

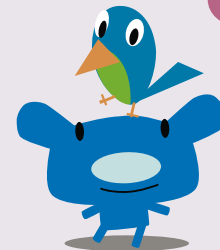
hoops&yoyo newsletter

no more fruitcake!

we never thought we'd say this, but wow, are we tired of gingerbread, fruitcakes and eggnog. there's only so much of that stuff you can eat before your eyes start bugging out and your tongue gets all coated and stuff. sorry. that's pretty gross. anywaaaaay, we've got our resolutions for **2006** all ready to go. here they are:

- 1. never go to bed without a triple decker fudge brownie sundae**
- 2. spend at least 20 minutes a day thinking about puppy dogs**
- 3. hug the refrigerator at least twice a week**
- 4. learn how to make cotton candy without gluing ourselves to the kitchen floor**
- 5. watch all harry potter movies straight through without leaving the couch**
- 6. clean the cheese curl crumbs off bob's keyboard before he comes back**

we hope we can do all six this year. it'll be tough, but somehow, we'll get through it. oh, by the way, for all of you guys who bought our new CD, **"jingle,jingle,wiggle!"** we want to say **THANKS!** (and you know we're grateful if we're typing all in caps!) we really appreciate your support and we're sorry for being so "markety" and stuff lately. we were just so excited and we had to blab about it. hope you're wearing them out! (we've got more!) now, onto the first newsletter of 2006!





THINGS TO LOOKY LOOK FOR

HOOPS&YOYO FAVORITES

holiday decoration

h: popcorn strings

y: snow!

holiday food

h: figgy pudding

y: cheese logs

holiday tradition

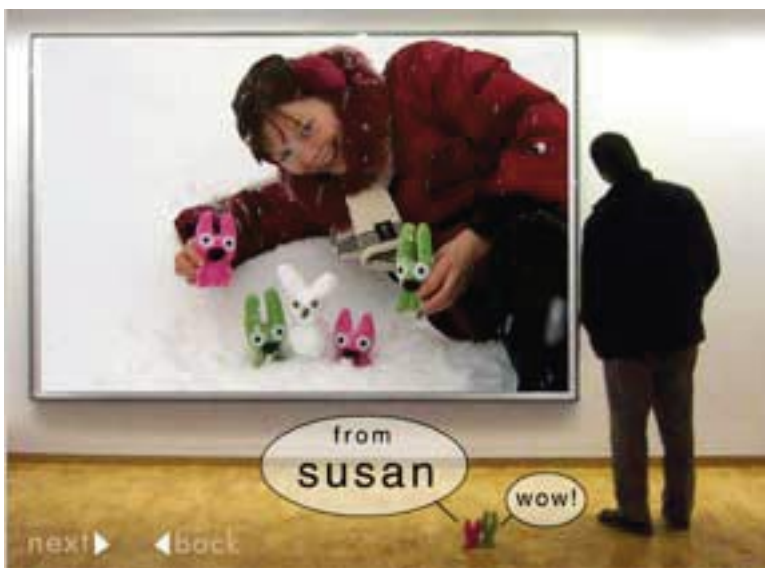
h: singing off key

y: throwing snow balls

holiday word

h: hark

y: yuletide

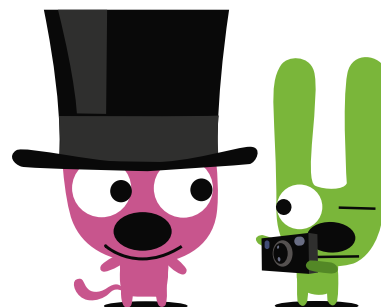


you're a work of art.

we have soooo many great pictures from all of you guys out there, that we decided to have our very own gallery show...and you're the stars! it might not be MOMA, but it's pretty darn cool. check it out by clicking the gallery link on our home page!

hoops&yoyo holiday photos

we want to see how you decked your halls **with hoops&yoyo!** are they in the stockings? on the tree? near the menorah? stuck outside in a snowdrift? get 'em in as soon as you can and we'll put them up on our site! just e-mail them to: hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com





