A time to remind ourselves of the peace we seek in this world—sometimes that peace seems difficult to find, but if we search for it in a spirit of reconcil-



iation with our Creator, our God, we can find that peace in the Christmas season through prayer.

It is long past time to bring Jesus Christ back into Christmas. If you are looking for the true meaning of Christmas, look no further, Christmas is the birth of Christ—the birth of love

for all humanity.

So, this Christmas season take the time to reach out to your fellow human beings. Help someone in need, give them the gift of peace and love, and do your own small part in bringing joy to the world.

Father George Gardner
St. Bernard’s Roman Catholic Church



Greetings from Dave, Cheryl, Rachael, Jonathon, Logan & Megan

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Mayor MacNevin and Council would like to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Here’s what happening at the NEMI Recreation Centre

- December 12th • After School Program-Christmas Ornament Making
- December 18th • Fresh Greens Arrangement
- December 19th • After School Program Christmas Activities/Games
- December 21st • Tim Horton’s Skate
- December 27th • Tim Horton’s Skate
- December 31st • Family New Year’s Eve Party 4-7 pm
- January 2nd • Public skating 12 noon-1 pm
1-2 pm - Activities in the Lion’s Den for the kids
- January 3rd • Public skating 12 noon -1 pm
1-2 pm • Family Badminton
- January 4th • Public skating 12 noon-1 pm
1-2 pm • Activities in the Lion’s Den for the kids

*For more information about holiday activities in NEMI,
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New Year’s Eve Family Fun
Come join us December 31 from 4 – 7 pm at the NEMI Recreation Centre for Skating, Games, Crafts and much, much more
COUNT DOWN TO A NEW YEAR!

CHRISTMAS SAFETY MESSAGE

Please take all safety measures for a safe and happy holiday season!

- Do not use frayed or damaged lights
- Make sure your tree is watered and away from all heat sources
- Make sure you have clear access to all exits
- Make sure your chimney is cleaned





The Gift of New Life

Ah, the wondrous day is almost upon us. The weeks of busy preparations, special activities and events, eager anticipation and waiting will culminate into a glorious and perfect day, overflowing with peace and joy. Or will it? Everyone who is part of a family knows how holidays can sometimes reignite family conflicts or differences. And certainly, we can all remember a time when we finally received that special toy or gift, we thought we really wanted but then realized that once we had it, it wasn't all that special.

As a young boy, I suppose I was six or seven years of age, I desperately wanted a special toy that had captured my imagination. It was a large plastic glider that you could throw that had a small action figure in the cockpit. When Christmas morning arrived, and I was handed a large wrapped box by my

mother, I could barely contain my excitement. I made short work of the carefully wrapped gift and was delighted that, lo and behold, there was that glider that I had pined for so much. However, after a few hours with my new toy, its novelty wore off and by the end of the day I was playing with my baby brother and his new sensory centre toy that had whirling multi-coloured cylinders and balls and other parts that made funny noises. Perhaps I didn't realize it at the time, but I learned an important lesson that day. It's the joy in sharing in something fun with another that makes lasting memories and strengthens bonds of love, not the selfish pursuit of self indulgences. A child of less than two had given me a special gift.

Children are a blessing, and the birth of a child is always a miraculous event. A child changes our lives in

many ways that we are not able to foresee or anticipate. During these last few days of Advent, let us all remind ourselves that God's "special gift" to humankind is one that unites us and that we will be ever grateful for. This promised child will change our lives, although we may not be able to envision the specific ways in which the boy child may manifest Himself in us.

A fine example of changed lives is those shepherds who watched their flocks that holy night. In the days of Jesus' birth, shepherds were often viewed as rough characters that lacked in social graces. However, God chose to reveal the angels to this same bunch of much maligned shepherds. God reveals God's grace to everyone, whether you are a poor marginalized shepherd, wealthy magi, or a middle-class worker

such as an innkeeper.

As the season of Advent ends, we also mark the beginning of a new life, a life that the shepherds did not hesitate to seek out and then proclaim the Good News from God on just how special this child was. Let us all seek out what this new life means, a new life that will change our lives immeasurably and that

will illuminate God's compassion and mercy for all.

On behalf of myself and the congregations of the Little Current and Sheguiandah United Churches, it is my wish that you find all the hope, peace, joy and love that God offers you in this season. If you would like to join us in celebrating the beginning of

Christmastide, our Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be held at 7 pm at our church located at 5 Robinson St. in Little Current. All are welcome!

A blessed Christmas to everyone!

Paul J. Allard, DLM
Little Current and
Sheguiandah United
Church Pastoral
Charge

Advent And The Sandwiching Of Time

We are obsessed with time, don't you think?

We expect a trip to Sudbury to take a certain amount of time, and feel robbed when a truck on the Espanola hills or construction on Highway 17 slows us down, taking us longer to get to wherever we're going. We make appointments, and feel grateful when the person before us didn't show up so that we can get in five minutes early. We become parents, and wonder if there will ever be a day when we're not changing diapers, only to look at our adult children and wonder, "How did that happen?"

Time is both linear and circular. We mark it chronologically and cyclically: the straight line of birth, life, and death and the round repetitive cycle of the seasons. No matter how we measure it, whether by the hands on the clock or the fullness of the moon, we understand time.

The four-week Season of Advent throws that on its ear. Advent is about preparing, anticipating and waiting.

But instead of being strung out in chronological order, or going round and round in a pattern that repeats itself, Advent layers Past, Present, and Future like a sandwich.

During Advent we prepare, anticipate and wait to hear again the story that is a miracle of our faith tradition: God chose to be born among humankind as a baby named Jesus. Past. During Advent

we remember the potential of hope, peace, joy, and love that his birth continues to offer some 2000 years later. Present. During Advent we prepare, anticipate, and wait for a celebration intended to initiate goodwill among all people. Future.

Prepare. Anticipate. Wait. These are the words of Advent. They are verbs, actions words. They demand

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The Hustle And Bustle Of Christmas

That time of year has come around once more! As I pondered what kind of article I should be writing, the idea came to me...The Hustle and Bustle of Christmas.

My observations are that most get all caught up in the "hustle" and "bustle" of the Christmas season. Running from here to there. Shopping. Trying to find the perfect gift for everyone on their list. Cooking and baking for the Christmas meal...and the list goes on.

Much like it was over 2,000 years ago. Let's consider the Scripture that we often read at this time of year. We find in the Gospel of Luke - Chapter 2:1-7

Luke 2:1-7 - In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.[2] (This was the first census

that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)[3] And everyone went to their own town to register.[4] So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.[5] He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.[6] While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,[7] and she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

At the time of Jesus birth the town was a busy and noisy place as crowds of people were there to meet the tax command from Caesar. The hustle and

bustle of a busy city. The rush of people going about trying to find shelter and provision for the night and the days ahead. Merchants were about getting sales done. It was a noisy town.

The countryside was not much better. The hustle and bustle of the busy merchants and people were not there but the business of shepherding was being done. Tending to the sheep, watching out for predators and trying to get some rest in the evening air.

Yet, amidst all this "hustle" and "bustle" going on the greatest event in history was taking place. Even though it went by unnoticed by the crowds of people at that time—Jesus appeared! God's Son, Jesus, was born in a manger. He came with a clear mandate. He came to offer Himself

as God's Christmas gift to mankind—eternal life.

The gift He came to give takes action on the part of the receiver. John 3:16 presents the action very clearly. There we find this statement: "that


whosoever believes in Him shall have eternal life." What a wondrous gift that was given. A gift that has changed the lives of so many down through the centuries. The gift He presented so many years ago is still available for you! Why not this Christmas, receive the gift He has given?

I encourage you to not get all caught up in the "hustle" and "bustle" of the Christmas Season that you forget that Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Praying you have a blessed Christmas! God Bless!

Pastor John Sauder
*Springs of Living Waters Church
Manitowaning*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



May you be surrounded by all the things that bring Christmas cheer.

From Greg & Heather Niven and staff
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SEASON'S GREETINGS
from
Robinson Auto Supply

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Thank you for your continued patronage over the years.

Sincerely,
Chris and Joyce

...Advent And The Sandwiching Of Time

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that we do something, that we get our hands dirty, that we take everything we've ever known about Jesus - His teaching and preaching, healing and challenging, comforting and praying - and embody all those elements in ourselves, allowing them to shape our relationship with God and with one another.

