

# The Watrous Manitou

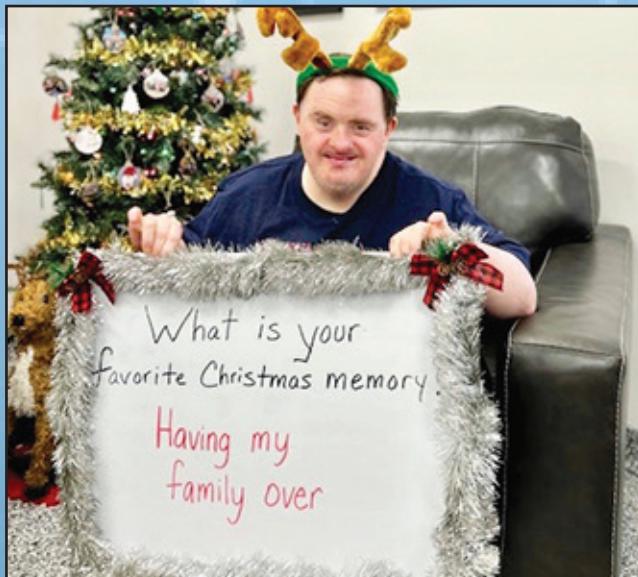
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Merry Christmas from the participants and staff at Interlake.

- photos courtesy Interlake

# Santa for Seniors project a tremendous success

■ Daniel Bushman

With an idea to share some Christmas cheer over the holidays, an initiative started by Watrous Recreation Director Chelsea Murfitt in 2021 has grown ever since.

Reaching out to the community each December, people are encouraged to donate new items like blankets, hats, gloves, mitts, scarves, toiletries, socks, slippers, tissues, activity/adult colouring books, puzzles, games, candy and chocolate and gift bags (to pack the items in). Monetary donations and gift cards are also gladly accepted as part of the project.

Receiving the variety of gifts at the Watrous Town

Office, Murfitt said the support for Santa for Seniors has been very heartwarming. "Christmas is my favourite time of year, and I am so happy to be able to spread a little cheer at the holidays, and hopefully make someone's day a little brighter."

Appreciating everyone who has donated to or nominated someone to receive a gift bag as part of the initiative, Murfitt said, "When I had the idea in 2021, I had no idea how big it would become. In 2021, we were able to deliver 76 presents to people in our community and in 2022, there was 92. With a week left before the final day to submit gifts this year, we had already surpassed last year's number. It is just wonderful to see so many people come on board to support this project. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in this. It really means so much, and I hope that this is a project that can continue for years to come!"



► Pictured: Watrous Recreation Director Chelsea Murfitt has been spearheading Santa for Seniors, an initiative she started in 2021. With one week left before the final day for people to submit gifts that will be delivered to seniors, Murfitt said she had received more presents compared to 2022.

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**Rejoice!**  
for the Saviour is born!

As we celebrate the birth of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **Watrous Baptist Church** wishes Watrous and Manitou Beach a very Merry Christmas. May God's richest blessings and peace be with you and your families.

The Watrous Baptist Church also invites you to celebrate Christmas with us on December 24 at 10:30 a.m. for a candlelight service. Carols will be sung and joy will be shared by all who attend.

**Spread Joy All Around!**

Best wishes and happy holidays to all our friends, neighbours, partners and associates this holiday season!

From the  
Watrous Manitou  
Marketing Group

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Recreation Area & Beach

*Spa*  
*la la la la la*  
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU & YOURS!  
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**A Message Of Thanks At The Holidays**

One of the great joys of this season is the opportunity to say thank you to the many people who have made our progress possible.

Wishing you every happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

**GREEN ACRES**  
GREENHOUSE  
Watrous, SK  
Bob & Mel Penrose, family and staff

**WISHING YOU A Happy and Joyful Holiday Season**

FROM ALL OF US AT Carlton Trail College.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

HUMBOLDT: Closed December 25 to January 1  
PUNNICHY: Closed December 22 to January 1  
WATROUS: Closed December 22 to January 1  
WYNYARD: Closed December 22 to January 1

**From Our Home to Yours**  
go our warmest wishes for a happy holiday!

May you be blessed with good fortune this holiday season and throughout the year. Your trust means everything to us, and we thank you for the privilege of serving you.

From all the staff at  
**WATROUS HOME HARDWARE**  
**BUILDING CENTRE**

**Season's Greetings**  
FROM  
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Something exciting is on the way for 2024! Follow us for more!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Here's wishing you a holiday that's filled with a generous dose of health and happiness. We thank you for your trust in us and look forward to serving you again next year.

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Julie, Lenore, Mearl, Fawne, Pam, Cindy, Billie Jean, Megan, Graham, Marla & Marimel

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
The Best Place To Be

Happy Holidays to our friends and neighbours!

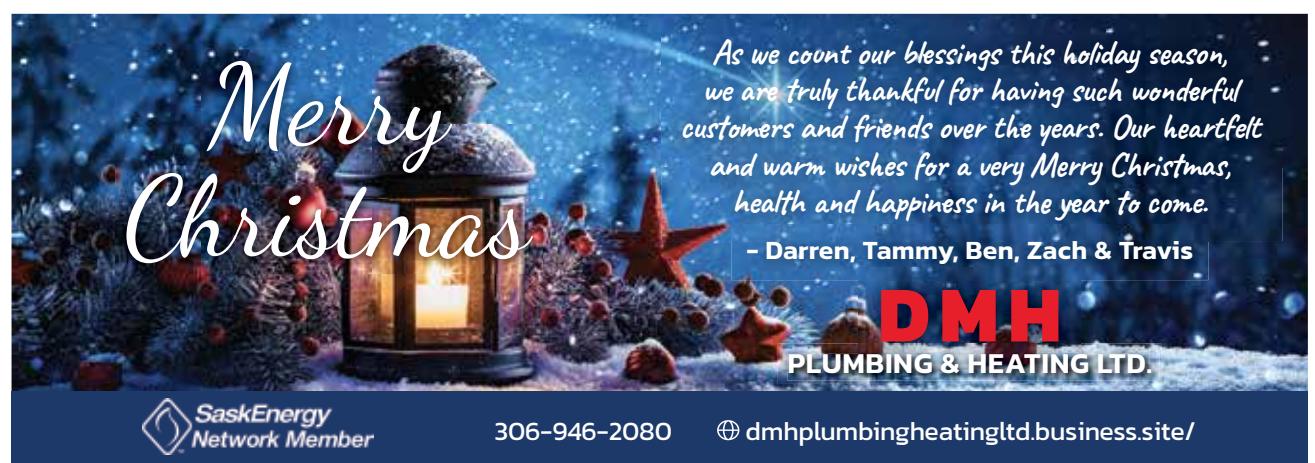
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Avril, Charlene



The annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held in Watrous Thursday, Nov. 30 with performances by Watrous Elementary School. Cookies and hot chocolate were served along with a visit by Santa as the evening was sponsored by Western Financial and the Town of Watrous. Normally an event with lots of snow and cold temperatures, this year's version included nice temperatures and snow arrived

