

# THE LIONS DEN

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## VETERANS DAY

### History Class Leads Veterans Day Assembly



photo by Erika DeMattie

**VETERANS** Back: Ed Granger, George Goucher, Steve Jennings, Doug Traywick, Babe Edwards, Front: Ron Hobbs, Gordon Goucher, Bart Daugherty, Richard Duncan

by Seth Sechrist and Tyson Bryant

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The speakers at the veteran's day assembly were Erika Demattie and Kelsey Granger. Sydney Thompson sang the National Anthem and Anthony Townsend led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to our state flag. Elizabeth Strecker read a poem by Scott E. Hiligoss, "The Soldiers Life". Sydney read a poem titled "Veteran's Day" by Cheryl Dyson. Kyle Reynolds and Rody Farrow presented facts about Veteran's Day. Riley Brower read

a poem titled "The American Hero" by Roger Robicheau.

Veterans who attended and their branch of service were:

Steve Jennings USAF, Randy Johnson NAVY, Gord Goucher USMC, Ron Hobbs ARMY, Gordon Goucher ARMY, Doug Traywick NAVY, Bart Daugherty USAF, Babe Edwards 82nd Air Born Division, Ed Granger USAF-Air National Guard, Richard Duncan NAVY .

# Class News

by Class Reporters

## Sophomore News

Not much is going on right now in the sophomore class. Coming up this month is our Christmas party and we can hardly wait!

In the sophomore class we stick together and work as a team. We have been champions for two years straight in the Victory Battle Cry for basketball homecoming. We are looking forward to making this year our third by defending our title as champions for the Basketball Homecoming Spirit Stick in January.

That's all the class news for now.  
Kritina Wright

## Freshmem News

This has already been a great year. We went to the haunted corn maze for our first class party. For our next class party we are going to LOL in Lawton. On December 20th 2013 we are having our Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas!  
Elizabeth Strecker

## 8th Grade News

Our 8th grade class is doing great with semester and nine weeks test coming up; it's kind of stressing us!

On December 20 we are going bowling in Chickasha. Hopefully it doesn't get canceled again.



On Friday at our Christmas party we are having an ugly sweater contest and for everyone participating there is a prize.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas!  
Mackenzie McCathern

## 7th Grade News

Our class trip was fun. We went to eat at Western Sizzlin and we watched Tailyn ride a camel with his family. This was at the Festival of Lights. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andrea French

## 4-H News

Students placing at the 4H Dress Review are:

4th Grade Blue Ribbon:

Hunter Allen, Corwin Atad-dely, Kimberly Birch, Canyon Herman, Joshua Narcisse-Top 5,

Kandyee Reynolds, Julio Rico-Collins, Ryleih Weathers-Top 5. 5th Grade: Dallas Brummell-blue, Mattie Connally-red, Olivia Daugherty-blue, Kebly Edge-Howie-top5 blue, Tyson McCathern-blue, Nicholas Narcisse-blue, Jillian Stinson-Top 5 blue. 6th Grade:

Kayli Allen-blue, Lenny Bell-blue, Heather Boren-blue, Yelena Gonzales-blue, Colby Vasquez-red, Khye Weathers-blue. 7th Grade: Andrea French-Top 5, Jessica Robertson-blue. 8th Grade: Kaden Reynolds-top 5 blue.

# Elizabeth wins the Blue Award

Elizabeth is the Daughter of Kristina and Paul Buzbee and Russell Strecker, All of Gracemont. She is a freshman at Gracemont High School, and plays softball and basketball. She is on the Academic Team. Her 4-H projects are Goats, Fabric and Fashion, and Food and Nutrition. She has participated in activities including Share-The-Fun, Fabrics and Fashion/Appropriate Dress, Illustrated Talk Contest, and Speech Contest, 4-H demonstrations and selling candy as a fundraiser for Gracemont 4-H Club. Her 4-H offices held at Gracemont are 4-H Senior Club Song and Game Leader; 2013-2014, Caddo County 4-H reporter and Teen Leader Officer. Elizabeth has attended Camp Turf in Stillwater, The 4-H Roundup and the Southwest District Youth Action Conference. Elizabeth has been a member of the Gracemont 4-H Club for six years.

Elizabeth Strecker



# Dear Santa Letters

Dear Santa

I want a Xbox Konnect, scooter, top hand rodeo tour, clothes si Bobbie head, Sky lander swapforce, car maker, build a bear gift card \$20 off, hair dressing kit.