Prepare. Anticipate. Wait. These are words meant to put us on edge, telling us that complacency and apathy are not options. We are to be agents of change. The Advent Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love symbolize concrete action, and not just pie-in-the-sky happy thoughts for a world suffering from selfishness and injustice.

Prepare. Anticipate. Wait. God's reign of hope, peace, justice, and love has been, is now, and will be. We do well to recognize that reality, accept it, and live into it by making choices that help - not block - God's intention. Like choosing to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, the providers of food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothing

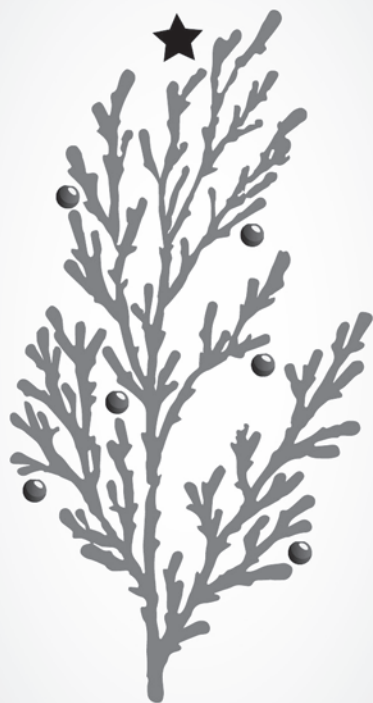
to the naked, care for the sick, and company for the prisoner. Like choosing to act in a way that makes a difference in someone else's life, which, in turn, makes a difference in our own.

Prepare. Anticipate. Wait. Advent's sandwiching of time leads

us to what was, is, and will be: the mystery that is God. Past, present, and future.

Rev Janice Frame
Western Manitoulin Pastoral Charge with United Churches in Meldrum Bay, Silver Water and Elizabeth Bay


From our families to yours, have a safe and happy holiday from Ramage Law Office



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the staff and Elders at Wikwemikong Nursing Home



Give back this holiday season and beyond by visiting and volunteering at your local long term care home.





Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

How are you, the Reindeer and Mrs. Claus and your elves? I hope the reindeer are full before Christmas. Do your elves like making presents because I would love to. I will put out some cookies and milk and carrots for your reindeer and Rudolph is the special one too so he will get some dog biscuits if he likes them.

For Christmas I would like Two LOL doll Under Wraps, and a warm unicorn onesie. For my brother I would like to get him a Hot Wheels RaceTrack and a couple blue bath bombs. For my mom I would like to get her some comfy slippers and a brand new chicken clock. For my dad I would like to get him a new gun case and some bullets for an SKS. Thank you very much Santa. I don't know how much I can thank you probably a lot because I want my brother and my parents to have a good Christmas too. Is it more cold in the North Pole than here? If it is, give your reindeer some coats and Boots because it might be freezing and hopefully you guys don't fall in the snow.

From,

**Gabby
Have a Merry Christmas
Central Manitoulin Public School**

Dear Santa,

I hope you're ready to go around the world, to all the behaved kids on Christmas. I only want three things this year. I would like to find my phone and my one computer and the best

thing of all, my family to be happy. Hope you have a great Christmas.

From,

**Hannah
Central Manitoulin Public School**

Dear Santa,

I hope your Reindeer are doing okay. Make sure they're healthy and strong because they're going to have to pull your sleigh full of gifts for other kids. How many do you have on your nice list? Are me and my brother on the nice list? How is my elf doing? Is it sick

bright nose so you can see which has to go to next? I'll be following you on the Santa Tracker. I hope there's no blizzard for you to go through I hope it's just smooth flying. Can I please get a bean bag chair? My brother wants a DS.

Sincerely,

**Spencer
Central Manitoulin Public School**

Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves? I cannot wait for Ginger to come and hide! I am planning to write to him. What is

would like a bath bomb kit. I would use the bath bomb kit to make presents for my family, friends and Mrs. Davy.

From,

**Mady Keller
Central Manitoulin Public School**

Dear Santa,

How were you this year? Can you please have a Merry Christmas and a good year. Thank you for the presents last year and thank you for presents every year.

For Christmas I would like a Minecraft Creeper 4-Piece Twin Comforter Set with Bonus Tote, Pillow Buddy & Throw Blanket and a Minecraft Zombie and Steve Minecraft action figure that's all that I would like thank you.

I would love to give you a bowl of cookies and milk. Thank you for reading.

Love,

**Camerin
Central Manitoulin Public School**

Dear Santa,


I hope your reindeer

are feeling well and you too. How is Ms. Claus, is she still baking cookies for you? I know you like cookies and milk, I do too. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? Do you make your toys or order them from Walmart? Am I on your nice list? Is Danika on the naughty list? For Christmas this year I would like a lucario stuffy and perler beads

please and thank you. Nicole wants a tablet but she doesn't need one. We have 3 of them. I'll try to be asleep when you come. I love Christmas movies. I know you are allergic to cats. Be careful I have one.

**Charles
Central Manitoulin Public School**

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Hey Kids!

WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS
c/o The Manitoulin Expositor
We'll print as many of your letters as we can so that Santa can read them in The Manitoulin Expositor.

Don't forget to include your name!

Deadline for Santa Letters is Tuesday, December 4.
Santa Claus, North Pole c/o Manitoulin Expositor Office
Box 360, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
expositor@manitoulin.ca

Dear Santa: How are you going? I hope you're doing great. I have been good sometimes this year! For Christmas I would like a nerf gun and a ipad. I hope you have a great Christmas. Dylan Bebonang

It's been a wonderful year...

BECAUSE OF YOU

- If you donated items to our Thanksgiving Produce Auction, or our Octoberfest Auction.
- If you joined us at Harbour Days fish fry or Dinner Theatre.
- If you made a donation to the Medical Centre.
- If you participated in the Frosty Cup Hockey Tournament.

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Merry Christmas!

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 Sunday, December 23 • CLOSED
 Monday, December 24 • CLOSED
 Tuesday, December 25 • CLOSED
 Wednesday, December 26 • CLOSED
 Thursday, December 27 to
 Saturday, December 29 • REGULAR HOURS
 Sunday, December 30 • CLOSED
 Monday, December 31 • 7:30 am to 5 pm
 Tuesday, January 1 • CLOSED
 Open for regular hours
 Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Here's hoping you and yours enjoy this holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Merry Christmas from the management & staff of

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

 **Noojmowin Teg Health Centre**
 Board of Directors and Staff



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 A place of healing



Letters To Santa

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Dear Santa,

How are you, the reindeer, Mrs. Claus your elves and especially Rudolph? I hope you don't work too hard. I will try and ask my mom to make cookies for you. Hopefully Kevin will let you have some of his milk. I don't have carrots but I have apples, I hope reindeer like apples.

For Christmas I would like Perler beads Glow-in-the-dark and a nice warm pair of socks please and thank you. I hope that is not too much for you. I do not want anything else for Christmas.

It is very cold down here, make sure your reindeer will be super duper warm. I hope You Do Not Crash. I am very excited for you to come to town.

**Kimberlee
Central Manitoulin
Public School**

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa, as you know Christmas is coming very soon and that means present land. I am going to leave milk and cookies, but I am going to tell you what I would like for Christmas! I would like a barbie bunkbed, that certain barbie from wish and leave me surprise presents and could you put a small gift at my door and fill my stockings with treats please and bring presents to kids with nothing

**Nahdaya Morphet
Green Bay**

Dear Santa,

My name is Lincoln David George Hardy, and I am 4 years old.

I hope Rudolph and the others are well. I will be sure to set out milk, cookies and car-

rots for you all on Christmas Eve.

This year, for Christmas, I would like a toy Santa, and a new Lego kit.

My baby brother Ace can't read or write yet, so he asked me to ask you for a new book, and a big slide.

My sister and I have been struggling to get along, however, I assure you we are on the right track now!

Thank you for reading my letter Santa!

Have a very Merry Christmas

Love,

**Lincoln
Gore Bay**

Dear Santa,

This is Sadie, I am six years old. This year for Christmas I would like a new phone and a swipecover. I will leave milk and cookies and carrots for you and the reindeer.

Love,

**Sadie
XOXOXOX
OXOXOXO
Gore Bay**

Dear Santa,

My name is Rowan McCann and I am 6 years old. How are you doing? How is Mrs Claus? I bet your elves are very busy getting ready for Christmas! Is Rudolph getting excited? Mom says that I

have been a very good boy this year so for Christmas, I would really like a smart-watch. I would also like a Wolverine, a Lego Indominus Rex and a Jurassic World Lego set.