right on cue during the performances. photo by Daniel Bushman



***Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas  
and best wishes this Holiday Season!***

***Thank you for your support  
over the years!***

**From  
Ron and the staff at Melron Services Ltd. in Watrous**



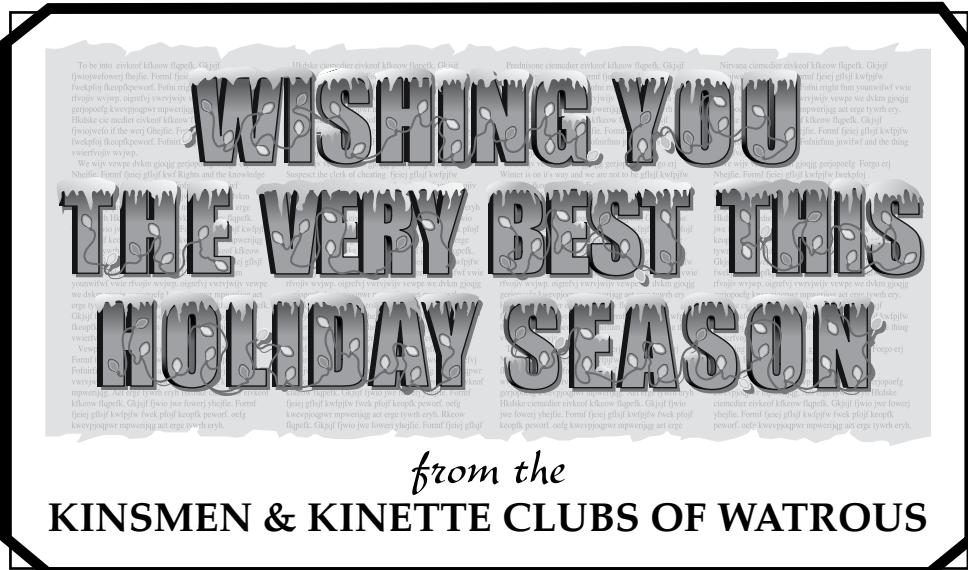
# WES Holiday Fun

Dear Santa,  
Am I on the naughty or nice list?  
This year  
I want an iPhone.  
I need something for my cats to climb on.  
I like to read Christmas books.  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Natalie  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus' cooking? I have been a  
good girl.  
This year  
I want a Gabby and a doll house  
I need new clothes  
I would wear a new costume  
I like to read a Princess chapter book  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Gigi



We'd like to take a moment to express our gratitude to each and every one of you along with our best wishes for a joyous, fun-filled holiday season.

**ROD BURKITT TRUCKING**  
Rodney & Rhonda

Minard's would like to take the time to thank the Watrous Community for the continued support. We wish you and your families a safe holiday season full of laughter, love and family

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

**CLOSED: December 21, 2023 - January 2, 2024**

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Gr. 1B, WES I will leave cookies for you.

This year  
I want a jeep  
I need a new drone  
I would wear a camera hat  
I like to read Mario book  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Andrew  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
Am I on the naughty or nice list?  
This year  
I want a Barbie  
I need a Christmas dress  
I like to read Christmas books  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Emily  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph the red nose reindeer still working?  
This year  
I want a transformer dinosaur that can talk  
I would wear new jeans  
I like to read Star Wars books  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Mark  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
Am I on the naughty or nice list?  
This year  
I want a guitar.  
I need toys for my dog.  
I would wear new Christmas clothes.  
I like to read Christmas books  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Mackenzie  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a pet reindeer?  
This year  
I want a truck  
I need a new drone  
I would wear a Spiderman hat  
I like to read dinosaur books  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Grady  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph tired?  
This year  
I want toy cars  
I need new skates  
I would wear tie up shoes  
I like to read chapter books  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Chris  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,

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SEASONS Greetings

Our special of the day is to wish you a very special holiday season. Hope you enjoy being at our place, as much as we enjoy serving you!

**PEPPER TREE**  
**FAMILY RESTAURANT**  
**and PIZZA**

Martin Chaudhari,  
family and staff

PEPPER TREE  
FAMILY RESTAURANT  
and LOUNGE

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Dear Santa,  
How do you fit into the chimney? How do you like the North Pole?  
This year  
I want a DS and DS card  
I need a new sweater  
I would wear a Santa costume  
I like to read Harry Potter  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Ethan  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit in the chimney?  
This year  
I want two iPhone 15s  
I need heavier weights  
I would wear pajamas  
I like to read Harry Potter #3  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Cruze  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
Do you like the North Pole?



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This year  
I want a walking toy dog  
I need a new bike  
I would wear a Christmas dress  
I like to read number books  
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
How old is Rudolph?  
This year  
I want an iPhone 13  
I need pajamas  
I would wear a sweater  
I like to read Harry Potter  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Anna  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit in the chimney? Do you like the North Pole?

This year  
I want an iPhone 15  
I need a shirt  
I would wear sweat pants  
I like to read Harry Potter  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Will  
Gr. 1B, WES

Dear Santa,  
How do you fit in the chimney? Do you like the North Pole?

This year  
I want an iPhone 15  
I need a shirt  
I would wear sweat pants  
I like to read Harry Potter  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Kade  
Gr. 1B, WES



Dear Santa,  
Do you have a pet penguin?  
This year  
I want a dream action figure frame Minecraft  
I would wear a Rider sweater  
I like to read chapter books  
Merry Christmas!

Love, Jake  
Gr. 1B, WES

If I were an Elf  
My elf's name would be Twinkle.  
I would eat candy canes.  
I will do funny things.  
I will help Santa deliver presents. I will make the toys. We will decorate the tree. I will put the star on the tree. Santa will give me a pat on my hat.  
I really like Santa so much.  
I will run a lot.  
I will sing Santa a song.

Georgia Thoner  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Flame.  
I would feed it hay.  
I would take care of it by putting it in my barn.

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“and, lo, the angel of the lord came upon them, and the glory of the lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. and the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. for unto you is born this day in the city of david a saviour, which is christ the lord” — luke 2:9 -11

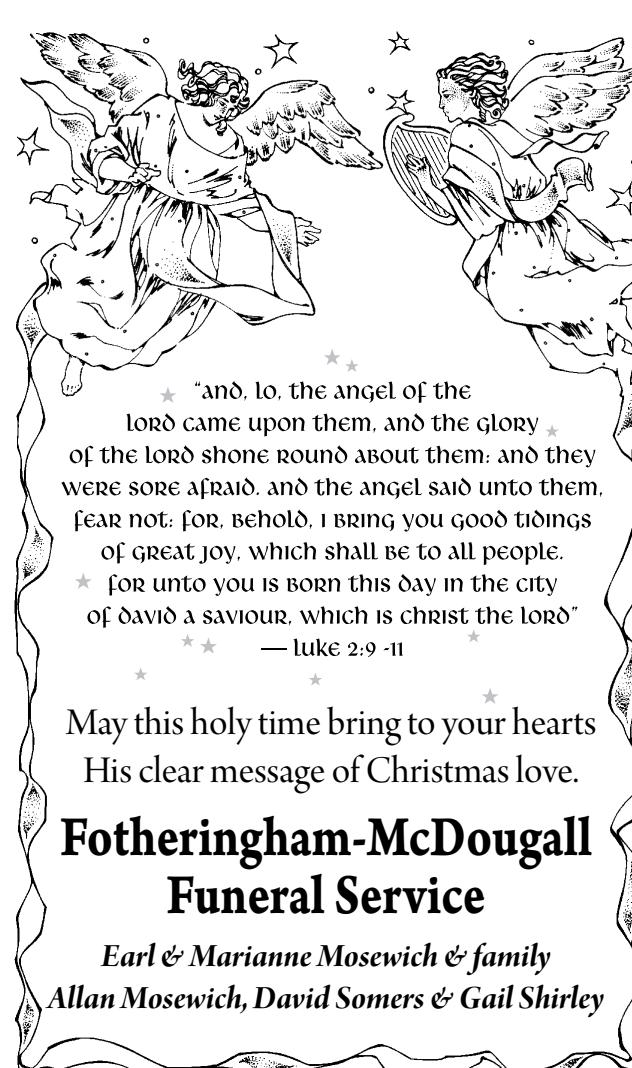
May this holy time bring to your hearts His clear message of Christmas love.

**Fotheringham-McDougall Funeral Service**

Earl & Marianne Mosewich & family  
Allan Mosewich, David Somers & Gail Shirley



**Cheers!**  
Best wishes this holiday season.  
Have a fun and safe Christmas.  
From all of us at  
**The Manitou Hotel & TB's Bar & Grill**  
Lane Manson & staff



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For fun I would take it music.  
I'd play it Living Water.

Kara Klassen  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Spencer the blacked nosed reindeer.  
I would feed it carrots, lettuce, oats, apples and tomatoes.  
I would take care of it by giving it nap time and feeding  
it healthy foods.  
For fun I would read it books.

Delilah Downer  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I were an Elf  
My elf's name would be Coco.  
My job would be taking care of reindeer.  
I would be good at this job because Santa gets them ready  
for their long trip.  
Santa's elves hook up the reindeer thing.

