

hoops&yoyo newsletter



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what's a **begorrah**, anyway?

it's a green, green month... no, not the grass (it's still snowy), not the trees (they're still naked) and not yoyo (even though he is green). **we're talkin' st. patty's day, brother!** it's only one day, but it's fun enough to celebrate all march long! so, **b'gosh** and **begorrah** (your guess is as good as ours) — **let's get this o'newsletter started!**

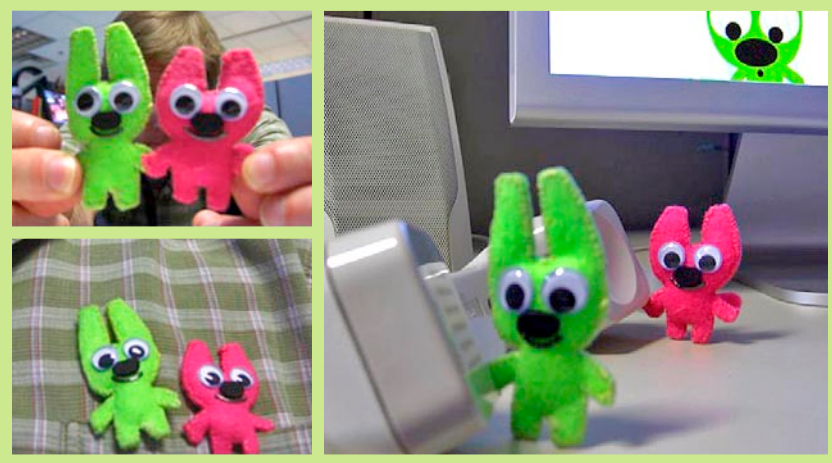


introducing... **piddles!** (aka **sprinkles**, aka **penelope**)... trademark searches are good things. unfortunately, we kinda forgot to do one for our little blue friend. poor ~~sprinkles penelope~~ **piddles**. she's been through a lot. just when she was getting used to answering to one name, we went and changed it on her. but she's been a good sport about it. really... it's not like she *meant* to mix bob's white and dark laundry together last week (he looks great in pink pants, anyway)!

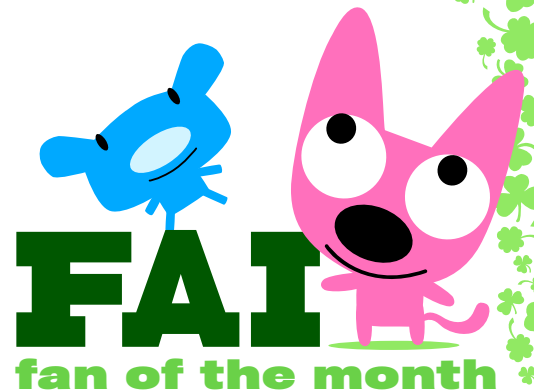


hoops&yoyo FAN OF THE MONTH

once in a while, bob gets some **reaaaaally** cool mail. no, we're not talking about his paycheck (although that's nice too, especially when he buys us chocolate covered pretzels with it). we're talking about the magical little



presents that our friend fai sends us, all the way from thailand! she even made little hoops&yoyo plushies (soooo cute), which are on display in bob's booth for everyone at hallmark.com to see. then, she surprised us with the coolest journal with thai elephants printed on the cover... it's so nice, we're almost afraid to write in it!



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hoops&yoyo FAN OF THE MONTH (PART 2)



fai has been a fan from *the very beginning*, and somehow manages to keep in touch with us and send us fun photos and nifty giftys, even while she's busy studying finance and banking (she graduated in february)! thanks for being part of all the fun, fai! we are a huge fan of yours, too! (and ***good luck with your job hunt...*** we'd write a reference, but we don't think they'd listen to cartoon cats&bunnies.)



THINGS TO LOOKY LOOK FOR



HOOPS&YOYO Favorites

it's your lucky day!

this month, we want to hear all about your luckiest day. you know, like the day when we found eight (count 'em) four-leafed clovers, three head-side-up pennies, four shiny horseshoes (ok, so they were still on the horse) and a rabbit's foot (ok, so it was yoyo's). anyway... we'd love to hear your luck-o-licious tales, so send 'em in to: hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com.

plushie fever

brand new hoops&yoyo&piddles plushies are really, truly on their way... we're so excited, we could bust our seams! then again, we don't have seams... the plushies do. and really, they won't burst. they might be soft and huggable, but they're pretty tough. just think of all the cool things you could do with them! take them around the world and snap photos of them in ancient ruins, at the tops of famous european towers, you know. or, keep them on your bed for a little extra smile in the morning. or prop them up in the kitchen so you can drink coffee together. or even take them out dancing! (they love that the most.) we hope you have lots of fun with them!

short break!

no, we're not taking one — we want you to! check out our new animated short, starring the very handsome, debonair yoyo! this is yoyo's most dramatic role to date, so we're hoping "the academy" puts down their expensive skinny mocha lattes and discovers us! grab a bucket of popcorn and visit our animated series page to see a new side of yoyo.

lucky charm

h: yoyo-shaped piece of turkey jerky
y: bob's wallet

green thing

h: yoyo, of course (silly!)
y: hoops, after he eats bob's cooking

county in ireland

h: cork
y: limerick

st. patty's day word

h: wee
y: blarney



puck's

CRAFTY CRAFTS

* This activity involves the use of scissors and small parts.
Kids, ask your parents to help you! Suitable for ages 5 and up.

bubble magnets

here's what you'll need:

- * a color printout of the next page
- * clear plastic or glass craft jewels (approximately 1/2" in diameter)
- * craft glue
- * scissors
- * magnets (either strong round magnets or heavy magnetic paper) from your local hobby store

Step 1:

cut out all of the images from the printed page.