Also, if you have room in



please bring something special for Brayden and Patrick. They are the best big brothers a kid like me could ask for.

Safe travels on your big night. I will leave milk and cookies for you by the fireplace. Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Rowan McCann
Gore Bay, ON**

Dear Santa,

I would like a visit from you. Me and my sister will make present for you. Your my favourite Santa claus. I hope you have a good Christmas Santa I would like a Sunny Day Doll named sunny and she comes with Alvan and I would like a computer. See you later Santa

From

**Jendall Gibson
Age 6 (almost 7)**

Dear Santa,

I want a PS4, Star Wars Jedi challenges, the movie ready player one, the movie solo a Star Wars story and tock decks and a kylo ren light saber for Jedi challenges. Thank you!!

Love,

**Fielding
Age 10
Grade 5**

Dear Santa,

I love to explore new things and places. I would love to have a riding car with a truck

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DRIVING SCHOOL NORTH

Wishes to thank everyone for their patience and understanding with our students.

Wishing All A Happy And Safe Holiday Season!

A Christmas Prayer



May your faith sustain you for all your days, and may His love and grace live in your heart always. Have a joyous Christmas.

Our grateful thanks to all of our friends. Thank you for your support over this past year!

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

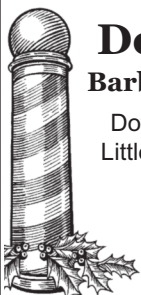
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and cheery
good wishes!



**Doug's
Barber Shop**

Downtown
Little Current



Letters To Santa

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to hold my stuff as I travel around.

Thank you,

Avery Waboose
1 year old

Whitefish River First Nation

Dear Santa,

I am a very sweet and caring little girl. I am always nice to my friends. Could I please have some paw patrol toys and a tea set?

Thank you, your friend,

Daisy Francis
2 years old
Whitefish River First Nation

Dear Santa,
I am a quiet and enthusiastic little boy. I love to cuddle with teddy bears. Could I please have a giant Teddy bear for Christmas?

Thank you,

Keiston Pelletier
1 year old
Whitefish River First Nation

Dear Santa,

I am a very cute and inquisitive little girl. I try hard to be good and share with my friends, sometimes I forget. Could I please have some craft supplies? I love to paint and get dirty.

Thank you,

Alanna Jacko
2 years old

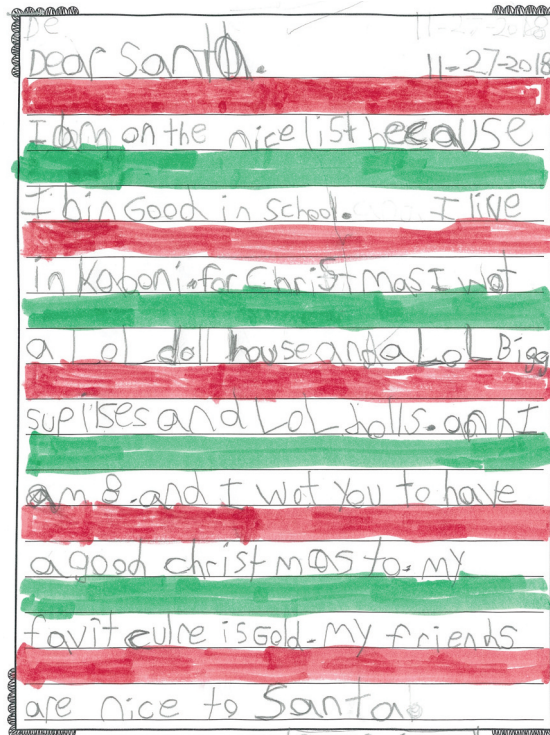
Whitefish River First Nation

hatchimal and a Paw Patrol. I will leave you cookies and milk. Oh, and carrots for the reindeer. Thank you, Santa.

Love,

Bella Ferguson- Van Horne
Age 3

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Best wishes for the holiday season!



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The Light Store

by Kate Thompson

'Harlans' Hardware Building Under New Ownership.' The newspaper headline didn't sound nearly as intriguing as the new store and its proprietor turned out to be, but in the small communities of Manitoulin Island, the sale of a town landmark like the Harlan building was definitely news.

Not that people minded, really. Old Joe and Edith Harlan had both passed almost two years before, so even Mrs. Abernathy had to admit it was time to get some kind of business in there. "The place is starting to look downright seedy," Mrs. Abernathy was heard to observe in Mabel's Hair 'n Nails one day. "Makes the town look like it's going downhill."

The new store did not sell hardware, as its predecessor had. It was a light store. "If you can imagine such a thing! Whoever heard of a store that only sells lights?" sniffed Mrs. Abernathy after church. "They won't last a year!" she went on to declare.

Well, "they" turned out to be a solitary "she." Anwen Lloyd was her name, and she moved in pretty quietly one July weekend when most of the town's citizens were at the community picnic. It didn't take long for word to spread that the new owner of Harlans' had taken possession. The sign in the store window announced:



Opening Day
August 1!
Come One, Come All to
Lighten Up!
Lights and brights to
meet your every need.
Come and find your gift.

"Come and find your gift! What a load of pharphenol," spat Mrs. Abernathy, despite (or perhaps because of) her deep-down curiosity. And to be honest, her skepticism lined up pretty well with many of the townspeople's thoughts.

But you know, it was also just a little bit interesting, wasn't it?

Well, opening day arrived, and Anwen

Lloyd smiled warmly at everyone who came into the store. She answered questions and made a few sales. Of course, many of the "customers" were, really, only curious to see how anyone could possibly come up with enough lights to fill a whole store. They were pleasantly surprised, actually. Anwen Lloyd had ceiling lights and floor lamps. Fluorescents, incandescents, and iridescents. She had fetching little nightlights for the nervous and the young. She had fantastical, gargoyle-shaped outdoor lights for the brave-hearted. There were light bulbs for your reading lamp and multi-coloured floods for the lawn. Really, it was quite amazing, if you thought about it for a minute or two. And every single customer walked out with a little pin or a yo-yo or some ordinary thing that didn't seem ordinary at all, because every small gift gleamed or glittered in a way that you just couldn't argue with.

Throughout the next few days and weeks, nearly every single person in town came into Anwen Lloyd's store. She knew full well that many of them were still coming just to "check her out," as the teenagers said. She was, in fact, a rather interesting specimen. Being of Welsh descent, Anwen Lloyd was a bit of a novelty. Some people liked her soft, rolling accent and the way she pronounced her name. It was musical and earthy all at the same time. The ones who liked her name and her lilting tones thought her appearance went perfectly with it all. Anwen stood close to the ground, taking up nearly as much horizontal space as vertical. Her hair was fine and rather reddish, and she usually wore it in a simple bun, though after some of the teens discovered they liked hanging around after school, she could sometimes be seen sporting a pony tail or braid, just like the girls in town.

Anwen's age was a mystery, to be sure. The ones who were suspicious of her thought she looked at least 60 or maybe even near 70. "Old as the hills," hissed Mrs. Abernathy in the grocery line. Those who didn't feel nervous around Anwen's differentness thought she seemed more like forty or so, and most of the kids in town didn't care at all. They said she was cool for an old lady. They liked how she treated them, and she never chased them out of her store.

Well, all that deliberation and debate couldn't stay interesting forever, even in such a small place. Slowly, through the



falling leaves, Thanksgiving, Halloween, and into the first snowstorm, Anwen Lloyd and her light store began to blend in. People started to accept her, and many of them had to admit (though never to Mrs. Abernathy!) that they kind of liked going in to buy a gift or just to replace the kitchen ceiling bulb. And you had to admit, her reading lights did seem to be easy on old or tired eyes. In addition, mothers and fathers were noticing that their children slept better once they'd plugged in one of Anwen's nightlights. For that matter, so did the mothers and fathers. Porch lights purchased from Anwen cast a most welcoming glow across front yards, even reaching into the dark shadowy places between the streetlights. Young Josie Phelps and Samantha Cameron noticed and felt safer as they walked home from basketball practice in the shortening days.

Then, on the first of December, a large, beautiful, sparkling sign appeared in the window of Anwen's store. It proclaimed:

Brighten your holiday season at
Lighten Up!

Visit the Fairy Room
and
find your heart's desire.

downtown to check out the toy store, and we'll just happen to pass by the light store. You'll tell me you have to go in there, cuz you want to get one of those little kid nightlights for your sister, but you don't know which one to get. You need me to help you decide. Okay?"