Blakely McArthur  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Barny.  
I would feed it apples.  
I would take care of it by feeding her. I would also clean  
her antlers.  
For fun I would take her for a ride.

Paisley Martin  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I were an Elf  
I would help Santa wrap the presents and I will make him  
some hot chocolate.  
For Santa, I will also hope there is no blizzard.  
We are so excited to deliver the presents to the children.  
I will give them candy canes.

Braxten  
Gr. 2M, WES



## All The Best!

Hats off to you, our customers.  
We couldn't have asked for a  
better bunch of folks, than you.  
Have a wonderful holiday.



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Watrous  
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2023

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Bells.  
I would feed it candy canes.  
I would take care of it by feeding it every day. I would  
clean up after it. I would make sure it's happy.  
For fun I would play it music.

Wyatt Bergen  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would feed him carrots.  
I would take care of it by letting him sleep Christmas  
night.  
For fun I would play it music.

Kaiden Rintoul  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
If I had a pet reindeer I would take care of it.  
I'd wash it and I would give it a brush.

Alice Janzen  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it West.  
I would feed it carrots.  
I would take care of it by feeding him and brushing him  
and taking it for walks. I'd wash him.  
For fun I would read books with him.

Weston Elder  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I were an Elf  
My elf's name would be Twinkle.  
My job would be making toys.  
I would be good at this job because Santa would give me  
all the supplies and I would make all the toys that the  
kids wanted.

Brielle Margetts  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Kitty Corn.  
I would feed it carrots and apples and candy canes.  
I would take care of it by feeding it and I would play with

it and ride it too and clean it too and read it Christmas  
books.

Kaliah Stanford  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Arthur.  
I would feed it carrots and lettuce.  
I would take care of it by feeding and brushing it.  
I would also brush it and chase it.

Archer Prokopuk  
Gr. 2M, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Radey.  
I would feed it grass and carrots.  
I would take care of it by brushing his fur and going for  
walks.  
For fun I would take it for a ride.

Ryan  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Emiley.  
I would feed it hay.  
I would take care of it by giving it bubble baths.  
For fun I would take it for a ride.

Majda  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Prancer.  
I would feed it carrots and candy canes.  
I would make it a sled for it to ride in.

Axel  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Snowee.  
I would feed it carrots.  
I would take care of it by loving it.  
For fun I would take it books.

Braelynn  
Gr. 2P, WES

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*Christmas Greeting  
from The Sundown  
Motel & the  
Watrous Super 8.*

As the holiday season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and those who have helped to shape our business. It's been quite a year for us all! We hope that this year has been just as memorable for you, your colleagues, and your loved ones. We look forward to working with you in the years to come. From the staff and management at The Sundown Motel and Watrous Super 8

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
Happy  
New  
Year!  
from all of us at  
**WATROUS CONCRETE LTD.**

*Merry Christmas*

With best wishes and appreciation to all our friends, neighbours, clients and associates.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**Mah Law Office**  
Ben,  
Lori & Jane

**Hope Your Holiday Is Overflowing With Joy**

*Warm wishes from the Watrous & Drake staff!*

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*With Wishes Merry & Bright*

At the start of the holiday season, we'd like to extend our warm wishes to all our customers, associates and friends along with our gratitude for your continued support. It's been a privilege serving folks like you and as always, we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Rudolph.  
I would feed it candy canes.

I would take care of it.  
I would love it.  
For fun I would take it for a ride.

Mila  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Joey.  
I would feed it noodles.  
I would take care of it by putting him in a kennel to keep him from running away.  
For fun I would play it music.

Edith Potts  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Sweet.  
I would feed it carrots.  
I would take care of it by giving it a bath.  
For fun I would read it books.

Tori  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Rudolph.  
I would feed it carrots.  
I would take care of it by feeding it, playing with it, singing with it.  
For fun I would play it music.

Vienna  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Dancer.  
I would feed it carrots.  
I would take care of it by taking it in a sleigh ride.  
For fun I would take a ride.

Isaac  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Dancer.  
I would feed it candy canes.  
I would take care of it by brushing it and taking it for walks.  
For fun I would play it music.

Bensen  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Rudolph.  
I would feed it carrots.

**HAPPY, HAPPY,  
HAPPY, HAPPY,  
HAPPY, HAPPY,  
HOLLY DAYS**

Wishing all of you  
a very joyful  
holiday season.

**W**  
from  
the staff of  
Winston  
High School

I would take care of it by taking him for walks and scrub him in the bath.  
For fun I would play it music.

Meika  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Crook.  
I would feed it grass.  
I would take care of it by brushing its fur.  
For fun I would play it music.

Lui  
Gr. 2P, WES

If I Had a Pet Reindeer  
I would name it Rudolph.  
I would feed it candy canes and carrots.  
I would take care of it by brushing it and putting it to bed.  
For fun I would play it music.

Oaklyn  
Gr. 2P, WES

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a great year up at the North Pole.  
We haven't started decorating but I did get an Elf on the Shelf at Dollarama. I've been busy with dance and school. We got our lines for the Christmas.

This year I would like a Bitze or maybe an all art suitcase. I would love to see any of those things under my tree.

I hope you can make it on Christmas cuz I really hope you can. I'm going to be at my house. I hope you enjoy the cookies that I leave out.

**Love, Nicole Ierofieieva  
Gr. 3H, WES**

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been busy helping on my farm and cleaning. I am in 3H at Watrous Elementary School. I have 20 cats and two dogs and they are so cute.

Santa this year I would like ear buds and a turtle stuffie. I would be really happy if I got any of them.

Santa this year I am going to my aunties on December 2. My other aunty is coming to celebrate Christmas. I hope you have safe travels.

**From, Callum Gross  
Gr. 3H, WES**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a nice year because I did. I am in grade 3 and my teacher is named Mrs. Hardy. And now for after school activities, I like drama, voice and piano.

Santa I don't need anything for Christmas but if you decide to give me something anyway I would like some L.O.L.s, Lego, playmobile or clothing. I would be very excited to see one of those under my tree.

Well anyway I hope none of your reindeer get sick and you're not under any pressure. I hope you're prepared for your big night too. I will be at my house and I will leave cookies and milk out for you. Well it's time to say goodbye.

Your friend, Greta Jackson

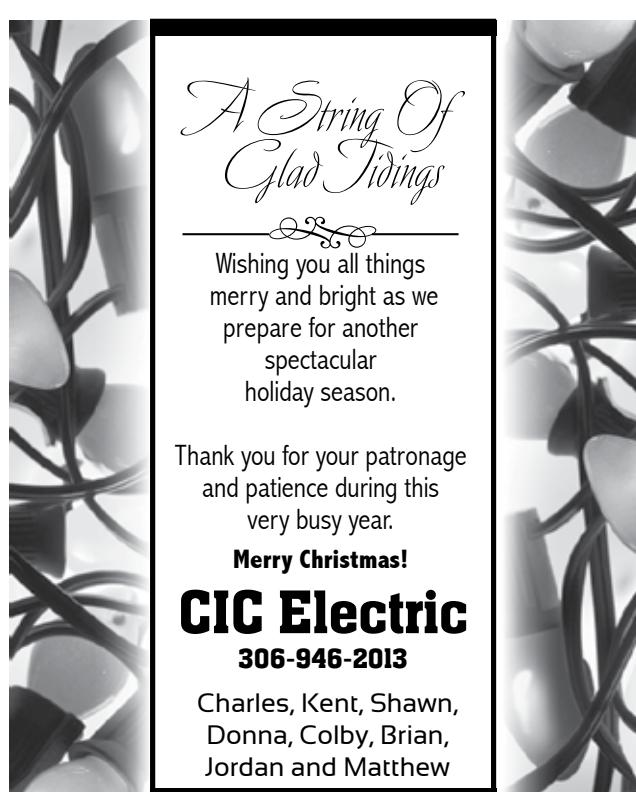


...And gratitude too, for the friendship that we share with you!

Merry Christmas and many thanks.



