

CHRISTMAS WISHLIST
BY KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarteners at Back Pack are putting these toys on their Christmas wishlist. What are you putting on your Christmas wishlist this year?



Auora Barbie Doll
GOLDIE S.



Barbie Dream House
MADI T.



Robot Dog
PATRICK S.



Dragon Wizard
CYRUS E.



T-REX Hot Wheels
MAX O.



Pink Piano
AMELIA C.



Spiderman Boat
LINCOLN J-W.



Megalodon Truck
WILLIAM D.



Rainbow Unicorn
MADISON B.



Bone Shaker
BROOKS K.



Light Fury Dress
GIANNA G.



Pet Frog
RILEY G.



Bicycle
AMARA S.



Fire-Monster-Truck
GRAHAM H.



Eagle Transformer
EVERETT S.



Walkie-Talkie
MATTHEW R.



Sparkly Shoes
FREYA S-M.



T-REX Dinosaur
HENRY Z.



Barbie and Unicorn
EMMELINE H.



Big Bouncy Ball
ABBY M.



Pegasus Stuffie
ROZ B.

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THE USA AIR FORCE

The USA Air Force fights the war in the sky and fights the crashing meteors. The USA Army fights the wars on the ground and the USA Navy fights the wars on the ships and water. I like the Air Force because my daddy works for the Air Force but he doesn't go to war. I call my dad daddy and my mom calls him baby. My daddy taught me about the Air Force. I like the logo because it looks like a cool V with a twist in it.

EDDIE A. 1ST GRADE

GAGA GAME VARIATIONS



Regular GaGa is easy. To play the game you start with 1 ball. When there are 5 people left in the game you play with 2 balls. When there are 3 people left in the game you play with 3 balls. When there is 1 person left, they win the game. They get to throw in the first ball for the next game. Players get out of the game when they are hit by a ball below their belly button, double touch the ball, or someone catches their hit.

Fire & Ice GaGa uses only 2 balls, the blue one and the orange one. The blue ball is ice and when you get hit by the blue ball you freeze. The orange ball is fire and when you get hit by it you are unfrozen. In this game no one gets out unless you hit the ball out of the GaGa pit. You cannot double touch the balls. Any where the ball hits you you are frozen or unfrozen.



Scrambled Eggs GaGa plays with all 3 balls for the whole game. You get out the same way you do in regular GaGa but when you get out you need to remember who got you out. When the person who got you out gets out, you get back in the game. To win you have to get everyone out. If you hit the ball out of the GaGa pit or get yourself out you are permanently out of the game. This is my favorite version of GaGa to play!

WESTON G. 2ND GRADE

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

DECEMBER						
25	24	23	22	21	20	19
18	17	16	15	14	13	12
11	10	9	8	7	6	5
4	3	2	1	★		

CHRISTMAS CEREAL TREE DRIVE

Back Pack will be collecting cereal boxes during the month of December to donate to **Lorton Community Action Center**. We love partnering with LCAC throughout the year as it helps provide food for families right in our community. For the fun part, as we collect the boxes, we'll set them up like a Christmas tree.

We have a goal to collect 300 boxes of cereal.



No box is too big or too small! No bad flavor or type! All types of cereal needed!



LUCAS Z. 6TH GRADE

BREAKFAST CEREAL POLL

Do you like cereal? Because I do! Most of the kids and counselors at Back Pack voted for the sweetest and most delicious cereal of all. What will it be? Find out below.

EMMA R. 5TH GRADE



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yum!

NUTCRACKER BALLET

I am in the Nutcracker Ballet. This year I am a Peppermint Twist and Toy Solider. Last year I was a little mice. When I was the little mice I had to walk under the skirt for Mother Ginger to get on the stage. It was super hard and not very fun to be under her skirt.

My Toy Solider costume is a red shirt with little buttons and green pants. I wear black jazz shoes and we have red soldier hats. I am the first Toy Soldier to do the knee bend move.



My Peppermint Twist costume has green jingle bells on my arms and a peppermint twist colored dress. We wear red ballet shoes and I have a big lollipop prop. It is only a little bit smaller than me. It looks like a peppermint twist lollipop. It is the first time I am using a prop for a dance. I am excited to use it. At the end of the dance me and my partner hug.

My teacher and classmates are coming to watch me in the Nutcracker Ballet. I am so excited. I have been waiting all year for the Nutcracker Ballet.