"Sure," hissed Patrick. "Sounds good to me. And it's a great idea, cuz I didn't know what to get Julie. What do you get for a little kid who has every doll in the world? Besides, I don't have much money saved up." Patrick smiled. "And I'll make sure your mom doesn't find out." Patrick was Jake's best friend. He was never mean about Jake's mother, even when it was hard for him to keep his mouth shut.

The next morning, right about 10, when most of the mothers were decorating the hall and getting ready for the Christmas tea, Jake and Patrick walked into Lighten Up, looking for all the world like two boys just busy Christmas shopping for little sisters and parents and favourite teachers. But once inside, Jake didn't even bother trying to look cool – he was too amazed by what he saw. Lights! Lights everywhere! Way, way more than he'd expected. It was almost too much to take in, but at the same time, it felt kind of normal and regular, too.

Here he was, in this amazing store, seeing what he'd been yearning to see. Every kind of light and lamp and light bulb you could even try to think of – and lots more. And Anwen stood there smiling at him like he was the best present ever. She was almost shiny, she smiled so big. He'd seen her before through the store window, and once – only once – in the grocery store. But it was still pretty surprising to see how round she was and how nice her red hair looked with all those lights shining on it.

Anwen didn't follow the boys around the store, yet Jake felt like she was right there with them anyway. It felt warm and bright, sort of a relief, like your hand feels right after the pins and needles have gone away.

After a little while of wandering around and turning lights on and off (Anwen never once told them to stop), Jake found himself in a small room so full of little white Christmas lights, he felt like he'd turned into a Christmas tree, and these were his very own decorations. Fairy lights by the hundreds. They didn't exactly flicker, but they seemed to fill him up and slow things down inside him. Jake closed his eyes and felt those fairy lights glow in every part of himself. When he opened his eyes again, there

stood Anwen. She spoke so softly, he could hardly hear. She said, "This is the Fairy Room, Jake. What is your heart's desire?"

Jake slowly closed his eyes again. He felt the warmth of the fairy lights and knew the Fairy Room reached way beyond the walls of the store. He said, just as softly as Anwen, "I want my mother to like you. I want her to come in here, because the lights will help. I want her to stop being so mad." He could feel the fairy lights deep, deep inside him. Jake sighed...and then, somehow, he found himself heading out the front door of Lighten Up. He didn't remember how he got there or when he and Patrick had picked up the big candy canes they were holding. But just as Jake turned to wave a surprised goodbye to Anwen, his mother showed up! Right there. Right in front of him and Patrick and Anwen Lloyd's light store! Mrs. Abernathy stared at their candy canes, then at the open door. Her mouth started to open, like a crow's just before it caws, but no words came out. Right at that moment, twinkling sounds and giggles came from somewhere in the store. Jake hadn't heard them when he was in there, but his mother seemed to freeze on the spot.

And to Jake and Patrick's complete amazement, Mrs. Abernathy walked into Anwen Lloyd's light store. She went right past them and walked toward the sounds at the back.

Impossible to explain, but Jake knew his mother was finding her way into the Fairy Room and to her heart's desire.

Jake never learned what his mother found in the Fairy Room or how she felt about the fairy lights. He only knew that she began to soften, just like the shadows between the streetlights. She started to not be so picky and embarrassing. Sometimes she'd even laugh at his jokes. Life didn't get perfect or anything, but it got pretty darn good. Once in a while, Jake could close his eyes and still feel the fairy lights glowing inside him, and the Fairy Room stretching out to forever. And he thought, maybe, his mother could, too.

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Letters To Santa

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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus? Sorry I didn't go talk to you at Breakfast with Santa, I was a little nervous. Thank you for the present last year. This year I would like a Fingerling and a walking Spirit horse. Mommy and I are going to bake you some cookies.

Love,
Lauren Musquetier
Age 6
Little Current

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I have really been trying to stay on the nice list this year. Thank you for the present last year! For Christmas, I would like a fingerling and a dinosaur with a scratch on his face.

Love,
Nathan Musquetier
Age 3
Little Current

Dear Santa,
Hello, Santa bring me presents toys choo-choo train.

Mikayla Bondy
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
Paw Patrol presents and Paw Patrol.

Annalise McGraw
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
I want the presents. I want blue ones.

Blake Corbiere-Thompson
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
I want presents, Santa Clause
Serene Enosse
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
I want presents, legos, trucks, more hats. I want mitts too.

Bryce McGregor
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
A toy.
Everly Ense
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Alec Nakogee. I am 3-

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years old. I want Ninja turtle present and Ninja presents. I like Ninja turtles. My mom lets me play Ninja turtle.

Alec Nakogee
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Ayah Taukei. I am 3 years old. I want a present.

Ayah Taukei
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryce Bear Debassige. I am 3 years old. I want some trucks. A Daabaan. A crane and a dump truck.

Bryce Bear Debassige
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Tatum Lamontagne. I am 3 years old. I want a Choo Choo Train and some tracks. I want a big truck; some trucks go honk honk. I want some shorts and socks and I don't know.

Tatum Lamontagne
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Peyton Corbiere. I am 3 years old. I want a present. I want a Barbie house, some treats, a baby like Kendra.

Peyton Corbiere
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Violet Corbiere. I am 3 years old. I want a teddy bear. I want a truck. A new jacket. A tiny Christmas tree. I want a new soo (soother) for when I get home. I want a present for mommy too.

Violet Corbiere
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

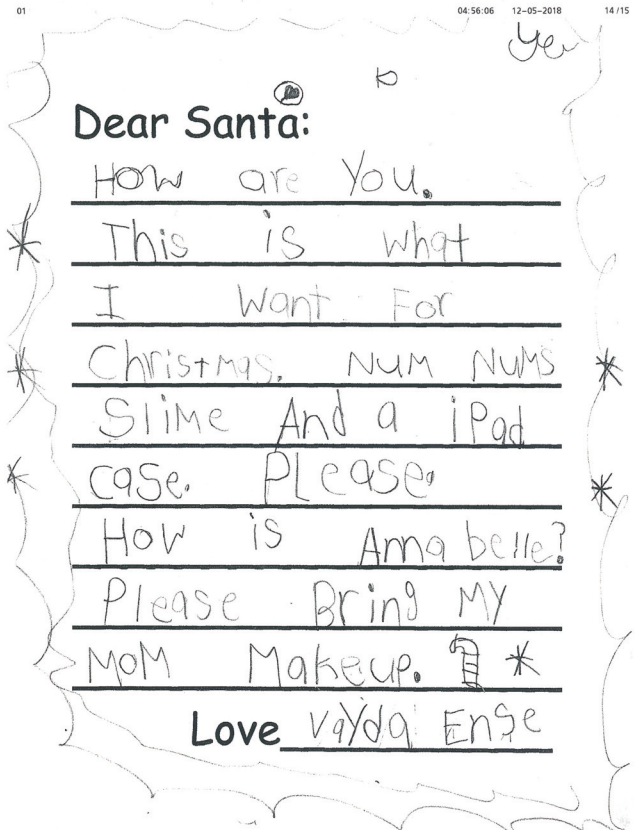
Dear Santa,
My name is Kendra Armstrong. I am 3 years old. I want a baby. I want a dollie. I want a barbie house and I don't know.

Kendra Armstrong
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
My name is Oliver Debassige. I am 3 years old. All I want is Dinosaurs and lots of toys.

Oliver Debassige
M'Chigeeng Early Years Learning Centre

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a ipod.



Love,
Marissa
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

PS. The milk and cookies are for you and the carrots are for Rudolph.

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I want please telescope.

Love,
Laily
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I want bols and a tablit dog stasharinar makeup. Supcins.

Love,
Destiny
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I want a cat, I want a boe, I want LOL, I want a pony.

Love,
Chloe
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice.

Hi Santa how are you. Bone can I get. Love you to!

Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I am wishing for TYT an I C3.

Love,
Micheal
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I am wishing for a dog, PS4, cat.

Love,
Kurtis
Junior School

How's the reindeer? I feel I have been a pretty good boy this year. I was hoping you could bring me Pokemon and hockey cards, a Nerf gun and a Diary of a Wimpy Kid novel. Have a safe trip!

Love Xavier
Age 10
Little Current

Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are well. I was a very good boy this year. I hope you can bring me a Paw Patrol fire truck, a Jurassic Park Lego set and two tablets. One for me and one for my Mom. I will leave you some milk and gingerbread cookies and a carrot for the reindeer. Thank you Santa!