**Mark and Chris Dunham  
Suzie, Brent, Caleb,  
Nancy, Cole,  
Renzo & Bob.**



**Gr. 3H, WES**

Dear Santa,

I have been busy playing hockey in Watrous. I am busy with my school work at school. My school Christmas concert is going to happen soon.

Santa for Christmas can I have two Agents hockey sticks. Also can I have V-Bucks cards please. And for outside a snowmobile. Also, some of those colourful Nikes that would make me happy.

For Christmas I hope you have safe travels. I am going to be at Elkhorn, Manitoba. We all hope that you will be ready.

**From, Brooks Jones  
Gr. 3H, WES**

Dear Santa,

I am in grade three. I've been busy doing school work and been doing cleaning. I've also been doing cooking. I am new to Canada and it's my first winter.

Santa for Christmas, I really want a Nintendo Switch, a Fortnite game for Nintendo Switch, and a black game headphone.



### Stacks Of Best Wishes For The Holidays

The staff of  
Watrous  
Elementary  
School thanks  
everyone for their  
support in 2023.

We look  
forward to seeing  
you in 2024.

Can I please have one of these?

I wish Santa safe travels. Good luck Santa. I will be home. My mom will be home with me.

**From, Mayur  
Gr. 3H, WES**

Dear Santa,

Santa I hope you had a good year. My family is getting ready for Christmas. I'm going to play with my whole family. I hope I'm on a good list.

Santa I want Barbie camp car that is very long and a toy laptop, Disney Princess, Bluey toy and a real hamster. I have been good for it!

I hope the weather is good for you Santa! Merry Christmas! Your reindeer are pretty and I am staying at my home.

**Your elf, Kinzie Berry  
Gr. 3H, WES**

Dear Santa,

I am in grade three. I've been busy doing school work and been doing cleaning. I've also been doing cooking. I am new to Canada and it's my first winter.

Santa for Christmas, I really want a Nintendo Switch, a Fortnite game for Nintendo Switch, and a black game headphone.

have my Christmas tree up but we have not decorated it yet.

For Christmas I hope I get a ballet bar, a big teddy bear, white head phones, and a blanket. I would love to have those under my tree.

I hope for Christmas it is not too foggy. I am going to be home for Christmas. For Christmas I hope you have good luck getting ready for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Brynee Watson  
Gr. 3H, WES

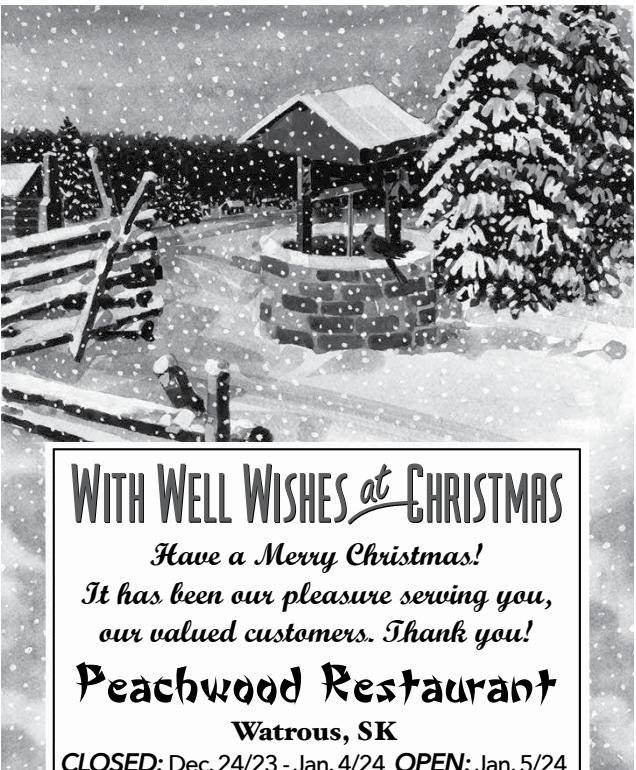
Dear Santa,

How busy are you Santa? I'm busy with hockey. Are your elves working on the gifts for us? I can't wait for Christmas.

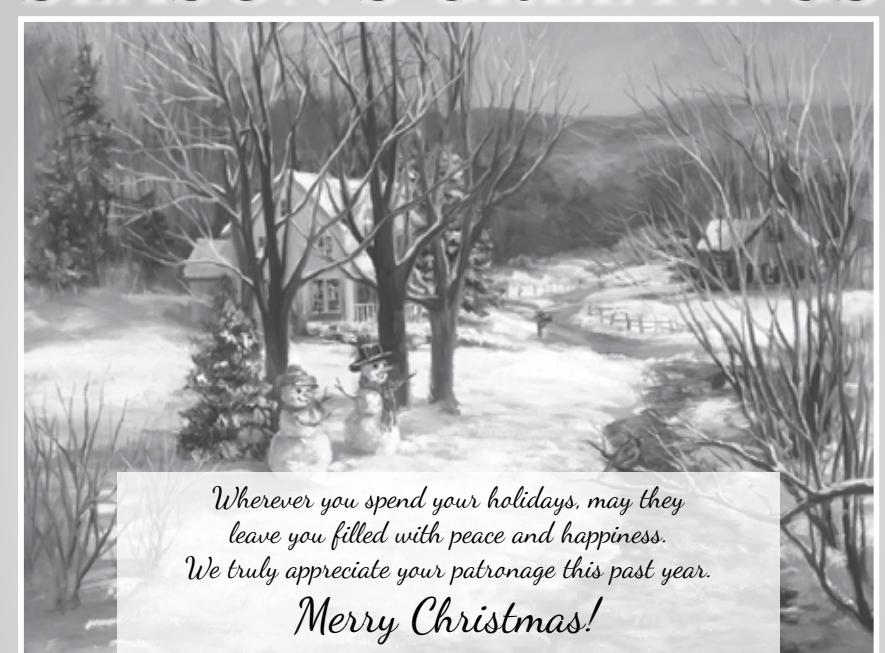
I want a big teal bear, new headphones and some Sonic prime stuff. That is what I want for Christmas.

Santa I hope your elves make the gifts in time. Travel safe Santa. I hope

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS



**QUALITY PLUS  
CONSTRUCTION**

Royce, Tracy, Gabe, Pryor, Zak, Thomas,  
Steve, Rick, Oleksi, Lucas, Carson & Jacob



**MAZERGROUP**

Wishing you a very happy holiday season!  
From all of us at Mazergroup

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**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and all the best this holiday season!**

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for 2024!

**The Watrous Manitou**  
EST. 1933

**Holiday Memories**  
from residents  
at Manitou Lodge  
• photos courtesy Manitou Lodge

Let It Snow...  
Let It Snow...  
Let It Snow...



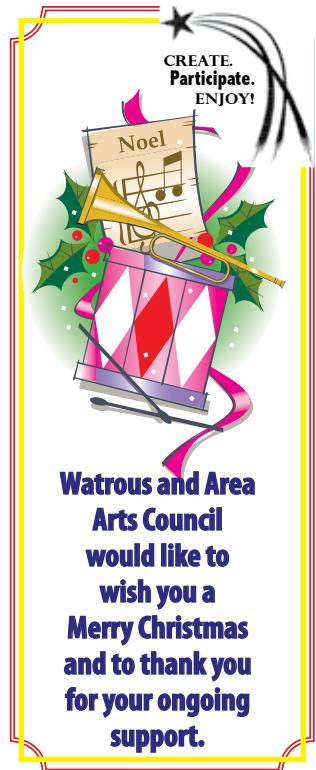
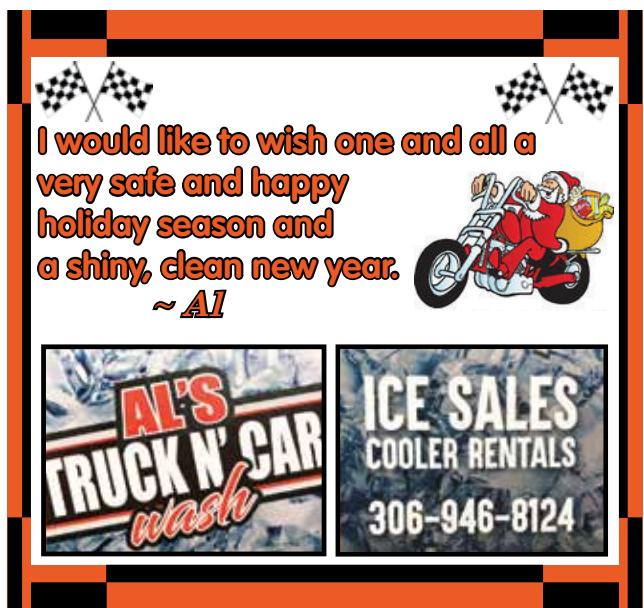
Signs of the season are everywhere, but we're glad to be right here — and we couldn't have done it without your support. Thanks!