Step 2:

put a small drop of glue on the printed side of the cut out and center a craft jewel on top of it. gently press down so that the glue spreads out and you can see the image clearly. wipe away any excess glue around the edges and let it dry.

Step 3:

turn the jewel over and glue a strong round magnet (recommended) or a circular cutout of heavy magnetic paper to the back of it.

Step 4:

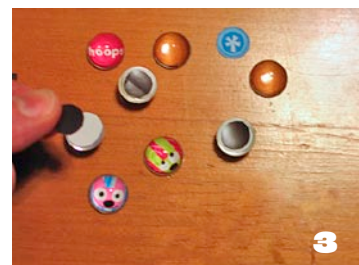
repeat steps 2 and 3 until you have a complete set of bubble magnets. let them dry completely.

Step 5:

use your new hoops&yoyo bubble magnets on any metal surface. they're great for holding notes or extra special pics!

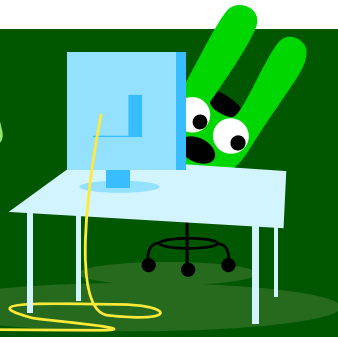
Step 6:

give your extras away as gifts! you'll get a big smile in return, we promise!



bubble magnets {print out this page}





E-MAIL ((GROUP))

michaela&zachary ... a special someone is very proud to be your daddy and misses & loves you very much!

manda un bacio, callie — hope that puts a biggggggggggg smile on your face!

laura ... did you get hold of skully&mulder about those adair and mike qwinksidences, yet????

simon ... did caroline a la mode that apple pie with ice cream on top or on the side?

claire&stephen sitting in a tree, hugging and kissing, planning their wedding-to-be!

reba said **roxy** adapted our 'waiting for the turkey' song to fit anything coming out of the oven – brilliant!

mica&warner — thanks for that trip to napa ... we'll honeymoon with you two anytime!

steph's mom is having birthday cake on february 16 – what flavor did you decide on, mom?!?!

jess said we did great on the ski trip – thank goodness for the bunny slopes!

melanie loves the new italian e-cards and said they made her life a little more wonderful – kinda like the parmesan on spaghetti!!!

haven ... are you and mom be-haven or mis-be-haven today?

michelle taught us how to spell 'boomcha-kalakalaka' – our friends are so brilliant – thanks, michelle!

mishy&choley are like us to a 't' ... right down to the pink&green fur!

hey, **daniel!** still driving mom crazy with 101 versions of "muy bien, muy bien"?!?! muy bien, dude!

ashton — it's our turn to send you a slobbery kiss <<mmmmmmwwwwwwwwahhh>>!

steve asked us to help him propose to **lovely linda** and we were happy to oblige ... let us know when you need help taste-testing wedding cakes!

agne says 27 is not too old for toys ... actually 97 isn't too old for toys, either!

mami said the 'better yet?' e-card really works and made her feel better immediately – whew!

sean&tara took us to the pasadena rose bowl – our very first and hopefully, not our last! excellent snacks...

lauren ... don't worry – you won't have to wear those braces forever, so enjoy the ice cream for now (and stay away from the caramels for a while!)

marcy ... what kinda cake did you decide on for february 5th? and did you go with nachos or pizza? the suspense is driving us crazy!!!

zach&sam showed us some pump fakes and triangle defenses that had puck doing double takes – thanks, guys!

dean ... are you still in the dog house? watch out for those fleas...

ms morgan's 6th grade class gets a super special chocolate covered 'hiya!' ok – break's over – now get back to your social studies!

welcome home, **pvt andrew!!!! lee ann** has a big hug ready for you and we're sending you a big thanks for helping to keep us safe!

therese ... we know that **pvt 1st class jocelyn** sure is proud and lucky to have a mom like you! keep up the good mom-work!

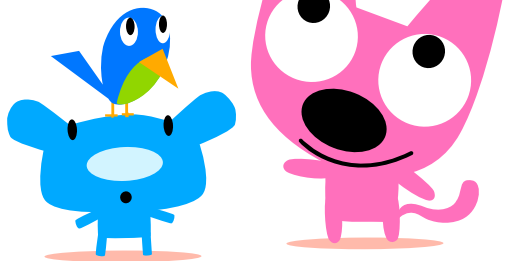
happy year of the dog to **monica, alison, nikole, michele, gao-cake, mercy, jeshika, dirk, cindy, mishka, lori, dwayne, allison** and all of our friends who are celebrating the chinese new year!!!!

hoops&yoyo FAVORITE PHOTOS OF 2005



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