Lots of love,
Laine Coleman
Age 6
Little Current

Dear Santa,
I wish every family will have a great Christmas! I love you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Merry Christmas to everyone and to all!

From Joey Roy
Grade 3
Little Current
Public School

Dear Santa,
I hope everyone in the world gets a nice present for Christmas and I only want five presents for Christmas. Thank you for reading my letter Santa Claus.

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Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I am wishing for 3 LOL dolls, hamster, dolls, doll car.

Love,
Jamie
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for: PS4 puzzles, toy dog, toy cat.

Love,
Chris
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. I am wishing for a Xbox.

Love,
Terrn
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for I wode a harpand, a under rap, LOL dolls please and little sister LOLs and LOL pet.

Love Elainah
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

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**Love Nova Waindubence
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
I would like for the kids that do not have toys to have toys. But I would like one toy and that is a Harry Potter Lego set.

**From Sadie Eadie
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I hope every family in the world has a good Christmas! For Christmas I want a double Hatchimal that is all I want.

**Love Chantal Atkinson
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Xo
P.S. Could I please have an Elf on the Shelf?

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like my family to be happy and for all families to be happy too. Ever since Grandpa died, on special events like this we have been sad. Merry Christmas Santa!

**Love Kirsten
Bowerman
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**



Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus. I would really like an artist kit and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

**From Jace Bond
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
I hope everybody in the world gets food and presents for Christmas. Christmas for me is about giving. I hope Rudolph gets to lead Santa's sleigh.

**Love Jaydyn Pegelo
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. What I want for Christmas is lots of family time and for other people to get food from Santa. I hope you have a good Christmas.

**From Amber McGraw
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
I wish every child gets to have something to play with for fun for Christmas. There is one thing I want for Christmas. That is Lego!

**From Ryan Carter
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas. I only want

one thing from you – some more V-BUCKS. I want 5,000 please.

**From Luis Anaya
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
I wish that there can be shelter and food for the poor. And every country to be peaceful. I hope that every family has a holly jolly Christmas. I also wish that Santa Claus can make all my wishes come true.

**From Spencer Cortes
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
How are you? This Christmas I would like 10,000 V-BUCKS for Fortnite so I can share them with my brother I would also love to have a puppy for me and my family. I promise to take good care of him.

**Love Kain
Corbiere
Grade 3
Little Current
Public School**

Dear Santa,
My name is Alivia and I have a big list at my Mom's house. I love you Santa but Christmas isn't about toys, it is about family. I can't wait to spend time with my family.

**Love Alivia Budge
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
Christma is not about getting presents. It is about being thankful and spending time with family and friends I would like a locket with a picture of my family. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas Santa!

**Love Ryezen Carpenter
Grade 3
Little Current Public School**

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Is the sleigh ready for Christmas Eve? Do you have a Santa Claus boat? We are now in a Family Grouping, group at the
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daycare, and we are really enjoying having infants to preschoolers in one room. For Christmas we would like, Chase (3yrs) – Thomas the Train; Hunter (3yrs) – Ninja Turtle; Isabella (9mths) – the group thinks she would like a new baby toy; Kristyn (3yrs) – Baby Alive; Malaiya (3yrs) would like a talking dog and talking baby; Palmer (3yrs) – everything Paw Patrol; Percy (19 mths) – “Old McDonald” book, Piper (3yrs) – new water toy and stickers and Rowan (21 mths) – Santa toy. We also have a new friend Lennix (1yr) who would like some magnetic shapes. We hope you have a great flight, and we will leave you out some milk and cookies. We will also sprinkle some reindeer food outside our homes so that they will know where to go.

**Little Current
Daycare
Family Grouping
Two**

Dear Santa,
My name is Ejay and I am 5 years old. Thank you for all of the nice things you brought me last year. I am still a good boy. This year, I would like to have a Lego passenger train. Could you also please bring some mice and a new skunk stuffy for my kitty cats, Charlie and Ruby, even though they are naughty sometimes. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve. Say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
**Ejay
5 years old
Evansville, Ontario**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good Christmas Eve. What I hope for Christmas is at transformer and a big raspberry cake. How is the amethyst making you feel?

Merry Christmas
From Goillan

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Hathimal and a pack of Hathimal colegtable's. I would also like a L.O.L surprise bigg pet slippers please.

Love,
**Rowyn Pfeifer
Evansville**

Dear Santa,
My name is Charlie, I am 4 years old. I have tried my best to be a good girl this year, but, with a younger brother it is sometimes hard.



This year for Christmas I would like L.O.L. dolls, a hatchimal and craft supplies.

My brother Jonathan is 2 this year and he would like monster cars, anything Paw Patrol or anything Thomas the train.

I will make sure to leave milk and cookies for you and for the reindeer.

Merry Christmas,
Love,

**Charlie and
Jonathon Orford
Spring Bay**

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year, here are a few things I am wishing for, I would like some under rap LOL dolls pleas. And I wode like

little sister LOL's and a tablet.

Love,
**Alyssa
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong**

Dear Santa,
This year I've been naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, I wot a xbox 360 win all the games, got bob the bildr.

Love,
**Phoenix
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong**

Dear Santa,
This year I have been

naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, toy cars, fortnite toys, 20 ib whets, 100 money.

Love,
**Sean
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong**

Dear Santa,
This year I've been naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for. I want a dinosaurs toy for chirstmas.

Love,
**Koda
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong**

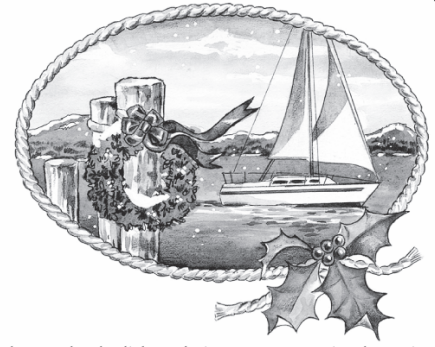
Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, a lego set, a laptop, slime stuff, a secwin bag, a bunny.

Love,
**Naturelle
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong**

Dear Santa,
This year I have been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, I want a playstation card and I want a com-

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puter and I want a hockey stick and it is a riht and a mose for my computer.

Love,

Kobe Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I have been naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, Toyitoy computer, food.

Love,

Gian Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been nice. I want a computer.

Love,

AJ Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, I wath toy and computer.

Love,
Oscar

Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, fallout costume.

Love,

SJ Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for cimas, LOL doll's, toy sore dolls, wobe toy joiee, bass lahr.

Love,

Summer Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been naughty and nice. Here are a few tings I am wishing for, tv, book, navy heat lock.

Love,

Noah Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, it sad smitedatiw.

Love,

Memphis Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've neem naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am

wishing for, a lin xby.

Love,

Julius Junior School Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for: segehce bag pooy puton, fluffy unicorn, slime, gint unicorn, squshimal, small squshimal.

Love,

Teyla Junior School

macup? Can you bring my mo flowers? Can you bring my dad tools? Can you bring my brother video game? What is the North Pole like?

Love,

Novayah Corbiere Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

How is Santa Claus? I wish I remote truck! Can I have a toy sword.

Love,

Navih Corbiere-

Love,

M'Koonhs Corbiere Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

Are the reindeers good! I want a dirt bike and a monkey robot and a nerf gun and a penywis costum.

Love,

London Shogga Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Can you bring me a remote control car and a Ipad? Can you bring my mom sume raspberries and grandma cup and a tea pot and my sisitr Mem a new phone.

Love,

Riley Corbiere Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? How is Annabell? Did you get my note from Annabell? Can I have a dig LOL dall please? Thank you for the elf ash. I hope you get my letter!

Love,

Aiyanna Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

How are you doing, are you good? I hope you doing good! How are the reindeer? Are they good? What kind of cookies do you want?

Love,

Matthew Migwans Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want LOL dolls please. Please bring my mom

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*Dear Santa: How is the reindeer? I feel I have been a pretty good boy this year. I was hoping you could bring me Pokemon and hockey cards. A Nerf gun and a diary of a winty kid novel. Have a safe trip.
Love Xavier age 10*

Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

Can you get me a Rudolph. I been a good girl, bring me a cookies. Mom and dad a present.

Love,

Sonoma O Lakeview Public School

Williams

Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

Can you get me a word and a LOL prispis youor the best! How is the reindeer?

Love,

Breshiish Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? I want a robot. Can you bring my sister

Dear Santa,

How are you? Bring me a video game.