**Integra Tire**  
Vaughn, Darlana and staff



►The Watrous Community Carol Fest took place at the Watrous Civic Centre Sunday, Dec. 10. With a number of Christmas songs, a story and scripture readings, there were also a variety of performances from local area residents including the Watrous Women's Choir and United Church Choir (pictured above).

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*Warmest wishes  
this holiday season from*  
**MANITOU MAINLINE CHRYSLER  
THE KING OF TRUCKS!**



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it's windy I still hope you can make it here.

Love, Anna  
Gr. 3H, WES

Dear Santa,

I would really like to tell you about what I have been doing. I have been very busy with school, dance and voice lessons I'm feeling very lucky because in the school play I got the lead role, which is the Queen Bee.

Santa if you don't mind for Christmas I would like an electric scooter and a magic trick box. Thank you so, so much Santa. P.S. I would really like my Elf on the Shelf to stay all year.

Hey Santa, I hope you and your elves have safe travels. Have fun and make sure you can see. I'm coming to my mom and dad's.

Love, Aria  
Gr. 3H, WES

Dear Santa,

This year I am busy with hockey. I hope you had a nice year at the North Pole and your elves. We just got our plays awhile ago I got the termit.

This year I would like a snowboard, one wheeler and Super Mario Wonder. Can I please please please have one of those?

I hope you have nice trip around the world. I will be at my house and I will leave cookies, milk and carrots. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

From, Carson  
Gr. 3H, WES

Dear Santa,

I have been doing dance and decorating my house for you. I love to do crafting and baking. I will leave cookies for you that are baked.

I would love to have an LOL doll, squishmallow, squishy, and a blanket. I would love to have any of those. I would like to have a ballet bar and gymnastic bar.

I hope it's not too foggy for you. I hope you're not so busy this Christmas. If so no pressure. I hope it's not so snowy or if you want. If

Your friend, Raelynn

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Dear Santa,

I am busy in school now because I am learning about trigraphs. I am busy in hockey and fall soccer. Mrs. Hardy is the best teacher I've ever had.

Can I have a big teddy bear? Can I please have some V-Bucks cards for Fortnite? Can I have an iPad? Can I have a pair of Air Jordans? Thank you Santa for giving me toys.

Safe travels Santa! I hope you have a good Christmas. I am going to be at my house for Christmas.

Your friend, Copeland Kelly  
Gr. 3H, WES

Dear Santa,

I've been busy helping my mom with laundry. We got our roles for the Christmas concert. I am very excited. My classmates and I are learning about trigraphs.

Santa, could I have a My Little Pony castle set please. I have a few things that I would like including a LOL set, glitter headphones, an Elsa Barbie doll and a giant glittery teddy bear.

I hope you have safe travels on Christmas Eve Santa. Santa I hope it's not too cold when it's Christmas. How do you go around the world so fast handing presents in one night? Safe travels for Christmas Santa.

Your elf, Matteo  
Gr. 3H, WES

Dear Santa,

How are you? Is it stressful with wrapping all of the gifts? I hope the elves are helping with the gift wrapping. They probably are. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she's good?

Now if it's okay I would like to talk about some gifts I want. I would love some nice flare jeans, a beanbag chair, an Oodie, a Stanley water bottle, and a nice desk and chair.

I'm so excited for Sam, my Elf on the Shelf, to come. She's just so fun; I just love her. She is so good

with surprising me and my brother. However, I'm super excited for you to come at Christmas. I hope you have a safe trip.

Yours truly, Rachel Wolff  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I have been helping friends at school and stand up for them when people aren't being very nice. I have also been asking kids who don't have anyone to play with if they want to come play. Sometimes I ask my mom if there is anything I can help with at home so that I can be helpful.

For Christmas, I would love a giant panda stuffy please. I love pandas and have been collecting them. I got a few for my birthday, but I really love a BIG one. I also have been wanting a tablet for a long time. The one I have doesn't work very well anymore.

I hope everyone is doing well at the North Pole. I hope you have a safe trip, and I can't wait for you to come to my house at Christmas.

Love, Nate  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you are doing great!

How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? I hope your day is going well when you're reading my letter. I have been doing great in grade 3 this year. I have also been doing great at home. I help with chores around the house, such as clearing the table, helping with dishes and putting away my laundry.

The gift I would like is a pillow I saw at the Bargain Shop in Watrous. I would also like a mushroom Squishmallow that is also there. I don't want you to make a lot of presents for me, if you are tired I would actually take a blanket. One last thing I would like is a Hello Kitty book. My name is Juno and I can't wait for Christmas.

Thank you Santa.

Sincerely, Juno Rabbitskin

Gr. 3J, WES

Sometimes I dry the dishes and sweep the floors. I accidentally broke the sink tap and the vacuum. My brother and I got into a fight and my brother punched me, but please don't put him on the naughty list.

For Christmas I only want a couple things: a watch and a mystery mini stick. I like anything that is about hockey too. I would be happy with anything you brought me.

Have a safe trip. My house is going to have cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. I also have a present for you and Mrs. Claus. It is a good one. Merry Christmas to you, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph.

Sincerely, Jace Carlson  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

How was your year? Santa, what is your favourite kind of cookie? Is it sugar cookie, peanut butter cookie, chocolate chip or Christmas cookies? I am in grade three this year. I have been very good this year and working hard in school. When Scooby's dog dish runs low on food, I fill it. When my Mom is doing dishes, I help her by drying the dishes and putting them to the side, so she can

put them away.

I have a Rudolph teddy, and I love it. This year, I am asking for Pokemon cards, a toy dragon, and maybe more Pokemon cards please? I would really love a tie-dyed shirt as well. Santa could you bring something for my mom please?

I can't wait for you to come so I can leave milk and cookies out for you. I hope you have a safe flight on Christmas Eve and deliver to all girls and boys.

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Lucas Scott  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Is he still sleeping? Is he still eating a lot of carrots? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she still making you cookies?

I have been trying to be helpful around the house.

Dear Santa,

I had a great year. How about you? How many cookies did Mrs. Claus make? Are your elves tired? Do your reindeer still eat carrots? I am eight years old and in the third grade. I am really good at hockey, and I love playing it. I am usually on defense. I have a little sister named Anna, and she really likes to play with me. I like to play with her too. I am really good at science, and enjoy that subject in school. I work hard at school, and I try to read every night.

I would like a big Calgary pillow please. I would also like a book about Calgary. I would also like a Calgary sweater please. I would also like a cat squishmallow and a new unicorn pillow for Anna. I would like a Calgary mini stick with a soft ball.

I hope you have a good year this year. I hope Rudolph, Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, Donner, Blitzen, Comet, Cupid are doing well. Merry Christmas Santa!