ZOEY P. 1ST GRADE

COUNSELOR FAVORITES

	COLOR	GAME	ANIMAL	ICE CREAM
Mr. Trip	Blue	Jenga	Capybara	Vanilla
Ms. Charlie	Blue	Monopoly	Shark	Chocolate
Ms. Ashley	Pink	Uno	Dolphin	Mint Chocolate Chip
Ms. Melissa	Green	All Games	Flamingo	Almond Coconut
Ms. Julie	Raspberry	Phase 10	Dog	Coffee
Ms. Wendy	Hot Pink	Football	Cat	Vanilla
Ms. Hanna	Purple	Roblox	Cat	Chocolate
Mr. Ian	Green	Life	Gorilla	Mint Chocolate Chip
Ms. Lexie	Green	Softball	Cow	Cookie Dough
Mr. Cooper	Purple	Football	Monkey	NONE
Ms. Reagan	Pink	Basketball	Cuttlefish	Moose Tracks
Ms. Colleen	Green	Clue	Giraffe	Chocolate
Ms. Kylie	Green	Softball	Elephant	Cookie Dough
Mr. Javi	Green	Surprise Tag	Jaguar	Jelly Donut
Ms. Patrica	Blue	Uno	Monkey	Chocolate
Mr. Josh D.	Blue	Football	Deer	Chocolate Peanut Butter
Ms. Arianna	Blue	Connect 4	Duck	Oreo
Mr. Matthew	Red	Spoons	Dog	Cookies & Cream
Ms. Cara	Blue	9 Square	Lion	Mint Chocolate Chip
Mr. Josh K.	Blue	Baseball	Giraffe	Cookie Dough
Ms. Bela	Blue	Football	Horse	Cookie Dough
Ms. Amanda	Purple	Cut the Cake	My Dog	Lemon Sorbet
Mr. Nick	Lavender	Hockey	Sea Otter	Mint Chocolate Chip
Mr. Jackson	Blue	9 Square	Eagle	Mint Chocolate Chip

I asked all of the counselors what their favorite things were so we can know what they like. My favorite things are: purple, gymnastics, bunnies, and Crazy Charlie ice cream. You can only get Crazy Charlie ice cream at Penn State. Go Nittany Lions!

ABBY P. 5TH GRADE

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE...



I want to be an Exotic Vet. I love cute little penguins!
LILLY H. 4TH GRADE



I want to be a Hip Hop Dancer. I love music. I also love dancing and doing gymnastics. I have practiced both a ton.
GABBY M. 4TH GRADE

I want to be a President Superstar. I will wear a military uniform in the Oval Office and sing the bills to congress as I sign them. Also, when you live in the White House you don't have to pay rent, so that's a plus!

OAKLEIGH A. 3RD GRADE



I want to be a Book Author. I love to read books and I love writing stories to keep me busy in my free time.
SOFI O. 4TH GRADE

I want to be a Veterinarian for all kinds of animals. I love all animals except for skunks and slugs.
ALIVIA H. 3RD GRADE



I want to be a Pro Soccer Player. It would be the most fun job in the world. I have been playing soccer since I was 3. I would love to get paid a lot of money to do something that I love and is really fun.
HANNAH M. 4TH GRADE



I want to be a Doctor in the ER. It looks like it is fun to be an ER Doctor at the Hospital.
ROSALIE B. 3RD GRADE



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SERVICE PROJECT



On Friday (11/21), we packed meals for kids that don't have food with *Feed My Starving Children*. We watched a video on how to pack the meals. In the video we were instructed to wash our hands really well and to wear a hairnet. I was worried that the hairnet would make me look really ugly but I just looked a lunch lady or maybe even like Taylor Swift wearing a bonnet in her new Ophelia music video.

Then we went to our tables to pack. It was loud and crazy fun. At each table there were 4 scoopers, 2 baggers, 2 weighers, 1 sealer with a counselor, and 1 boxer. I did all 4 of the scooping jobs, I weighed and I bagged, and I sealed at the end. My favorite job was bagging because I didn't have to worry about being precise. I just said "READY" and held the bag tightly on the funnel.

It was fun to sing along to *Sweet Caroline* and *Party in the USA*. We also got the announcer to embarrass Mr. Josh for his birthday and he ended up getting a free shirt!

It was pretty sad to end our packing time, we didn't want to stop. Here are the box totals from each table: Blue = 6 | Orange = 3 | Red = 2 | Purple = 1 | Green = 2 | Yellow = 3 | Silver = 4

The competition wasn't about beating each other. It was about feeding a lot of kids!
Together The Back Pack packed 4,536 meals which feeds 12.5 kids for a year.

It makes me frustrated to know that other kids don't have food at home or that they have to eat disgusting things, like dirt. I am blessed to have food at home. It makes me joyful to know that I was able to pack meals for kids to eat that are nutritional and healthy. Each meal bag contained vitamins, veggies, soy, and rice. I love knowing that I was able to do something to help kids that are the same age as me.

ALAINA S. 5TH GRADE