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**Merry Christmas to you and yours
and all the best in 2019!**

From the Little Current Lions Club



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some jewellery. How is Annabell today?

Danika Migwans
Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,
How is Annabelle? For this Christmas I would like a lego dog and a pair of socks and a necklace for Candi.

Love,
Wade Debassige
Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,
How is Annabell boo. Would you like to bring me a remote control truck also can you bring me a jiffy puppet.

Love
Landon Armstrong
Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,
How are you. This is what I want for Christmas. Num Nums slime and a ipad case please. How is Annabelle? Please bring my mom make-up.

Love,
Vayda Ense
Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,
Santa is the best. How is Annabell. Can we have a big LOL doll please.

Love,
Sophia Hare
Lakeview Public School

Dear Santa,
My name is Brenna and I'm 5 years old. I have been really good this year and a helpful big sister. I would like an ice cream cart and a unicorn robot. Please bring my baby sister Tegan something. Merry Christmas

Love,
Brenna Pollard
Little Current

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice.

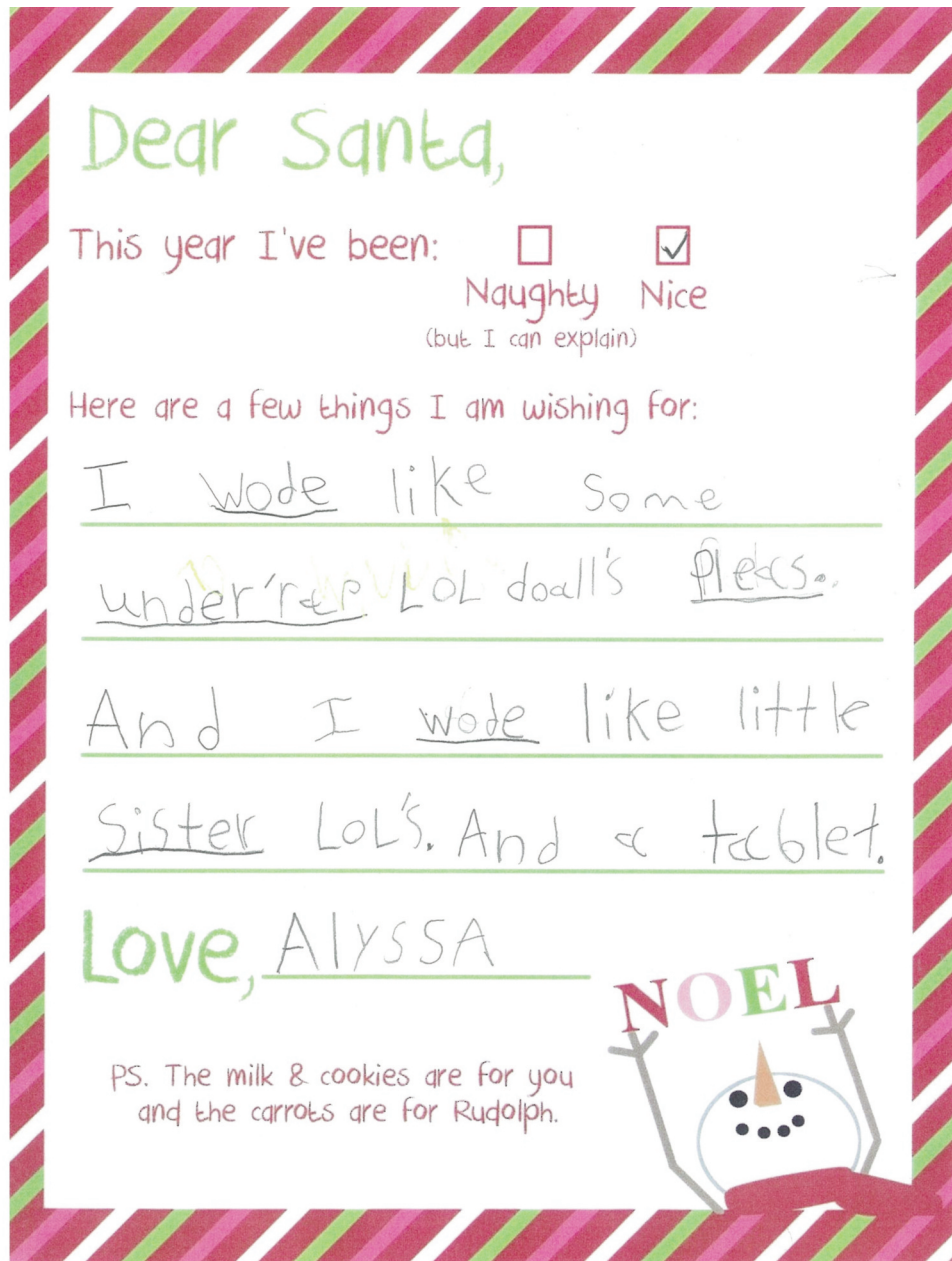
Love, Shayla

Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for 1. Phone any kind 2. Squishey's and sisel 3. Money 4. Slime!

Love, Mila

Junior School
Wiikwemkoong



Dear Santa,
This year I've been naughty and nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, a PS4 and a new controller a pink and a puppy! A black.

Love,
Emma
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, a phone, a pet hamster, slim stuff, money, logan Paul, pant'sten, lol doll's, books, a baby brother.

Love,
Bebred
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for. 1. Egg chere, 2. Dron, 3. I pad, 4. Case, 5. Slim stuff, 6. Phone, 7. Eggs, 8. Cake, 9. Mones, 10. Ice crême, 11. Kittens, 12. 101 doll house.

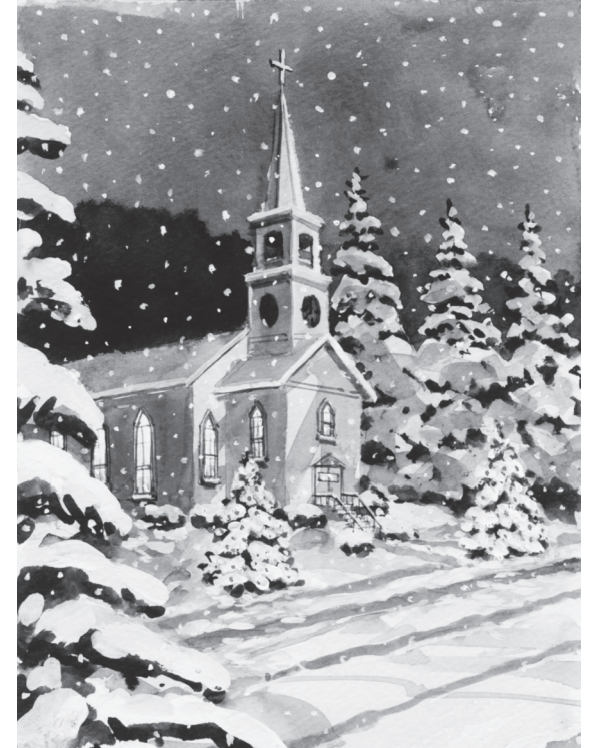
Love,
Kaitlyn
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been naughty. Here are a few things I am wishing

for, toy tois box.
Love,
Heath
Junior School
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
This year I've been nice. Here are a few things I am wishing for, CLNFU TNS KRSN 2 lnmfortn.

Love,
Jason



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**Junior School
Wiikwemkoong**

Dear Santa,
My name is Mikayla Bondy, I'm two years old. For Christmas I would like barbies, baby dolls, dolly stroller and areo cookies please. I will leave you an orange, cookies and doodooshaabo and biish and carrots for your reindeer. Miigwech Santa.

Love, Mikayla Bondy M'Chigeeng

Dear Santa,
This is Logan Laidley from Kagawong. We have already talked last week when you were in town. My dad and you like to have a hard copy so I am wishing for a LG transformer toy called Bumble Bee, my second #1 wish is a soccer ball. Please don't forget I will be at Grandmas Christmas morning.

Logan Kagawong

Dear Santa,
How are you? I was good this year. For Christmas I would like Lego! And Lego and more Lego!

From,
Leora Desjardains Lakeview Public School Grade 2-3

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hope your doing great. I have been goo this year! For Christmas I would like a VR headset with Eagle Flight.

From,
Lux Larochelle

**Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like PSP 1 controller, headset and a big TV. I have been a good boy. I will leave you milk and cookies.

**River Sagon
Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?



Hope your doing great. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a ipop and a amazing Christmus! I will leave some milk, cookies and carrots for you and the raindeer!