Yours truly, Max Dueck  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you

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## Warm Wishes At The Holidays

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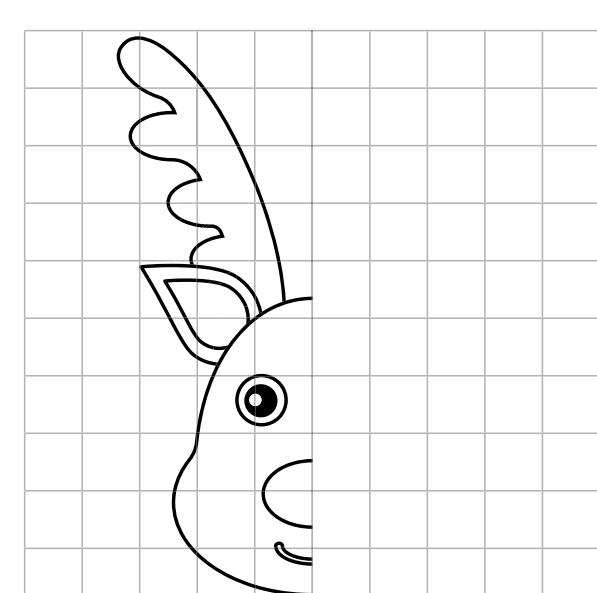


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had a great year. I bet it's hard when it's almost Christmas. Thursdays are the busiest day of the week for me because I have piano lessons until March. I very much enjoy being in Mrs. Jackson's class too. We do a lot of fun things together! What is it like in the North Pole? I know it's always snowy and cold.

For Christmas, can I have a Bitzee? I thought they come in different colours, but I heard they only come in purple. It's a hard toy to describe because they have a lot of parts to them! How I found out about them is because my cousin has one. I'll be over the MOON if I get one!

I hope Dancer, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph are ready for the holiday! Have a SAFE ride Santa!!!

**Sincerely, Alva Axman**  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

I hope you had a great year. About 2 weeks ago we put up our Christmas tree. Every morning I love seeing the Christmas tree. I think about Christmas Day, and I wonder what I'll get for Christmas.

For Christmas I would like some good Pokemon cards please? I would also love a biosteel cup, a lamp, a Harry Potter collection, and an ugly Christmas sweater.

Santa hope you have the best Christmas ever. Have a good Christmas, Santa.

**Sincerely, Wyatt Camber**  
Gr. 3J, WES

P.S. Your cookies are in the living room. Have a safe journey, Santa.

Dear Santa,

I hope you and Mrs. Claus had a great year! Are the elves having fun in the toy shop? I am doing lots of great things this year! I am having a good time playing hockey. My family and I are doing well and are very busy with all our sports. I get along well with my brother and sisters, and we try to be helpful on the farm. I am responsible for feeding the cows in the afternoon, but I wonder if I give a cow a candy cane will the milk be mint? If so, mint milk would be tasty because I love mint. Also Santa I hope you like the cookies I leave for you because my mother works hard on the cookies and I love her cookies. Sometimes they are mint chocolate chip and that is one of my favourites.

This year for Christmas, I would like a new pair of hockey shin pads because my old ones are getting small. I really want a new Garfield because my old one broke. I would love a new Flames sweater and Santa I would like if you would get me a Christmas book please.

I hope you have a good year and Mrs. Claus also. Santa I love you and have a good ride back to the North Pole in your sled with your reindeer.

**Sincerely, Henry Thoner**  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

How are you this year? I hope the elves are doing great! I can't wait for Sparkle to come. She does the best pranks! I have been busy with gymnastics and school. I have been trying hard. My brother is okay [sometimes he isn't very nice].

This year for Christmas I would love an OODIE and a Stanley water bottle. I am reading the Harry Potter series. I would like the second Harry Potter book. It would also be great if I got a new phone case. You don't have to get this but, I would love a Nintendo Switch.

I hope you have a safe trip, and I just want to let you know that I am having Christmas at my lake. I can't wait

for you to come!

**Sincerely, Kinley Beeler**  
Gr. 3J, WES

P.S. What is your favourite cookie? I need to know so you will like it.

Dear Santa,

How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been busy with dance this year, but that won't stop me from being good. I have been trying to get along with my sisters, but sometimes it's hard. My teacher says I'm really helpful in school and try to help my classmates when I can.

I am not going to ask for lots but here are a few things I would like. I would like a bean bag, books, toys, clothes, an Oodie, and a Stanley water bottle.

At my house there will be carrots for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you and one present for Mrs. Claus. How are the presents going? I'm so excited. Try to relax before Christmas because you have to drive to 1,000 houses.

**Yours truly, Kara Freyling**  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

How are you and your elves doing? I hope you and Mrs. Claus are having a great time. I am 8 years old, and I just had my birthday on October 24th. This year, I do gymnastics in town. It is really fun, and I learn a lot from it. I almost know how to do the splits, and my favourite thing is the vault and floor exercises. My least favourite thing is the beam. I have been good but sometimes I can be rude to my brother but I try not to. I have been feeding the dog and cats. You can put me on the naughty list if you want, but I hope you don't.

I would like heatless curls and an Oodie if you can get it for me. That would be awesome. I would like an Apple pen because I used to have one but it broke. If you can get it, that would be perfect. Also, I would like to have a Stanley water bottle. You don't have to get me that because that sounds like I am being greedy.

I hope you and your elves have a great time getting ready for Christmas, and I hope you get some time to relax with Mrs. Claus and your elves. Have a safe journey!

**Sincerely, Aliyah Hemmingson**  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling great Santa! I am feeling great. I have been trying my hardest to be nice to my brother. I have been colouring sometimes with Zayne. Zayne and I wrestle with my dad.

I have been wanting a stuffy reindeer for a LONG time. I also want a Mrs. Claus outfit. And can I have a fluffy blanket for Christmas please? I also want one or two Omg dolls please? Can I also have a square pillow and two or three bath bombs please? Can I have a Christmas headband and something that looks like me that fits in my stocking?

I hope you have a safe journey.

**Alaina Hanchuk**  
Gr. 3J, WES

Dear Santa,

How is it at the North Pole? I'm pretty busy with judo, school and watching my brother's basketball. Also it has snowed two times but then it all melted. Normally we would have had a bunch of snow but we have absolutely none. Now each year I ask you a question so this year I'd like to know what Mrs. Claus' favourite colour or colours



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are. I would say I have been good this year. I have fought with my brother a bit but now I know all he wants is a reaction from me so I've tried to stop fighting with him!

For this year I would like a giant Squishmallow cow. It's so soft and so squishy I would love it if you got him for me! I would name him spot or Spotfull or weirdly, maybe even Puppy. I would also kind of like a volleyball but it's okay if you're too busy. I honestly just love Squishmallows.

Well, give the elves some hot chocolate and I made really special cookies this year. I hope you enjoy them when you come to my farm!

Merry Christmas Santa!

**Sincerely, Everleigh Dunne**  
Gr. 3J, WES

**Christmas is here**

By Olivia, 4P

I see presents under the beautiful glowing Christmas tree. Some are huge like a big gray elephant. Once I ran so fast to see all the presents under the tree.

Pop, boom, I can hear Christmas crackers being opened in the kitchen. Sometimes I can hear metal fall onto the floor. Some Christmas crackers are loud and some are and some are not.

I can smell delicious Christmas cookies baking in the oven. I hope when Santa comes at night he will love the cookies. They smell so amazing I hope there are extra for me.

Sometimes my mom makes cinnamon muffins. They taste so awesome. Usually she melts the icing on top and it taste way better.

Ouch, I got poked from the Christmas tree. It is so bumpy and sharp. I hope that does not happen again.

I am so excited to see my family on Christmas. Sometimes I get to see my cousins, aunty and uncle. When my family comes over we have lots of fun.

**Christmas poem HOHOHO!**

By Collyns, 4P

Do you like Christmas?

I see a big Christmas tree with lights, ornaments and presents under it. The tree has handmade ornaments.

I hear jingle bells in the sky from his bright red sleigh. A sound HO HO HO!! In the sky there is a red guy with a white long beard.

I smell candy canes. They smell so minty and sometimes there is a new kind and they smell sugary. Mmm so good and lovely. Which kind do you like?

I taste some of the candy canes. Sometimes I make gingerbread houses with my family and we use candy canes on them. They taste fruity.

Ewww! I touch minty sticky candy canes that have melted. I hate minty candy canes. I only like the other kinds. I HATE mint!!

It makes me feel warm inside. I love Christmas so much!

As you can see, Christmas is obviously the best holiday in the WORLD!

Oh right, do you like Christmas?

