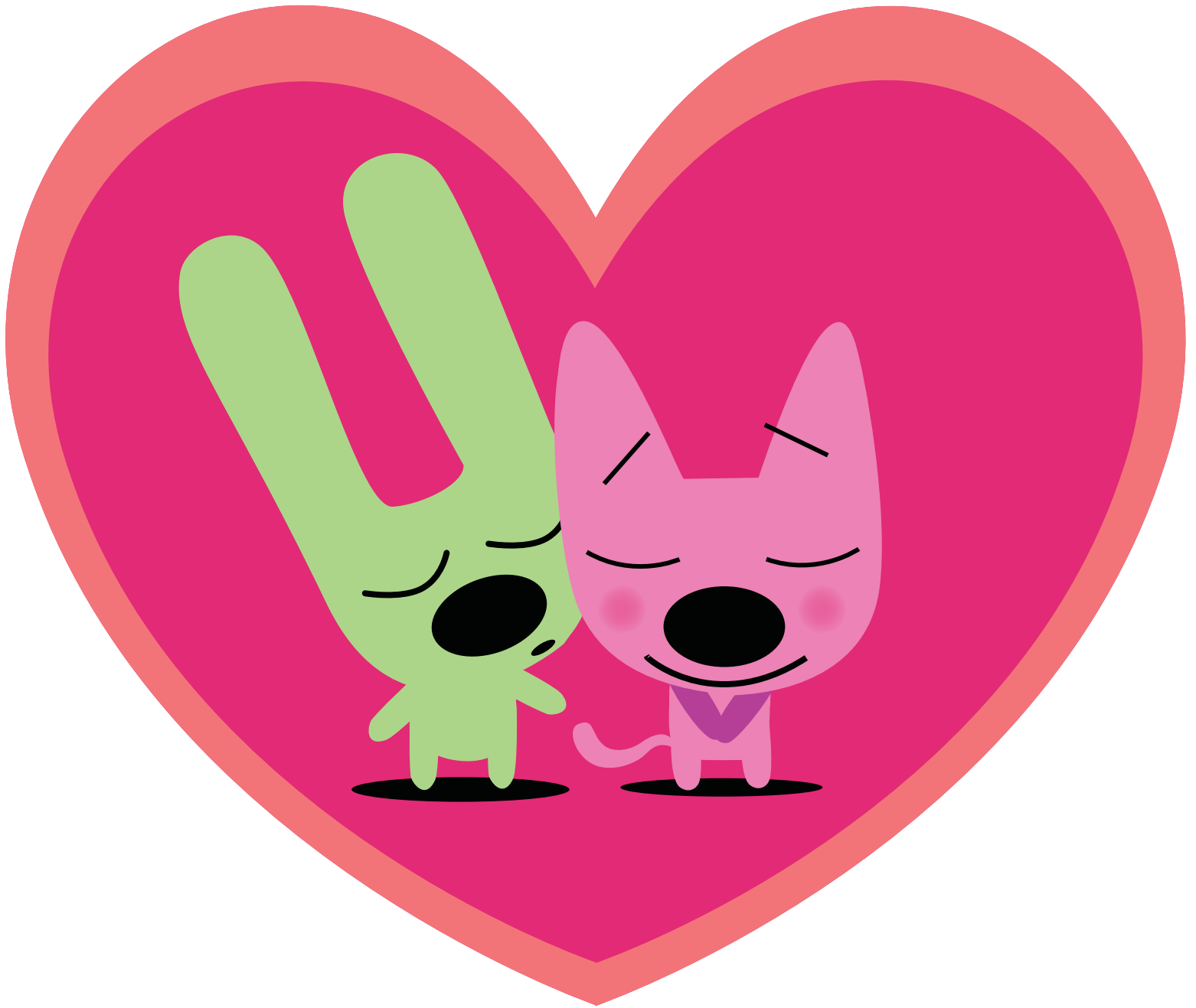


HOOPS&YOYO NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY
2007 Issue



#26



we (heart) february!

are you ready for mushy-mooshy, lovey-dovey month?

do you have a plan? soooo many people go into valentine's day without a plan. it's too much pressure, people!!

so we put together a few of our favorite va-va-va-voom valentine's day tips for different kinds of valentines. take a deep breath, we're gonna talk you right through it.