MORE newsletter STUFF



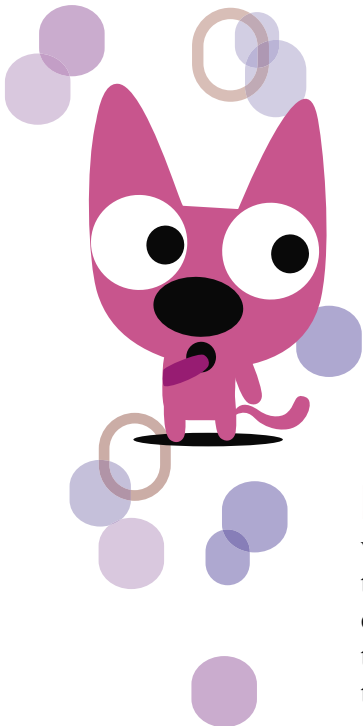
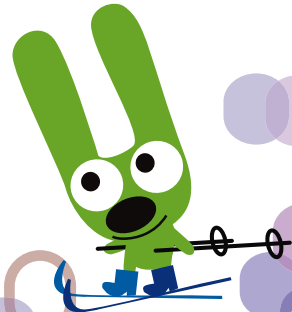
DECEMBER CALENDAR CHALLENGE!

we didn't tell you what cool things we hid in our december calendar...instead, we had a contest to see who could find them on their own! here's a list of the smarty pants (pantse?) who snooped out every last hidden treat:

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| gabriela | melissa | eileen&christina | annie |
| kathleen | steven | hatsoff | mark |
| sucheta | megan | georgina&jason | jeff |
| daniel | martha | erin | allen |
| shokie | cheryle | boyd | donna |
| seth | john | erika | annie |
| rhonda | lesa | dama'in | dave |
| colga | craig | connor | |
| olga | lavonna | sharon | |
| norma | lauren | sarah | |
| peter | kathryn | lucy | |
| marlee | carter | stephen | |
| micheale | katherine | ashley | |

honorable mentions

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|-------------|---------|-----------|
| jessie | rebecca | erin |
| sandy | pam | christine |
| tess | kendra | sam |
| stephanie | jill | david |
| sandee&will | jessica | mary |



little kids in chicken suits

we messed up BIG time. bob could hardly believe it, but there were actually two fans that sent a picture of their kids in chicken suits for Halloween. different kids, same exact chicken suit! we only used one of the pictures in our halloween gallery since we thought it was the same cute kid, but we were verry wrong. so here are the missing photos...sorry for causing such a flap! (haha)



hoops&yoyo FANS OF THE MONTH



terri&karen
fans of the month

otherwise known as "oops&ohno", karen&terri swear that they are twins, separated at birth (and about 20 years). they're both teachers (yay!) at an elementary school in raleigh, north carolina. karen teaches art and terri (who was hit by lightning when she was in college and has been a goofball ever since) teaches music...and their classrooms are right next door to each other (so the kids can paint to the music, or sing to the pretty pictures)! they think of themselves as the "feminine side" of hoops&yoyo, since terri always wears pink, Karen always wears green, and they talk about silly things like ice cream&friendship&sunnydays.





hoops&yoyo FANS OF THE MONTH

(part 2)

karen&terri

fans of the month



when they're not teaching, **"oops&ohno"** are known for getting into a little trouble, like stealing mrs. morris' scooter (aka the yellow submarine) and riding it through the cafeteria (hold onto your tater tots, kids)! yoyo was also temporarily kidnapped from terri and held for ransom by karen, but that's another story. for the most part, they're very responsible faculty members. in fact, these two good-deed-doers got together with 1100 school kids this year to make music and artwork for a cd to benefit tsunami victims...and they made \$5500!!! also, just recently, they recorded another benefit cd for hurricane katrina victims. their friend nanette wrote a beautiful song called "a cry for love" and the kids did a fab-yoo-lous job recording it. so far, the cd has made about \$2000 and terri&karen will be sending the money to their new sister school in mississippi, to help the library replace all the books that were lost in the flood waters! way to go, "oops&ohno!" you're both a real class act and we're big fans of yours, too!