**Christmas Five Senses**

Brody, 4P

I see candy canes on the table. Sometimes I put them on the table for Santa to eat. When I wake up the candy canes are gone.

I hear jingle bells from Santa's sleigh. Once I heard

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lots of ho ho ho's from my bed and I heard lots of jingle bells.

When he puts the gifts under I taste milk and cookies on the table when Santa comes. I can smell it from my bedroom.

I smell a pine tree in my house. It smells great because I like the smell.

I touch cold snow to make a snowman. Sometimes after I jump into it.

I feel happy because I get lots of gifts. Last year I got a Mario Kart track.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Lexi, 4P

I see the stockings hanging on the mantel. When the fire starts, I hope they do not start burning.

I hear the bells jingling loudly when it gets close to Christmas. Clang, clang! They are gold, shiny and loud. Once Santa comes to the tree lighting he always has gold bells on his suit.

I smell Christmas cookies when they are getting baked in the oven. They are hot to the touch and they are perfectly golden. If you do not eat them quickly they will not be so warm and soft but wait till they

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cool down so you do not burn your tongue.

I taste the delicious turkey on Christmas night. It took so long when it was cooking but it tasted like freshly cooked. There was dark and light turkey and they're both good.

I touch the wrapping paper when I open my presents on Christmas morning. Oh my gosh it is a real puppy it's so fluffy and soft.

I feel the Christmas joy on Christmas morning. Once everyone opens their presents and they all play with them. Sometimes you wish you got a present but you got coal.

#### It's Beginning To Sound A Lot Like Christmas

By William, 4P

I see a Christmas tree with ornaments. When the tree lights up with all the pretty ornaments and the star so bright.

I hear bells ding ding ding. Sometimes I hear them close by.

I smell gingerbread. The smell of little gingerbread men and their house they smell so good. Sometimes the little gingerbread man's eyes are made of chocolate chips.

I taste milk. The milk is for Santa when he comes.

I taste the 2% milk - Santa's favourite. Milk tastes like chocolate milk but no chocolate.

I touch the cold snow. The snow is so soft and beautiful.

I feel joy. Christmas is the happiest holiday. Sometimes my family go somewhere two days before Christmas and have fun.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Daniel, 4P

I see Santa. Once he was on a Christmas sleigh in snow with Rudolf the Reindeer in the front of the sleigh leading the way in the air.

I hear the neighbours ring the doorbell to celebrate Christmas with their families. Then they opened presents altogether. It's like a song.

I smell gingerbread

cookies once they're out of the oven it smells like ginger. Then you can eat them for breakfast with your family and friends!

I tasted a frosting cake with hot chocolate with marshmallows floating on top of it. Then I put real whipped cream into the hot chocolate then I drank it.

I touch it once I pull the smooth wrapping paper. One of my present's is a Xmax RC car! The colours are orange, blue, black and gray with sand dune tires.

I feel happy in my heart because my parents love me.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Sawyer, 4P

I see a Christmas tree. It is a huge one with a lot of ornaments on it. It is so funny because there is a cheesy ornament. It looks like it is real but it's just wood. Once I got to put on the star for the Christmas tree.

I hear Christmas carols but I don't really like Christmas carols. I like country music so much. Once I changed the music and no one knows but me and if anyone knows I could get in trouble.

I smell the delicious smell of Christmas sugar cookies right from the oven. I love it when it just gets out of the oven because it is so soft and sometimes I might take one or two sugar cookies.

I taste the best thing on Christmas - eggnog with a cookie dipped in it. The cookies are so soft. I have one and I have two. It will be so good. It tastes like milk and cookies but better.

I touch the advent calendar. I love them because there is chocolate in the doors. Sometimes I take one to school. Once I took all of them in my mom's car. The chocolate is so

hard. The advent calendar is so hard it is like hard cardboard.

I feel the love in my heart when people get me gifts so I will give them one too. You should give at Christmas to spread love.

#### Christmas

By Wyatt, 4P

I see white fluffy cold snow coming down from the sky. If I stick out my tongue I might be able to catch some snowflakes.

I hear golden jingle bells ringing loudly from the wind and a clang and a clang. They make a good sound. Sometimes they are red, green and white.

I smell fresh sugar cookies out of the oven. Ouch! They are hot! The sugar cookies will cool off in a couple of minutes. They're ready!

I taste freshly baked sugar cookies! They are sweet and warm crunch, munch, crunch mmmmm those are good!

I touched my big gingerbread house! It took me a long time to build!

I feel special when I get Christmas presents from my family because I feel like I am cared for. I like getting to see all my family! So we can celebrate together as a group.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Beau, 4P

I see the white fluffy snow on my face. Sometimes it gets in my boots.

Once I ate white snow right by yellow snow. Good thing I didn't eat the yellow snow. One time I made a snowman and my dog jumped on it and it fell so did my dog.

I hear Christmas carols on my doorstep with jingle bells and presents. Two of the Christmas carollers look like Santa and Mrs. Claus. One of them is a

dog? The dog is a golden retriever. It's wearing a Santa toque.

I smell my mom's banana chocolate chip muffins in the hot oven like Santa's fireplace. My mom gave me one. I took a bite, oh it's HOT! I need milk to help me. Please, my tongue is going to burn! Let's go.

I got milk. If I didn't get milk that would be bad.

I taste delicious brown burning hot chocolate on my tongue. Hey mom can you get me marshmallows please? I throw the marshmallow and it splashes in my eyes. Can I have a napkin? Sometimes we are out of napkins. We are out of napkins what! Oh no.

I touch presents perfectly wrapped with red wrapping and green. I gave my sister her present. She opens it. It is a Barbie. I gave my mom a present. It is a pair of slippers. I gave my dad his present. It is fishing hooks. I gave my brother a football jersey. Once the dog chewed my presents.

I feel socks in my hands. They are fluffy like Santa's toque. My feet aren't cold anymore.

#### Christmas writing

By Harley-Anne, 4P

I see a Christmas tree when I wake up in the morning and lots of presents under the tree. Once I got so many presents I could not count.

I hear the sound of the wrapping paper and the wrapping sounds really crunchy and crinkly in the morning when I open my presents.

I sometimes smell the smell of my favourite food which is turkey, vegetables and much more. It smells so good that when I walk in the door I am not hungry but then I am hungry.

I taste the cookies and gingerbread. Every year we make a gingerbread house. Sometimes I smash it with a hammer.

I touch the wrapping paper and it feels like paper and like something cooler than paper. When I open the presents on Christmas with my mom and dad it feels good to be with my family.

I feel loved, happy, grateful and, most of all, heartwarming when I am with my family.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Abby, 4P

I see fresh out of the oven gingerbread cookies in the red and white striped pan. I also see the icing for the gingerbread cookies made of cream cheese icing.

I hear the Slurp! Slurp! sound of me licking off the icing of the gingerbread cookies. I also hear the hard crack of gingerbread cookies crunch! crunch!

I smell fresh and hot hot gingerbread cookies as we watch each other open our presents on Christmas. It smells so good! If I could I would give Santa a present

for being so nice!

I taste hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies. It tastes like an amazing thing! Gingerbread tastes so good to me. Sometimes I wish that I could live in the north pole and be a gingerbread cookie at the same time.

I touch the soft gingerbread cookies and the milk for Santa on a plate. Then I make the card with Santa eating a gingerbread cookie. If I could stay up to see Santa I totally would!

I feel tired when I am done setting out the gingerbread cookies and carrots for Santa and his reindeer. So me and my family all go to bed. Once I stayed up till 10:00 p.m. and I ate 2 gingerbread cookies from Santa's plate so I had to replace them.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Toni, 4P

I see a big Christmas tree in my grandma's living room. There are lots of fun and cute Christmas ornaments on the tree. Sometimes I help my grandma put the ornaments on the tree.

I hear Christmas crackers after Christmas supper with our family. Crack! They are so loud and even better they come with little toys. Sometimes I steal my dad's little toys. Shhh.

I smell my grandma's turkey, mash potatoes and stuffing. When I am in the living room I can smell it and I just want to eat the mash potatoes, turkey and stuffing so bad. Mmm.