1. special someones like to hear things like, "you smell goooood." or "wow, your hair looks clean today." or "hey, did it hurt when you got hit by the "pretty" bus?"
2. moms like cards you make with paper and scissors and doilies and markers and glue and stuff. the more messy you make them, the better they like them. no one knows why.
3. friends like secret treats left at their desks. with little clues so they can figure out who you are. (like, "i'm your coolest friend, so it should be easy to figure out who i am.")
4. everyone likes to hear those 3 little, very extremely important words: chocolate, chocolate, chocolate!



hey, if you're taking happy heart pictures, we'd love to see them (especially if we're in the picture)! send your jpg images to hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com

february



fan of the month



chelz!!

our february fan of the month...chelz!!

hey everyone, meet chelsey!! we call her chelz. in fact, everyone calls her chelz! isn't that a cute nickname?

we met our good friend chelz waaaaaay back when we first started doing e-cards. chelz has always been a big e-card sender, and when she found hoops' "no ordinary hi!" e-card, she really liked it and sent it to all her friends!! and she kept watching and sending and watching and sending every time we made a new e-card! she likes our e-cards because they make her laugh. and that makes us soooo happy. chelz even does a really good "happy" dance and song routine that she got off of our "happy" home page. as you can probably tell, when it comes to chelz, we're all about the "happy"!!!

and the rest, as they say, is history. we have sooooo much fun together and soooo much in common that we never run out of things to do or things to talk about.

and we just looove talking about our chelz! she has a niiiice family that includes her parents and her older sister and older brother.

we got to know chelz's family pretty well when they had to evacuate for hurricane rita. the family was super-lucky because they got the last hotel room at a place in jackson, mississippi. everyone was soooo tired, but chelz had enough energy to get on our web site and download some things, including our "obnoxious" screensaver.



well, chelz went to bed that night and shut the lid of her laptop, which is supposed to shut the whole thing down. then when her mom and dad woke up in the morning, they thought some kids in the next room had been talking the whole entire night!! so they all listened really carefully...it couldn't be, chelz thought. she got up, opened her laptop, and guess what she saw???? our "obnoxious" screensaver had been playing the whole night!! oops!! at least it gave everyone a smile, huh chelz??

our chelz is so beyond smart that she's...well...super-genius-smart! she's about ready to graduate from high school and she's planning to go to college and become a chemical engineer. WOW! chelz calls herself a "nerd," but she has a crazy-fun streak, and we call her coooooool. nerds are cool, chelz!

february

fan of the month

chelz!!



we were so totally amazed to find that chelz loves dancing as much as we do! and she can do it all!! she's been doing tap, jazz and ballet for 15 years. she likes to say that it really keeps her going. which is so true—we know just how she feels. dancing is in our blood, right chelz??

chelz's favorite is tap dancing, and mr. fred astaire is her idol. she just looooves his old movies and she told us once that she thinks he's sooooo cute in those old movies. we just blushed and said, "please pass the popcorn." give chelz an old tap dancing movie, some big band music and some chocolate, and she's in heaven. it's a great way to spend a relaxing evening.



chelz doesn't relax much, though!! she is soooo busy we can hardly keep up! she's in all honors classes at school and that means tons and tons of homework. we try to help her but mostly we just eat her snacks. all that homework is paying off, too. chelz is valedictorian of her class right now!! again—WOW!! she has a 5.5 gpa. we're not sure what that is, but we're going to say she's the most "genius person around."

but chelz doesn't stop there!! she's also involved in a lot of other school activities, like key club and national honor society. and her very favorite things are the academic teams she's on, including literary criticism, computer applications, and social studies.

chelz also volunteers at the public library every summer with the summer reading program for children! she loves it and so do we. the library is like chelz's second home, besides the dance studio. we love to go with her, but sometimes she has to remind us to shhhhhhhh. she always smiles when she does that, because she knows we forget real easy to use our quiet voices.

we try our best to keep up with chelz. she always says she'd rather be busy than bored. and we think that's soooo smart. (even though we still think she gets too much homework.)