FAN (TASTIC) GIFTS



Homemade scones from **Tamster and family**... a dozen each of chocolate chip and white chocolate chip! **Yummy.**



Faifairy from Hong Kong sent a lovely handmade card and a fascinating book about **Thai** elephants. Bob is learning a lot.



Julie K from Florida sent a humongous pumpkin cookie and a gigantuuous box packed with candy. AND a **waaaay big ol' chocolate bar**. Mmmmmm...



MORE FAN (TASTIC) GIFTS



Nicka

sent a box all the way from Russia with teacakes. Those things have filling inside!

WOW!

There was also candy and a beeeautifully painted kitchen board. There were other goodies too, like a giant-sized pencil that Bob will be using to draw pictures.



reading all your **happy** news&niiiiice words&exciting stories just makes us all warm and **smooshy inside**. (and that's hard to do when it's -5° outside!)

E-MAIL ((GROUP))



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julie, julie, julie -- big <<chocolateyhugs>> to you for the nice boxes and boxes and boxes and boxes of chocolates -- you are the sweetest!!!!

jessica's scuba teacher made her laugh her head off and we're wondering where she puts the snorkel now...

lolo found more creative uses for eggnog that we ever imagined -- that eggnog french toast was totally da bomb!!!!

ayan turned 21 on the 28th last month and had a chocolate cake with whipped white icing and not just one, not just two, but three flavors of ice cream!!!

wendy&christine made us proud to call them friends when they went to waveland, mississippi and pitched tents, moved trees, chopped branches, and cleaned up a bunch of gunk (technical term) that bad old hurricane katrina left behind. you totally rock!

dianne's boyfriend's cd released on the same day as ours... that is so karma (not exactly caramel, but close)!!!!

katherine called us babealicious because her nephew likes us so much and we're still blushing <<neonpink, neongreen>>

madison turns 16 on december 19th!!! just kidding, **jason!** she's only turning 13 so you don't need to think about cars for another 3 years!

doc took us for a ride with a friend from a movie he really likes ... we are forever grateful it was **martian** and not **sid**, doc!

tonchita is teaching us all kinds of new spanish terms ... we especially like 'bocata'!!!!

josiah - have you filled that eeyore mug with eggnog yet?!?!? c'mon, dude, doitdoitdoit!

lani's birthday is december 18th ... we're keeping our paws crossed that she gets you-know-who's-t-shirt that she's hoping for!!! (yes, we are self-promoting.)

beck sends an ice cream cool hiya to her buddy **jen** (we love all things involving ice cream!)

madie - be sure to tell us how you do at the gymnastic meet -- we've got our '10' sign ready!

grandma **di-di** uses fun words like splendor, wisdom, giggles and silliness -- what a vocabulary -- totally bodacious!!!

janet promises to take us snowboarding if we give her a shout-out - ok - here it is - now let's go do a chickensalad in the air!!!

becky&rob - how's that bun in the oven coming? keep us posted, ok?

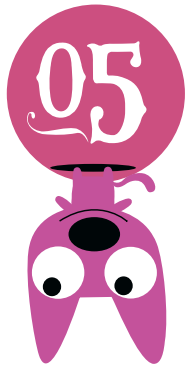
holly's wedding open house is december 30th and we're invited!!! hope our tuxedos are still in bob's attic...

rabbit-elvis had a birthday dinner fit for a king -- kabobs artichokes and a chocolate cake with white frosting!!!! hope she remembers to invite us next year...

cindy has had the awesomest month anyone could have - she found out eggnog tastes great on cereal, ran her first marathon, and her son got back on home soil - whew!!!! high-five-paw to you cin!

shannon...we got the 'dingo ate my chicken' joke -- tell those doctors you work with to lighten up!

daniel is forever grateful that **rita** sent him one of our e-cards last year after their first date... they are getting married december 22nd!!!! welcome, daniel! welcome, rita!



DECEMBER ends

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JANUARY