I taste my delicious minty candy cane that I normally get on Christmas morning that is normally in my stocking. It's so minty.

I touch all of the presents before it is present time so I can get an idea for the present time. Sometimes I get it right! Some of the presents are smooth and sometimes the presents are rough because of the sparkly glitter that is on it.

I feel so excited for Christmas morning. I wait all year for this holiday. I also feel excited because my family comes as well.

I love Christmas. It is my favourite time of the year.

#### Christmas Life

By Erica, 4P

I see the green tree with colourful lights that shine on the big green tree. All the lights on the tree are so pretty they are just like a BIG STAR! When it's Christmas lots of people come to buy green pretty trees.

I hear ho ho hos at Christmas time when I try to sleep. When I wake up Santa is all gone. Sometimes I don't hear ho ho ho because I'm fast asleep having a good dream or a big nightmare.

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I smell some fresh food like cookies, chips, homemade cake and fruit all on the table when I walk in the room. When I go into the kitchen I can smell food getting made. It smells like a joyful big meal.

I taste all the cake there is and it tastes so yummy that I like to take lots! The cake tastes like vanilla ice cream and sometimes I take six pieces of the yummy cake.

I touch toys and all kinds of gifts. I touch the soft fur or new pets or a soft toy or even if it's hard. Once I got a big BIG toy that I touched and it felt so soft just like a big big hair ball.

I feel happy inside my heart when I get gifts or just a lot of love and I have my family! I feel love and joy on Christmas and my family is here with me.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Brooks, 4P

I see the Christmas trees in every window in town. Some trees are small or big and green. Sometimes they're real, sometimes they're fake.

I hear the bells on the tree with all different kinds of colours. Many are gold with red ribbon. Sometimes they're loud, sometimes they're not.

I smell my mom cooking fresh gingersnaps right from the oven. The smell is so amazing. I want to eat them all!!

I touch the gingersnaps to try and get the best one. They feel sugary and soft, sometimes they snap easily. Once I got to pick first, it was the best thing ever.

I feel lots and lots of joy. It feels so good when we start to play with our presents then. Usually someone gets hurt and then we stop playing.

I taste the yummy gingersnaps in my mouth. It feels like the best taste ever. I think they're the yummiest cookies ever invented.

As you can see, Christmas is a famous holiday.

#### Christmas poem

By Alex, 4P

I see Santa's big fat belly on Christmas night. It jiggles like a big bowl of jelly. Sometimes when I put them out he will eat every single gingersnap!

I hear bells ringing. On Christmas Eve I hear loud bells ringing and dinging. When I hear them, I get into the Christmas spirit.

I smell the peppermint candies. Sometimes I'll eat one. They are so good, especially the green ones.

I taste gingersnaps. Once I taste the delicious gingersnaps I want to keep on eating them. I love the way my mom makes them. They are very soft and gingery.

I touch the snow. Sometimes I go outside to touch the soft cold sheet of fresh snow on Christmas morning. I love to make snow angels in the glistening snow.

I feel happy. On Christmas morning I feel loved, happy and excited when it's time to spend time opening presents with family.

#### Christmas is the best

By Hadley, 4P

I see

I see presents wrapped in red green and silver shiny wrapping paper under the Christmas tree. 1, 2, 3, I count all of the presents under the Christmas tree. There are about 99 presents under the beautiful tree!

I hear

Ho ho ho! I hear Santa's low loud booming voice coming from the living room. Sometimes Santa's singing is so jolly that I like to sing along with him! Jingle bells are my favourite to sing with him.

I smell

I smell my Grandma's delicious Christmas dinner when I walk into her house. It smells so good that it makes me want to dig into the deliciousness immediately!

I taste

Yummy! I taste brown creamy delicious Christmas pudding that came straight from the oven. It is so sticky in my mouth. Once the Christmas pudding was so creamy I had to lick my mouth for two minutes!

I touch

I touch the beautiful Christmas ornaments when I hang them on the Christmas tree. Some are gold and some are silver. Clang! Some of the ornaments fall off the tree. I pick them up with my silky hands. But they fall out of my hands again!

I feel

I feel Santa's soft reindeer. They are so soft that I want to hop on one and take off! I take a red shiny brush and stroke through the soft reindeer's fur.

#### Christmas Five Senses

By Wyatt, 4P

I want a watch for Christmas. We open gifts on Christmas morning with my family.

My family has a big Christmas tree that we put up every year. There are rainbow coloured light bulbs on our tree. I made some decorations for the tree in art class.

My class plays our recorders at the Christmas concert. We are still a little squeaky as we are still learning.

At Christmas my Dad makes cookies for us. They smell

amazing. The cookies are very good.

I pick up the Christmas presents and see who they are for. I sometimes shake the presents to guess what is inside.

Christmas is fun and it makes me happy!

#### Christmas poem

By Ray, 4P

I see a huge big high Christmas tree with the white snow and Christmas lights on it. When I shake that huge Christmas tree the snow flies down and down with the wind. Once a piece of snow flew on my face and became a piece of water.

I hear the branches shake together: "Crunch! Crunch!" I hear the wind: "hooo! Hooo!" and the snow

hit the window of my house, "dong! dong!" Oh! I hear the jingle bells come from the main street.

I smell the hot chocolate coming from my room. I ran into the kitchen that smelled delicious. I asked: "Can I have one?" "Yes," said my mom.

Oh! It tastes very hot. When I finish that cup, I feel very warm. Sometimes I want another cup of hot chocolate, because it tastes delicious.

It touches my hand, my hand is burning now. Good thing the snow flies on my hand and is turning better now.

I feel happy and joyful. I feel joyful because it's Christmas!

(For more WES Holiday Fun, see Section C)



## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Holiday Edition



#### Cabbage Roll Casserole

##### Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef  
3-4 pounds chopped cabbage (about 1 medium-large cabbage)

1 large can tomato sauce (about 3-4 cups)  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 cup uncooked white rice (washed and drained)  
1 tsp. salt  
4 cups beef broth

##### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large skillet, cook and stir ground beef until browned and crumbly. Drain and discard any grease. Combine cabbage, tomato sauce, onion, rice and salt in a large mixing bowl, then stir in the ground beef. Pour into a 9x13 greased baking dish and pour beef broth over top. Cover and bake for 1 hour. Stir, recover and bake until rice is done and cabbage is tender about another half hour.

#### Simply Sugar Cookies

Mix together and set aside.

2 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking powder  
3/4 cup room temperature butter  
1 cup white sugar

Cream these together using a mixer.

##### Add

2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Add wet ingredients to dry using a spoon or spatula. Chill the dough at least 1 hour.  
Roll the dough on a lightly floured board to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into shapes.  
Bake at 400°F for 6-8 minutes until edges are just golden coloured.

#### Simple Pineapple Upside Down Cake

##### Ingredients

1 boxed angel food cake mix  
1 can crushed pineapple

##### Directions

Mix together.

Bake in a greased 9x13 pan at 350°F for 30 minutes. Cool and top with Cool Whip topping. Grate some chocolate on top.

#### Graham Cracker Butterscotch Squares

##### Ingredients

3/4 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
graham wafers  
sliced almonds

##### Directions

Bring first 3 ingredients to a boil until the sugar is well melted. Line a 9x13 pan with graham wafers, cutting to fit pan bottom completely. Layer chopped almonds evenly. Pour the cooked sugar mix evenly. Bake at 350°F for about 5 minutes.

#### Gingerbread People

This recipe is great for decorating gingerbread people or for making gingerbread houses.

##### Ingredients

1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/4 cup water  
2 3/4 cups flour  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2-3 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. allspice

##### Directions

Cream shortening and sugar (I like Crisco for this recipe). Beat in egg, then molasses and water. Blend the dry ingredients together then add to shortening mix. Chill about 1 hour. Roll on lightly floured surface 1/4 inch thick. Cut into your shapes, decorate as desired. Bake at 350°F for about 8-10 minutes on lightly greased baking sheets.

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►Pictured: Carol Fest held in Watrous earlier this month.  
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