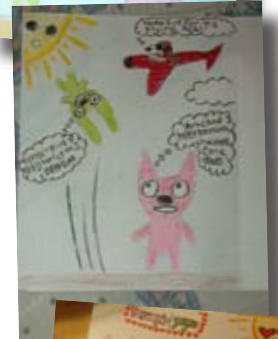
february

fan of the month

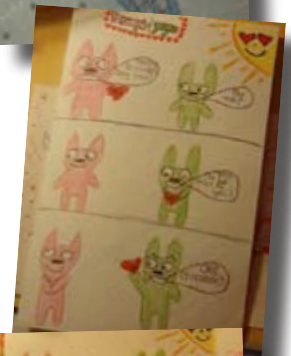
chelz!!



when we became friends we realized that we have lots and lots of things in common. like we love chocolate, starbucks coffee, taking pictures and giving biiiiiig hugs! and chelz also loves her peanuts collections—snoopy is her favorite! and she is a big fan of the st. louis cardinals. (we're big fans of the snacks she makes us when there's a game on.)



chelz is a super-creative person. not only does she dance, but she also does choreography (that's making up dances), she writes poetry, and she even makes her own cards!! look at the cute cards she made with us on them!! they made us smiiiiile.



we have made so many new friends through our chelz. two of our favorites are miss pam, the dance teacher, and coach k, who used to be chelz's literary criticism coach. coach k is retired now, but he's always part of the team!! and so is mrs. k!! they're so FUNtabulous!



speaking of literary criticism, we told chelz that those are such big words that they make our tongues get twisted. so she told us to call it "litcrit." we like that. she takes us to all her litcrit academic meets because she says we're good luck. we think chelz and her team are just way super-smart, but we love to go so we just smile and hop aboard to bring them luck!! we like being mascots.

the last academic meet that chelz went to was two whole days!! oh, the fun we had!



february



fan of the month



chelz!!

first, chelz competed with the computer applications team. just thinking about what they have to do makes our heads hurt! they do lots of things with spreadsheets, databases, formulas and stuff like that—all in 30 minutes!!! are you kidding??!!?? we can't even say most of those words in 30 minutes!! the cool thing was that chelz got to meet lots of neat people. and she made them laugh by showing them our screensavers. (they were laughing with us, chelz said.) chelz got 8th place in computer, which is so totally awesome – way to go, chelz!!



the next day, she did litcrit competition. we were up very early because we are the litcrit mascots, and we wanted to be looking good for our big day! sometimes they even get to name their teams, and they call their teams either “hoops,” “yoyo” or “piddles”!! it's such a great team that we want to be sure to list everyone's name. here's all our litcrit friends...chelz (of course!), jd, emilee, sarah b, sara k, tinesha, katherine, cynthia, brittany, brandi, virginia, and shabana! what an awesome team!!

so we spent the day with the team reviewing stuff for the competition and then taking tests. whew! we definitely are glad we're mascots and not test-takers! after the competition, we waited and waited forever for the tests to be graded. so we wandered around with our litcrit friends and made jokes and had fun.



do you know that when those results came in, chelz and the team got FIRST PLACE!?!?! SOOOO SUPER-AWESOME!! plus, our chelz got second place as an individual with her very highest score ever!! wow, we were all running and screaming at the top of our lungs with happiness!! woo-hooooo team!!



february

fan of the month

chelz!!