**Tessa Ense-
Wabahosse
Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year! For Christmas I would like poopsie slime and an LOL Doll. I will leave you cookies and milk.

From your friend,
Maria Loucks Lakeview Public

**School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hope you're doing well! I have been great this year! For Christmas I've been wanting the Barbie Skiing Family and gymnastics mat. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

From: Rowyn Kasunich Lakeview Public School Grade 2-3

some milk, cookies and carrots for you and the reindeer.

From your friend Honor!

**Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hope you're doing great! I have been good this year! I would like a playstation and PS4. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

By Rhyett Lakeview Public School Grade 2-3

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you'r doing great. I have been good sometimes this year. For Christmas I would like a nerf gun and a ipad. I hope you have a great Christmas.

Dylan Bebonang Lakeview Public School Grade 2-3

Dear Santa,
I hope you're doing

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well! I think I have been good. I would like a iphone8 to play games and watch youtube. I would also like to gallons of glue to mak slime from.

**Friend Summer
Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you're doing great! I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like some out of the world slime, and a PS\$ and a nerf gun. Please. I will leav some cookies and Santa coca cola.

From your friend
**Conen Corbiere
Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good this year. I would like a xbox and PS3. I will leave milk, coocies an apple and 10 carrots for you and reindeer.

From,
**John McLean
Lakeview Public
School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hope you re doing great. I have been good this yeeaar. I would like a Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies.

**Oznaawashke
Migwans
Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a dirt bike, a snow machine, an iphone. I will leave you some cookies and money for the reindeer!

From your friend,
**Owen Hare
Lakeview
Public School
Grade 2-3**

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexei, I am 8 years old. I live in Wiky. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me Fortnite controller, helmet, NHL 18, game, piano. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

From, Alexei
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

11-27-2018

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is **Alexei**

I am **180** years old.

I live in **wiky**

This year, I have been really **good**

I would really like it if you could bring me:

**Fortnite controller
helmet | game
NHL 18 | Piano**

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
From, Alexei

My name is Houston, I am 8 years old. I live in Kaboni. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me PS4, PS3, PS. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

From Houston
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
Aanii, my name is Alice, I am 8 years old. I have been good this year. Some nice things I have done are helping my Papa, cleaning my room at my Papa's and at home. I do my chores. I would like stey's fone, LOL's, a lot of them, PS4, 1 PS, a big unicorn stery and a kide car that you can drive, laptop, cat toys, squishy's, a lot of

them, unicorn close, slime kit, Scat DVD, bick, art stuf, unicorn stuf.

Miigwetch Santa,
From Alice
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
I am on the nice list because I bin good in school. I live in Kaboni. For Christmas I wot a LOL doll house and a LOL bigger supprises and LOL dolls. And I am 8 and I wot you to have a god Christmas to. My favit culre is gold. My friends are nice to Santa.

From Patience
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
My name is Drake. I am 8 years old. I have been nice to my broth-

er. I wod want a robin for Christmas.

From, Drake
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I am 7 years old and love at South Bay and I wish for a piano and a new dog and a fish. But no cat! I am excited for Christmas and the best Christmas ever!

From, Dion
Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,
I'm very excited for Christmas because I waiting for a year. And
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Merry Christmas
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I am good and I get a little mean to. Can Chipy, my elf stay a little longer? Please. My list 1. All bendy and the the ink machen plushis, 2. All super Mario plushis, 3. Lego sets, 4. Xbox 5.

Merry Christmas Ho Ho Ho

From Jolton Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I am on the nice list because I saning thing about my teacher. I know wot I want squishy for Christmas. I am 8. I live in Kaboni and my house numbers 1075 or 1057 I don't remember.

Love,

Andy Enosse Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I been good this year. I opened a door for someone. I am 8 years old. I am on the nice list. I live on Henry street in Wiky. My house is grey and white. I want a PS4 and Minecraft plushy's.

Merry Christmas!

From, Carter Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old and my name is Maddie. I'm very excited for Christmas this year! And what I really, really want for Christmas is a puppy. A soft fluffy puppy and if you get me one and when I open it I will be so happy! And I live in Wiky.

Love, Ms. Maddie P.S. and I've been very very good. Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

My name is Elora, I am 8 years old. I have a little brother name Cliton and I have a older brother name Austin. I live in Wiky and my house is 986

Henry St. I have been naughty and nice at the same time. Can I have, I spy, LOL's, one hatchimals, squishies, slime kit, phone, sewing kit, TV and a pet cat. Please Santa can I have it!

Love, Elora Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old and my favourite colour is red and blue. My favourite animal is a wolf. And here's my Christmas list. 1.

always wished for a phone of my own. I wood please have my own room. I wood like a shot gun for hunting and five bucks \$\$\$\$, I want a laptop for DJing and this is from

Lilly Evelyn Assiniwe Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I am very excited for Christmas this year. O am been really good. And my name is Jesse. I am 8 years old. I want a # 1 phone for

also want a V for vendetta shirt. #5. I also want a monkey sout (for goalie in mini sticks) #6. A teen titans stuffies #7 mini stick noet. Merry Christas and Happy new year.

Sincerely

Trinity Cheechoo P.S. I live in Wiikwemkoong 85 Eshkebok Rd. Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

My Dad side you are not real. But you are real. I been good this year. Because I help my nookmis at pow wows. I got some wishes. I want x-box and teen titan toys. I live in Wiky. When you come can you say hohoho. But don't et my brother anything. He's bad. I'm 8 years old. Merry Christmas

From, Clayton Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

My name is Trisha. I'm really excited for Christmas this year! I am 8 years old and I live in Rabbit Island in Wiikwemkoong. I was good and nice this year and how I was being nice I was helping my mom cooking. I would like a piano and a nice, fun puppy and a phone case and a book for Christmas.

Thank you!

From Trista Merry Christmas! Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa, Aanii

My name is Kaiden I am 8 years old. I have been nice. I have done are: I helped grandma and I helped my mom

clean up the dog food. A PS4 for Christmas. Miigwetch

From, Kaiden Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I am 21 months old

and my name is Devon D. Corbiere. I live at 35 Pine St. in M'Chigeeng First Nation. I've been a really good boy. I would like Paw Patrol plush pillow, Paw

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Computer, 2. Money, 3. A red mice. And I love in Rabbit Island road. I think I am the naughty list and nice list.

From, Clarissa Pitawanakwat-Wemigwans Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

My name is Destiny. I am 8 years old. I live in Wikwemikang. I been good. I want slime, I want play dodo, I want a dog, I want a cat, I want a tablet.

From Destiny Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I been good and I am 8 years old. I am scared of dogs! I live in Wiikwemkoong, Gabow Bend, 67. I have

Christmas and I want to have #2 ink bendy and I want to have a nice Christmas.

From, Jesse Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

My name is Houston. I am 8 years old. I have been nice and mean. Can you get me a tablet and a Ed book?

From Houston Wiikwemkoong

Dear Santa,

I'm very, very excited for Christmas and King Christmas. I've been naughty and nice. I'm also 8 years old. So hears my wish list: #1. I really want a banjo. #2. I also really want a fiddle and #3. I really want a mandolin #4 I

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Patrol 100 pieve activity set, Tad's fridge phonics. And for getting me these things "toys" a 1000 miigwetches.

Your friend,

Devon D. Corbiere
21 months
M'Chigeeng

Dear Santa,

My name is <'Kooohns O. Corbiere. I live in M'Chigeeng at 35 Pine Street, I am 7 years old. I've been a really good boy. I would like for Christmas, if you can #1 throw 'n' pop pokeball, #2 Clip 'n' carry pokeball belt, #3 my friend Pikaku plush be talk too, #4 rubiks cube, #5 switch 'Nintendo" games Mario, Pokemon games. And something for my brother Devon, something Paw Patrol and something for my grandma Smitt something Bingo.

A 1000 miigwetchs

M'Kooohns
7 years old
M'Chigeeng

Dear St. Nick,

I want Madden 19 a mini basket-ball net and a ball and the basket-ball net I want it to be able to change size. I also want a kawhi Leonard Jersey I want a pokemon traner box.

Sincerely,

William McCutcheon
Toronto

Dear Santa,

I want a LOL doll please and a dog and I want a LOL doll and a schooshy and a toy cat and how you fly in the sky and I will leave you some cookies and milk to and I want a play set of a toy kitchen.

Love,

Allaina Saummid
Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

Santa, I hope you have a good Christmas and that you are being good. And I hope you like the milk and cookies.

From,

Aiden
Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

Please can you bring me a hot wheel track and a hot wheel track.

