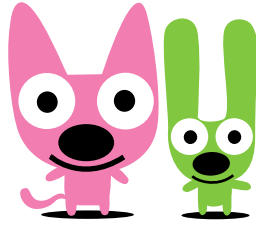


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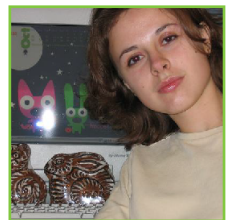
hi.



this is the second issue of the hoops&yoyo newsletter, the big numero two-o! since our last edition we've noticed that even though we call this a newsletter, it's not really a true letter, because a guy in a blue uniform doesn't bring it to your mailbox. it is full of news, though, and it wouldn't be hard to drop it in an envelope and mail it to yourself if you wanted, so we think we're in the general area of being a newsletter. and that's close enough for us.

anyhoo, lots of cool stuff is happening in hoops&yoyo land! you should see all the top-secret projects we're working on. we'd tell you what they are, but then they wouldn't be top secret any more, and that would spoil the surprise. besides, top secret things are kind of cool, don't you think? well, we'd better get to the news. sometimes we get kind of rambly. we just ramble and ramble and ramble and ramble and ramble...

## fan of the month: nicka



nicka lives in tula, russia, and she is introducing hoops&yoyo to the total russian experience. nicka sends us pictures of all her adventures - we were really jealous of her vacation in the mountains for Kazakstan and hope she can take hoops&yoyo next time. nicka teaches english to kids while studying at university and is also teaching hoops&yoyo some great russian words: rahat lakoum (think "yum"), halvah (more "yum"), and pyraniks (artistic gingerbread figures). we're glad she loves hoops&yoyo. they love her, too!!!

# hoops&yoyo's favorites

## ice cream

- h) cinammon oatmeal cookie dough
- y) seconds

## sport

- h) curling
- y) luge

## quote

- h) "grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with"  
mark twain
- y) "use enough dynamite there butch?"  
butch cassidy and the sundance kid

## movie

- h) spiderman 1&2
- y) (the first 45 minutes of)  
butch casidy and the sundance kid

## cereal

- h) honey bunches of oats
- y) peanut butter cap'n crunch

## video game

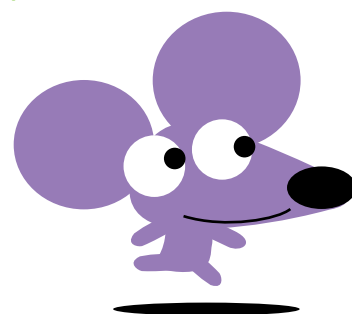
- h) mario kart double dash
- y) paper boy

## christmas song

- h) cool yule - louis armstrong
- y) i want a hippopotamus for christmas  
- gayla peevey,

## color

- h) green
- y) pink



## more about bob: bob's chow (or, who's your sugar daddy?)

as any doctor will tell you, breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and that's where it all starts for bob. every morning he has a heaping bowl of cereal (peanut butter cap'n crunch, if you're interested.) then some coffee. lots of coffee. ever notice that hoops&yoyo seem a little...wide-eyed? Perhaps we now know why.

for lunch, bob usually indulges in a bratwurst with mustard (a bratwurst would be lonely without mustard.) a soft drink usually joins the fun too.

on the downside for bob, there's raw tomatoes. if you want to send bob running from the room, just slide a plate of raw tomatoes in front of him. also don't try to hide one in his salad. he'll find it. and it won't be pretty. yoyo, being a bunny (pretty much), has never really understood bob's "tomato issues." yoyo's not complaining, however — bob gives him all the tomatoes he finds in his salad.



## things to looky looky for:

hoops&yoyo fans are giving us all kinds of great ideas for new hoops&yoyo products, and bob and cindy are busy making samples to see what they would look like. things you can wear, things that hang on your back (hint hint), things that wrap around your wrist, things you can write on, things you can stick on your fridge, things that will wake you up, things you can carry, give away, show off, even hang on a tree! you can bet that some of them will be coming soon. how soon? the marketing people still need to make serious faces while they look at their calculators, but we'll keep you posted.

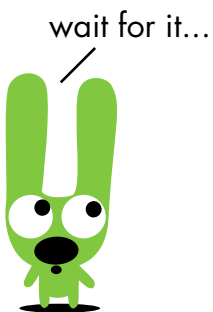
we promised a cool box of hoops&yoyo holiday cards, and t-shirts. you should be able to order them soon, if not already. fa-la-la-la-la-la. bob also made a fun new holiday e-card, and some more gotta-have downloads for your computer. (you do have a computer, don't you? hee hee.)

the december calendar is here, too. download away!

we're also working on cool stuff for your phone. we can't promise anything yet, but maybe we'll ring in the new year with some surprises.

that's it. time for donuts. weeeeeeee.

see anything outside the box?



## our journal of what we've been up to in the last week or so...by hoops

(with special notes from yoyo)

it started out just like any other week. more than a few cups of super-charged coffee and waaaaay more than a few donuts. (with extra sprinkles. always extra sprinkles. can't get enough sprinkles.)

so we're doing all our regular stuff. we're dancing. we're singing. (ooooh, you should hear us do christmas carols! jingle bells, jingle bells...)

anyway, we were answering e-mails one day when we smelled something. it was strange and delicious smelling. there was sugar in the air. and it was like no donut we ever smelled before.

we could not resist that smell. (no way, man, we really couldn't!) so we followed our noses. and ooooooh, we made the best discovery ever in the whole wide world! (guess what it was! c'mon, guess! betcha can't guess!!)

you would only be right if you guessed pumpkin pie made by bob's wife. (yeah. and there are no prizes for guessing right, bob.)

WOW! were we ever thankful! forget the turkey, baby, pumpkin pie is what it's all about! (let's just say we've been doing the happy dance ever since.)

then we realized we have a lot to be thankful for. mostly, we're thankful for bob and all our friends, like you. (and pumpkin pie with ice cream) you make us do the happy dance, too. (but maybe not quite as happy-dancy as pumpkin pie with ice cream. ha. just kidding. kind of.)

what are you thankful for? hey, write and let us know! Send your e-mails to [hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com](mailto:hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com). (we loooooove to get mail!)