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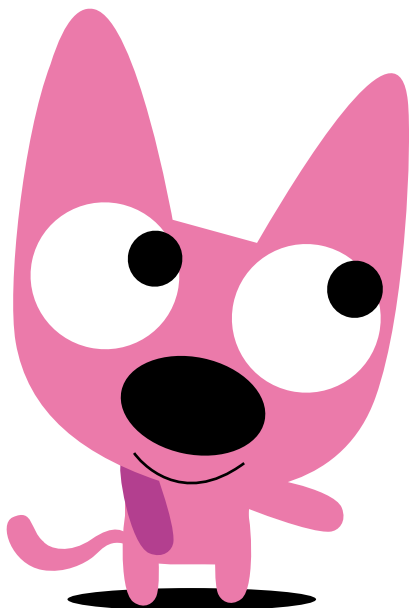
bob and mike just got back from england (where, if you haven't heard, they were meeting with famous business people from many lands). now we're all aflitter about the upcoming international premier of our little buddies. everyone pretty much agreed that hoops&yoyo need to take over the world, so you'll soon be seeing more of our little friends in a country near you. call us small town if you want, but isn't it cool?

in case you've been counting (and who hasn't?) this is newsletter numero sixo. woo hoo! we've got all kinds of heretofore unknown fun – some new e-cards, a new series of animated online cuteness, and a wheelbarrow full of new international cards and stuff (we can't wait.).

catch up on the all our other news and let us know what you think. we love hearing from you!

fan of the month-michele:

when jennifer jordan ("jen-jen" to us) nominated her mom, michele, for fan of the month, we were tickled pink and green. when michelle's not dressing all hoopsy with our printable mask or sending e-cards, she works as a lawyer placing children from orphanages into loving homes. (doesn't that sound like a good job? it must be hard work, but it sounds like you could go home every day and feel like you'd done something that mattered.) once she even bought soccer uniforms and basketballs (a new combo sport?) for some great kids in an orphanage in ukraine. jen-jen tells us that her mom loves cheese and garlic veggie burgers, has two pet ducks, and often threatens to "smoge" her. you raised a great daughter, michele, and we're proud to have you as our fan of the month. keep up the sweetness!



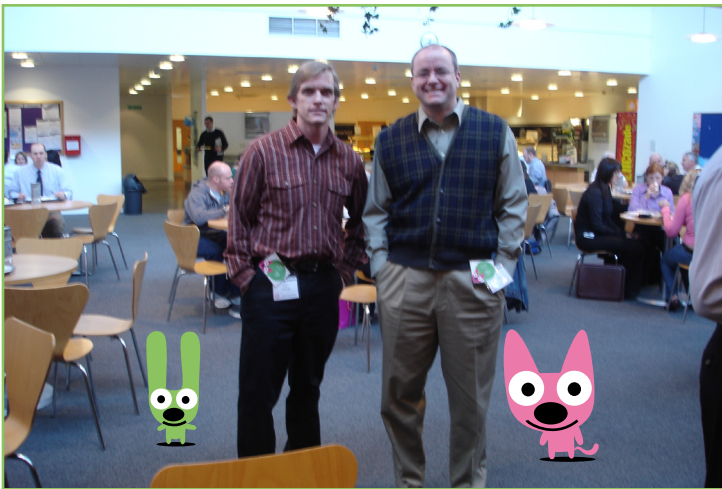
meet the creator

bob visits england. no "sir bob" yet.

if creating hoops and yoyo doesn't get you a knighthood, what does? criminy. but then, this was bob's first trip to london with our fuzzy little heroes, so maybe we're expecting a bit much.

bob and mike flew into leeds airport for a meeting in bradford with hallmark's international business friends. (about 50 or 60 of them. BIG party.) they came from greece, spain, italy, israel, turkey, russia, finland, norway, the netherlands, sweden, france, uk, and a place called "etc" that we've looked for on our globe before but still can't find. anyhoo, they came from all over the world, and they wore nice clothes. bob and mike showed them many greeting cards featuring our young heros, and everyone seemed to love them. we hear from the business guys that deals are being signed even as we speak. (doesn't that sound pin-stripey? "deals are being signed even as we speak" – just saying it makes you feel like you're out on the runway with your hair all tousled, wearing really shiny shoes as you climb aboard your corporate jet.)

once the official meetings were over in bradford, bob and mike got to go play. they took a train to york and had fun. (watch for new wallpaper from york. not the "new" one in america, the old one.) then they flew down to london. forty pounds for a cab ride! ouch. they toured the tower of london, saw buckingham palace, picadilly something-or-other, and took the that's-a-fact-jack-the-ripper tour, which was very cool. they had some great pizza by the thames river, and now know it doesn't rhyme with james. (it's a trick the british play on tourists. the river actually rhymes with gems, which could be a great name for a pizza place.) anyway, now bob and mike are home again. we are happy about that.