From,

Noah
Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I would like makeup. I really liked the shadow

you brought to me last year.

From,

Sarah
Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving presents to my friends last year. Are you real? How do you get around the world in 24 hours? I would like a blue robot boxer and a new Halloween costume please.

Love,

Logan
Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I really liked the makeup set that you got last year. This year I would like the BIG Hatchimal please! How do you get around the world in one night? I will leave milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer; how do they fly?

Kristin

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike. It is a quad. I want a Star Wars lego set too. Thank you for giving us presents.

Love,

Mason
Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I really liked the hair dye that you brought me last year. I would like LOL dolls. I will leave milk and cookies. I will leave carrots for the reindeer. How do you travel around the world in a night?

Delilah

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I would like three things this year 1. A taler, 2. A puppy, 3.

Thomas

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I really like the ponny thing. I would like a yellow hatchimal please! I will leave milk and cookies. How do you get through the chimney?

Brooke

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Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

How do you get around the world in one night? How do the cookies taste? I would like some popses! Does misicklos help you on Christmas Eve?

I love Christmas morning

Jade

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I am very excited about Christmas. I would like something cool. How bright is Rudolph's nose? Is the North Pole cold? Is it fun working in the workshop? Do the elves like working in the workshop? Say hello to Mrs Claus for me.

From Ryley Grade 2

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

Santa say hi to Mrs Claus for me. How are your elves? Can one elf come to my house? Can I have a real phone and a pair of high heels? How are the reindeer! Can I also have a puppy for Christmas? May I have two elves please and thank you?

Love,

Lilly Grade 2

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

How cold is the North Pole? By the way how bright is Rudolph's nose? I would really like for you to get me a drone that can take videos and pictures please. Thank you. How heavy is your Christmas bag?

Thank you,

Evan Grade 2

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I would really like a deck of Song Bob cards and Sponge Bob characters and a remote control car please.

Thank you,

Jack Grade 1

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I want a red head band please. How do our our big care

Knox Grade 1

Central Manitoulin

Public School

Dear Santa,

May I have a robot please. What is it like in the north pole? I have a coke for you.

Thank you,

Finn

Public School

Dear Santa,

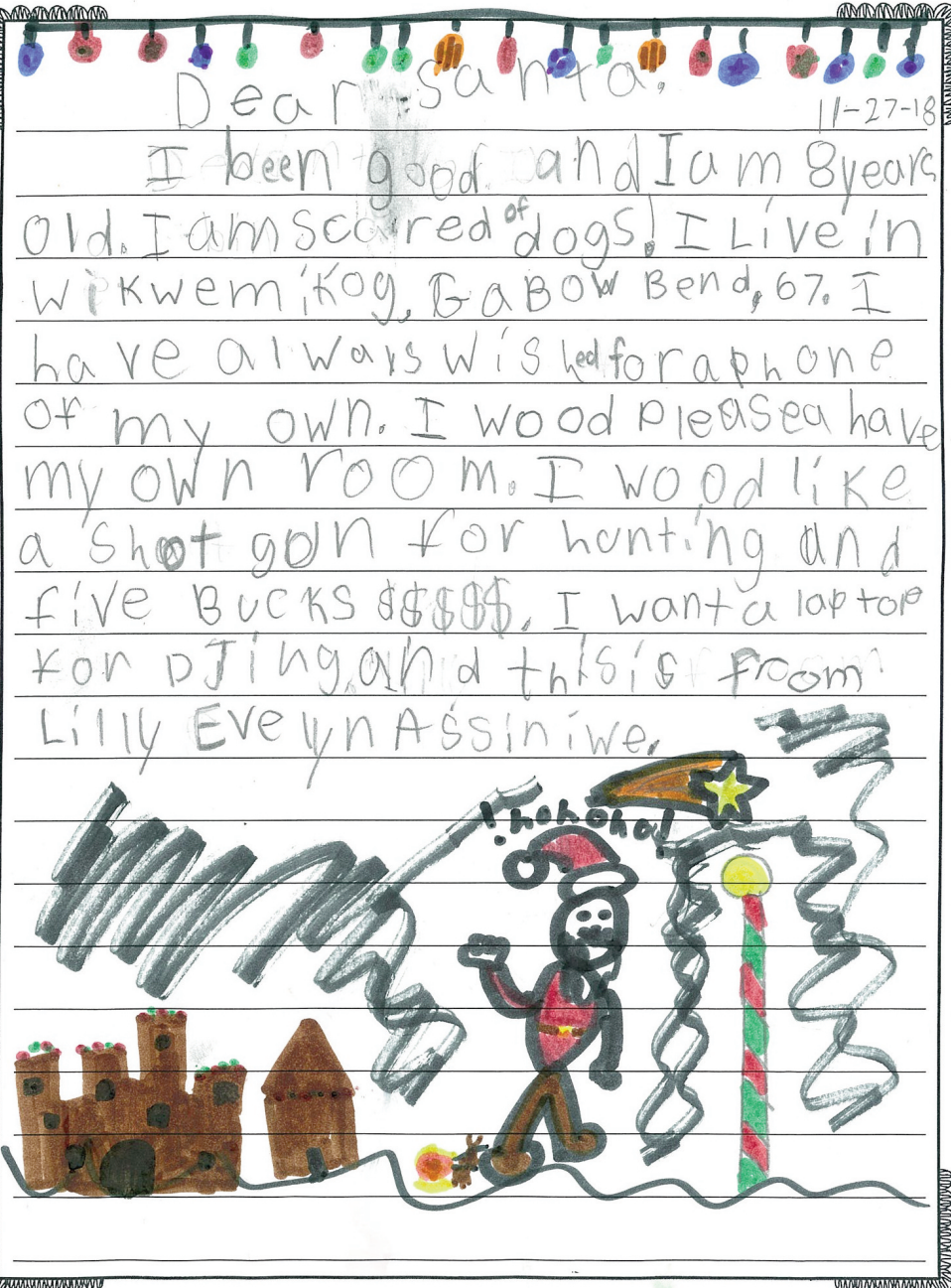
Hi, how is it in the North Pole? How many reindeer do you have? Have you seen the biggest Christmas tree in the world? How

Public School

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? Santa, how do you make toys with elves? Please can I have a LOL doll?

Your friend,



Grade 1 Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I really want a toy fidget spinner and a toy fingering and a big, medium sized teddy bear. What are the elves names?

From,

Gibson Grade 1

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

What is it like in the North Pole? I would like a race car please and a robot dog please.

Love you,

Logan Grade 2

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I wish for a go pro. I would like a board game please. I would like to call you Santa.

Love,

Sydney Grade 2

Central Manitoulin

many cookies have you eaten? Do you go around the world?

Thank you,

Jessey

PS I would like to have a real phone

Grade 2

Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

What is it like in the North ple, Santa? Can I please have a real dog? How are you real?

Love,

Charleigh Grade 1

Central Manitoulin


Samara PS. Can I have two LOL dolls please?

Grade 1 Central Manitoulin Public School

Dear Santa,

I will like paint and paper. What is it like in

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the North Pole? I will like some. I will like a hover board. I will like a book.

**Benjamin
Grade 2
Central Manitoulin Public
School**

Elves come to my house? Can I get a puppy? Can I get a LOL doll. Can I please be magic? Thank you.
I love you,

**Alyx L
Grade 2
Central Manitoulin Public
School**

Dear Santa,
I would like a makeup box please Santa. May I have pink head phones please.
Love,

**Ella
Grade 1
Central Manitoulin Public
School**

Dear Santa,
What is it like in the North Pole? I would like a lego ninja and a new bike please.
From,

**John
Grade 1
Central Manitoulin Public
School**


Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a LOL doll please. Are you real Santa? I would like a real phone.
Thank you,

**Shayne
Grade 2
Central Manitoulin Public
School**

Dear Santa,
I love you.
I would like a real Kabota tractor. I would like a big skidoo and I would like side by side. I would like to be your pen pal Santa. Thank you. I would like a big lego kit your choice. I want a phone.

**From Nicky,
Grade 2
Central Manitoulin Public
School**

Dear Santa,
How is it in the North Pole? Can



Dear Santa:  Santa, AS you know christmas is coming very soon and that means I am going to leave you milk and cookies, but I am going to tell you what I would like for christmas! I would like a barbie bunkbed That certain barbie from wish, and could you do one thing for me leave me suprise presents and you put a small gift at my door and fill my stockings with treats with nothing presents to kids please with



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