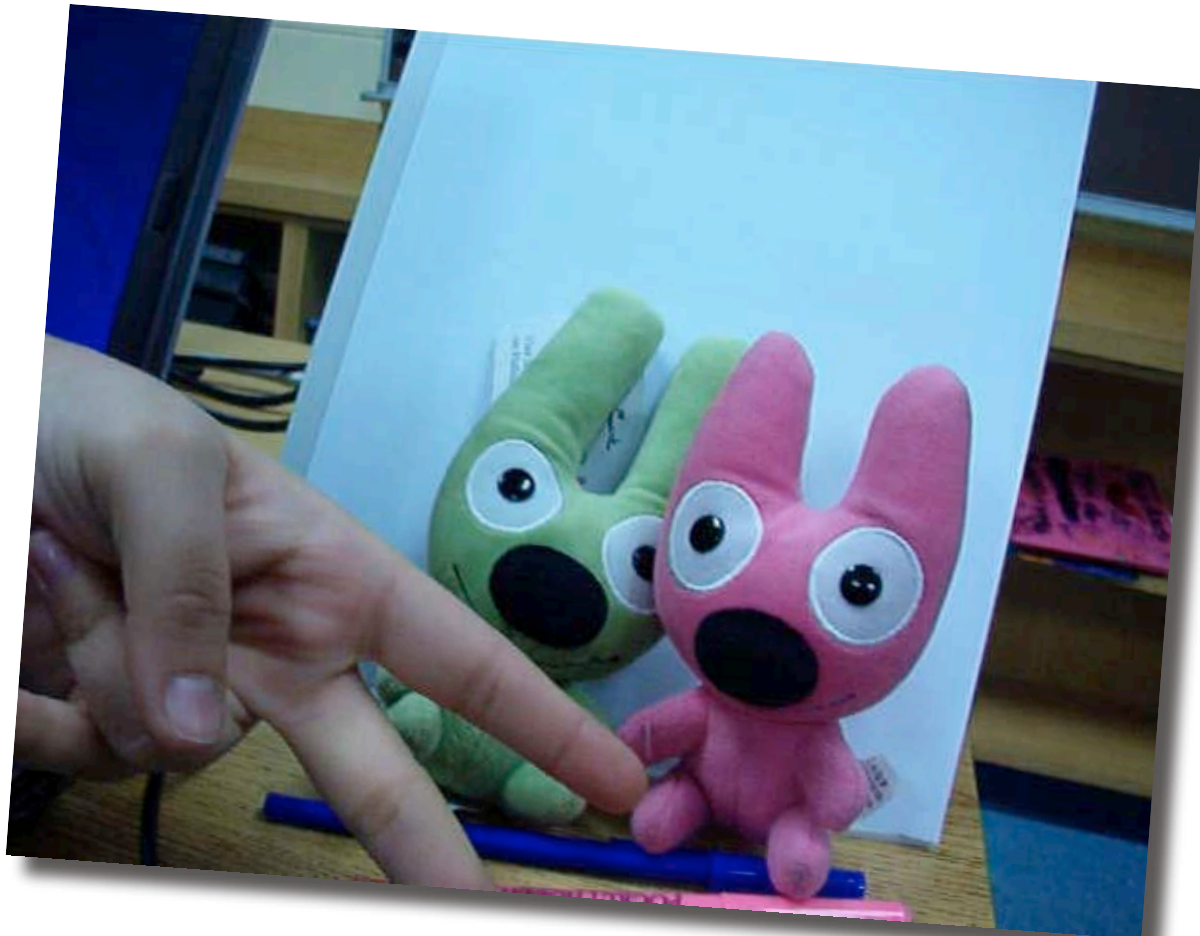


chelz's team also got first place in the social studies competition!! and chelz scored 4th highest of everyone in the whole entire competition!! isn't she amazing??? YES! their coach, mrs. spence, was so proud, and so were we.

that whole 2-day academic meet was quite an adventure. and we're off to more competitions and adventures verrrry soon. we take our mascot jobs seriously, and we have to keep our team of geniuses pumped up!!

we can't wait to go to lots more academic meets with chelz and her team because we get a little smarter every time. pretty soon, we hope to be geniuses just like chelz!! and then we'll go to college with her and try to learn just what chemical engineering is. we hope there are lots of snacks in college. and lots of coffee. and lots of dancing. and singing. and not much studying.

whatever happens in college, we know we'll have fun because we'll be there with our chelz!! thanks for being our friend, chelz – you rock!!

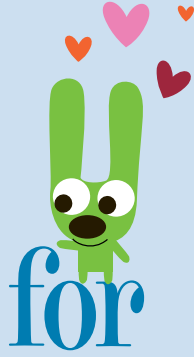


things

to

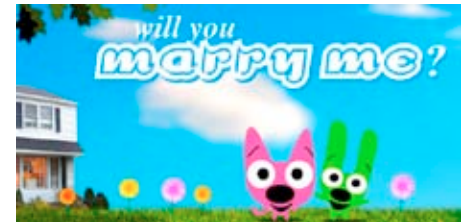
looky look

for



pop the question already!

ooooh, can't – take – the pressure!! hey, buddy, calm down. take a deep breath. we've got your anti-anxiety-question-popping e-card. so don't sweat it. the loooove doctors are in the house.



say "i love you."

c'mon, you can doooo it! coming soon...yoyo gives hoops a little "how-to" session in the art of saying "i love you." can you say "breakthrough"? just wait for this e-card, it's seriously waaaaa better than any tv talk show.



that's one cuuute cap!

it's going to be impossible not to smile when you're wearing this cap. 'cause when you're wearing your hoops&yoyo gear, it's alllll about fun, baby! look for it under "stuff to buy" in late february!



hoops&yoyo sweet stuff...

i've got a crush on...

hoops: the hallmark deli lady who puts extra whipped cream on my latte

yoyo: that huge chocolate heart that's laying on mike's desk (i think it likes me back.)

if i were a candy i would be...

hoops: eye candy, baby

yoyo: that huge chocolate heart that's laying on mike's desk (i think i hear it calling my name.)