hoops&yoyo favorites

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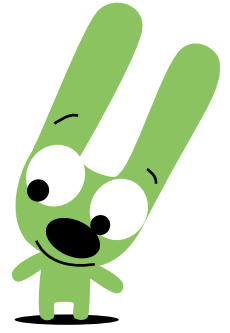
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more email goodies:

marion and lydia are wondering what a 'dougnut' is and why yoyo is dreaming of it. (so are we, m&l. so are we.)

eric got brownie points with his girlyfriend by giving her a set of our plush - waaaay to go, eric - we looove brownies!

katherine's big brother got her in trouble (oops) but we saved the day and made her smile... then he tried to be sneaky, but she's on to him. you go, girl!

olga is so smart - she knew some JavathehutScript parachutes and bracelets were missing from the march calendar and couldn't be downloaded - we love smart fans! (or did she say javascript parameters and brackets?)

deme wanted to warn people about sending the 'caught a bug' card to friends with bronchitis - they start laughing when they read the card and then they start coughing a lot. careful!

collalolla believes the cure to any problem is a good laugh and we agree (and we think her name would be a good ice cream flavor)

dani wants to know how to get this guy that she likes to notice her ... we think she needs to quit hiding behind trees when he walks by

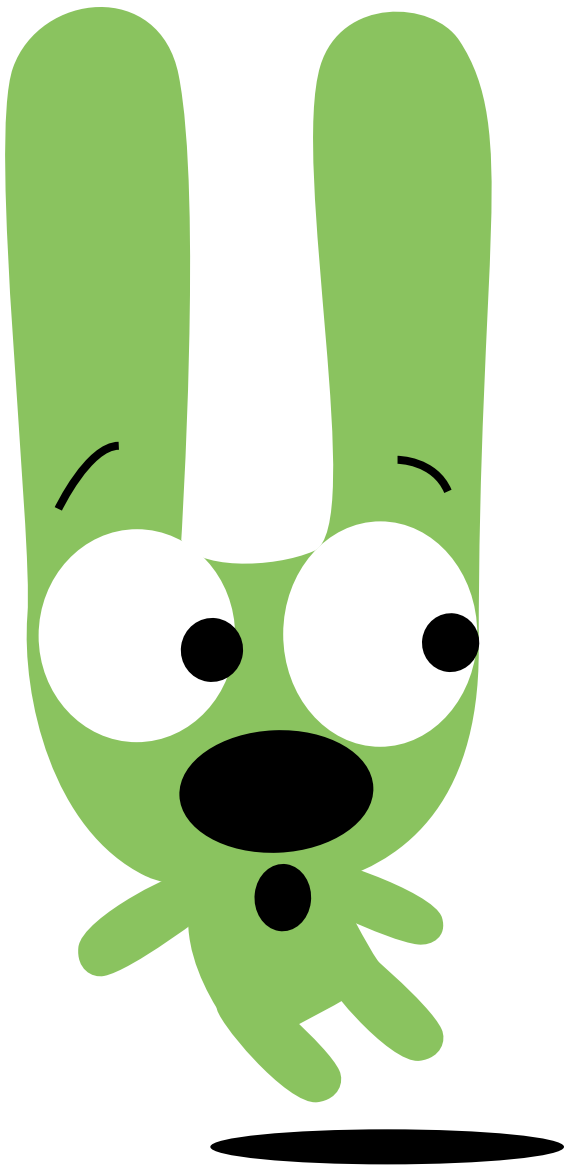
cayley&camille are best friends and like to pretend they are hoops&yoyo by dyeing their hair pink&green

izzy likes to eat cheetos and drink a mountain dew before she plays 'wipeout' on her drums

judith is falling on her knees begging bob to make our stuff mac compatible (bob's calling steve jobs and bill gates right now to talk about it)

we love hearing from our fans, and we especially love the way they make us part of their lives. it makes us feel like the world is such a big, happy place. which, in turn, makes us even happier. keep those e-mails coming!





things to looky looky for:

new e-greetings to share the love and spread the fun – in english for now, but some spanish ones will be coming soon.

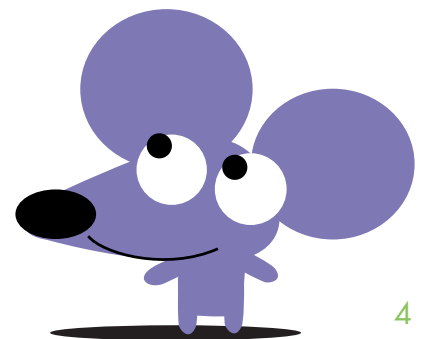
watch for fun new audio files coming soon or sooner. download them and tell us how you use them. our fans have the best ideas!

new printables are now available on-line. download the sequel to the wildly popular, earth shaking, and—most importantly—free of charge office notes: we’re calling it “office lingo notes!” (that’s the best name we could come up with, really.) also, keep an eye out for new coloring book pages.

a new gallery of art and photos sent in by friends, fans, and all-around good people from all around the world. we love it!

new interactive wallpapers/screensavers, that doesn’t actually go on a wall and isn’t really paper.

and, of course, who knows what else? we’re kinda making this up as we go along. keep checking back!



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