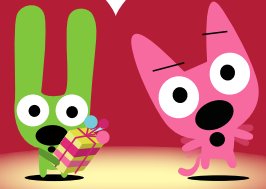
what i like best about valentine's day...

hoops: all my secret admirers

yoyo: that huge chocolate heart that's laying on mike's desk. (maybe just one little bite...)

hoops & yoyo FAN(tastic) GIFTS

We Love You!



nicka, thanks for spoiling us!

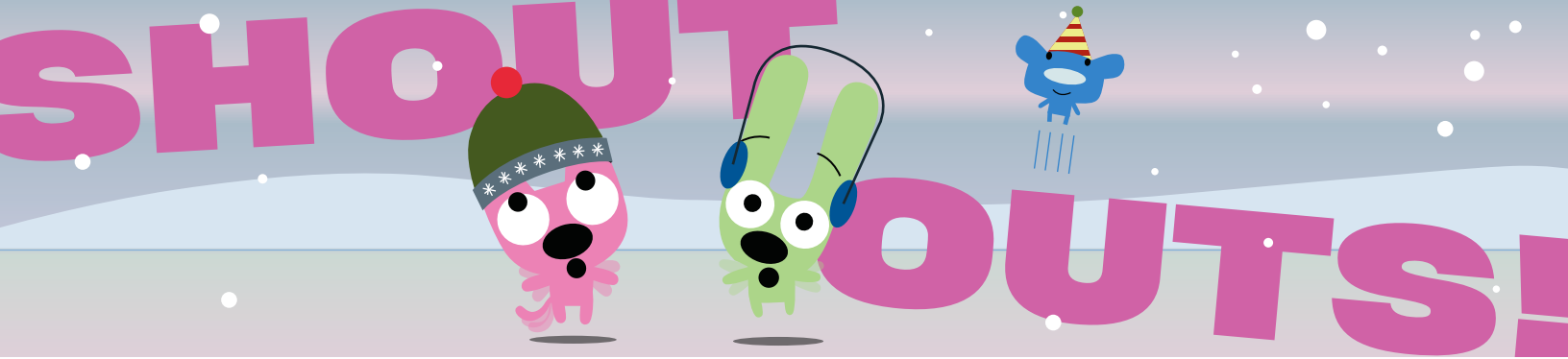
we know it's going to be a goooood day when we get a box from russia!! nicka sends us chocolates and cookies and even pretty, pretty scarves!! and if you look really closely, you can see a little painted pig. isn't he cute? he's our reminder that it's the year of the pig. which reminds us...we need a little snack from nicka's goody box! thank you nicka!!!



a little florida sunshine from tamster&larry...



the first thing we thought was, "whoa, what a coool box!" and then we opened it. and then we said WOW, WOW, WOW, like 16 times. those scones were tastylicious! and every time we look outside at our snow, we just pick up our "sandglobe" and think of the beach. mmmm, happy thoughts. please pass the sunscreen. you rock, tamster&larry!!



super shout-outs to our biggest fans!!!!

christopher, kaley, marguerite, nicoley, pai, pai's cousin, anna, joseph, felicia, annie, tai, eugene, bunny-pam, mathew, abigail, alycia, keisen, marmanda, sergio, arielle, chryssa, timely, christopher (a different one), **mark, nancy, tom, thom, thomas, paige, kathy** with a 'k', **daniela, judith, desi**, and **zelda** the really nice cafeteria lady who gives out extra meatballs!

michelle - your stamina is a million times more than we ever expected - you go, girl!

ginger - did you have fun during national rabbit week and get a few bunny hops in??!?

eric - are you doing ok, buddy? you and sam marie have some things to do, so get better soon so you can get to-doing them!

brooklyn & kirsten - so how are the kiwis today? a little green? ;)

lana&laura - thanks for the offer and we've got it on our vacation list right next to "spf 90 sunscreen!"

bridget - those family gatherings are <<sniff, sniff>> so special to us - we're still feeling the love <<hug, hug>> because of you and bon-bon!!!!

chloe - a certain bear is still blushing because of a certain something a certain someone said!!!

isabel - you are welcome to join us for hot cocoa and melty marshmallows any time - hope you're ok with the little mini ones - they're our favorites - don't get stuck in our whiskers like the bigger ones tend to do!

daniela - tell mr. sun "hello" for us down there in punta del esta...we haven't seen him for a while!

gabi - we are nominating you as all-time-most-favorite-crazy-music-teacher this month!!! <<clap, clap, clap, clap>> excellent job!!!

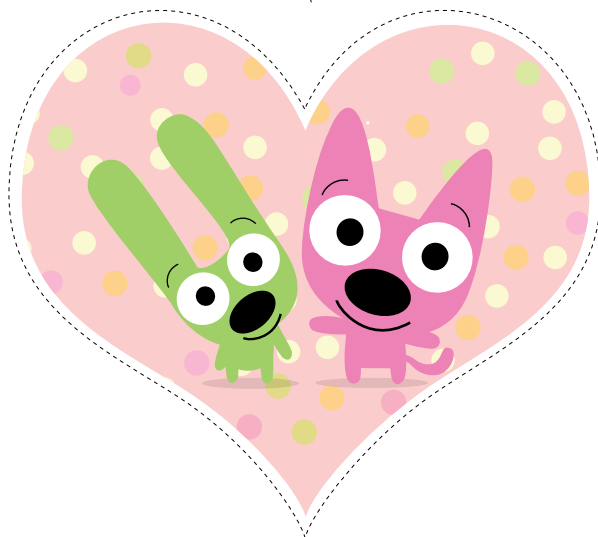
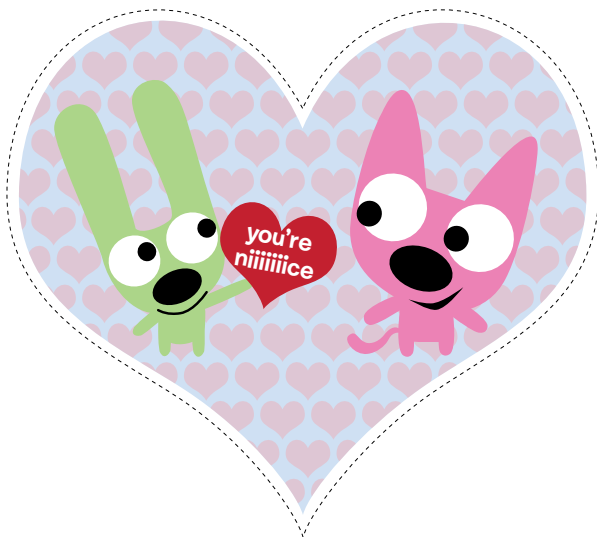
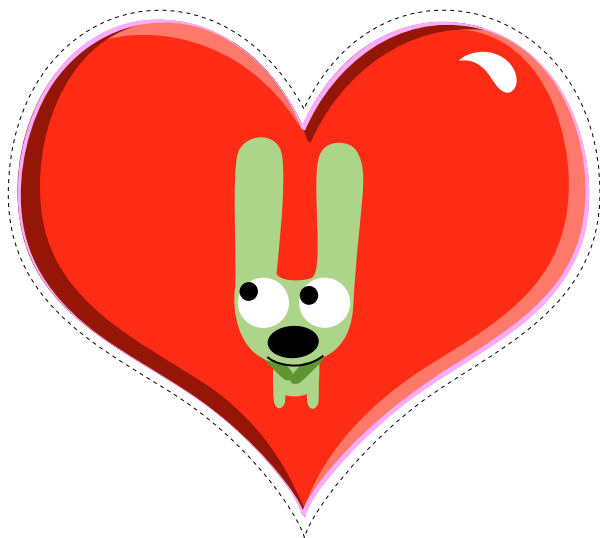
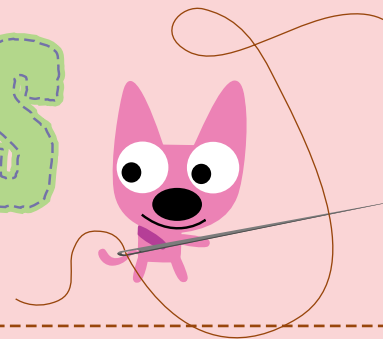
kristyn - can you help us out...is it pronounced "gin-ourmis-est" or "inour-mis-est" fan?

tamster, leah, julie, erendira, monique, yvette, susan, boo, jen, amy, natasha, alexadra, katharine, lizzie, mr. jobs - mac-widgets are on the site now!!!! see - dreams really do come true!!!

send your e-mails to us at: hoopsandyoyo@hallmark.com

CRAFTY CRAFTS

lets make some fun lovin' stuff



Instructions:

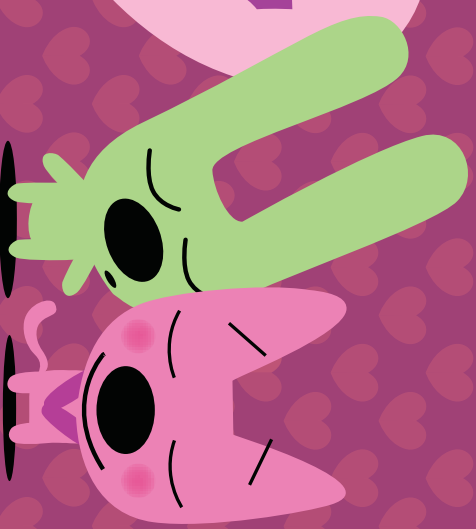
print this out on sticker paper that is compatible with your printer.

carefully cut out on the dotted line

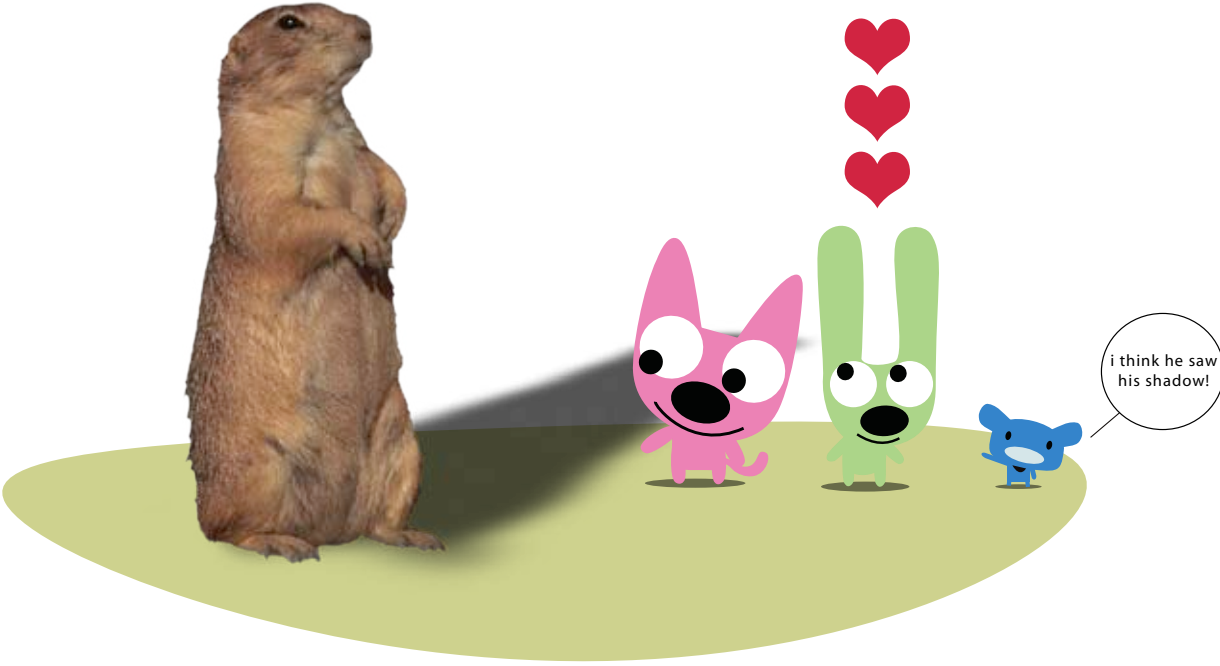
stick, stick, sticker away

FEBRUARY

2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Groundhog Day	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Super Bowl Sunday						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Valentine's Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	President's Day	Fat Tuesday	Ash Wednesday			
25	26	27	28			



i think he saw his shadow!