Sincerely, Kylan

Dear Santa

I want a Xbox Konnect, scooter, top hand rodeo tour, clothes si Bobbie head, Sky lander swapforce, car maker, build a bear gift card \$20 off, hair dressing kit,

Sincerely, Kenna

Dear Santa

I would like a girl elf on the shelf, ipad, kindlefire, galaxy S5, moped scooder, Laptop, Michael Jordan size 3 in a halves.

Sincerely, Matty

Dear Santa,

I want a drumset, Michael Jordan, I-phone, guitar, i-padi, kindle fire hdx, commputer.

Sincerely, Joseph

Dear Santa,

I would like a pog-o-sike and guitar and 4 wheeler and smart and zoomer and p.s have time with my family.

From Rebekah

Dear Santa,

I would like.... I-phone 5, smart phone, I pod, piano, guitar, drum set, dog food for my dog, 4 wheeler, new bike! No training wheeles, candy, bubble gum, tablet. Laptop, kendle fire, New tv, wii pich perfic, seeds for gardening. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Catherine, xoxo You are fantastic.

Dear Santa,

I would like... Elf on the set, Galaxy 5, I-pad, 4-wheeler, x-box 1, play station 4, zoomer, kindle fire, laptop, RVC.

Sincerely, Elijah

Dear Santa,

I would like a laptop thing. I love santa and I want an elf on my shelf,

Hayden

Dear Santa,

I would like I-Phone 4, I would like laptop I would like guitar I would like four wheeler,

Lane

Dear Santa.

I would like a laptop, a zoomer, I-pad, i-phone, wiu, 4-wheeler, GaK, Carola, pop the pig, lego friends, monster high set, elf on the self, monster high, horse bet set, monster high bed set, Mario ds game, and bord game, stuff on my other list. I want something for my mom and dad a like a plant for my mom star wars for my dad and avender time and a lot of stuff for my mom and dad.

Sincerely,  
Xoxoxox  
Victoria

Dear Santa,

I have been good, I would like a laptop for Christmas! And and i-pad, ether one. I am fine with what I get. I just really want the laptop!

Xoxoxoxox

Jessie Boren

P.S. I really love the Elf-on-the-shelf.

Dear Santa,

I've been good. I wish for an Elf on the shelf, a laptop, a i-phone, something for my parents. I want a drum set and time with my family, a wii, and that is probably all I want. I really want more.

Sincerely, xoxo

Jinger Bare.

Dear Santa,

I would like an elf on the shelf and a 4-wheeler. A smart phone and a x-box. Play station and a wii2 and a kindle.

Sincerely,

Xoxo, Riley

Dear Santa,

I would like a electric guitar, drum set, play station 4, X box 1.

Xoxo Landan

Dear Santa,

I would like some Jordan and a Xbox 1.

From Kameron

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. I have also been trying harder every day. I would like for my friends and family to get what they want for Christmas.

By: Colby

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year so I would like, Xbox games, Iphone 5, New xbox, or xbox 1, Movies, Dirt bike, Hot wheels, Basketball Goal, Pool table, Hockey table, Ipad 2, walking dead survivle Xbox game, NASCAR game.

Santa hopefully I get what I want. But mostly have a good life and I will leave you a present.

Love Lenny

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a canon rebel t3i or t2i. Also on xbox 360 and a good time with my family. I hope you have a great Christmas with your family too. I will set out milk and cookies like I always do. Thank you for everything you do every year.

Sincerely, Khye

Dear Santa,

How have you been? I've tried to be my best this year. This Christmas I would like an Iphone 4. But most of all I just want to have a great Christmas and spend time with my family.

Love Kayli P.S. Merry Christmas!

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Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a skylander swap force for my nitendo 3ds, new movies with a will u! A tv, xbox---one, P.S. I be a little good this year.  
From: Antonio

Dear Santa,  
What I wish for you do is give me a White Christmas this year. But I could use a new phone or maybe even just maybe a kindle fire but that is all I want for Christmas year. Have a merry Christmas  
Love Jayda

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you? I really don't know what I would like this year. So all I want is a surprise. I would love for one of those thunder hats!  
That is all I want for Christmas.  
Your Friend, Heather P.S. Merry Christmas!!!

Dear Santa,  
I want an xbox 360 and four games, and some new clothes for me and my mother.  
P.S. Love Yelena

Dear Santa,  
My name is Newakis I live in Gracemont, I would like my own room with spark and Jewlry.  
Love Newakis

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tylr. I live in Gracemont Ok, I would like a RC, Battleship. Thank you  
Love Tylr

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I please want a cabbage patch and a Barbie doll with clothes. And love you from Abbi to Santa.  
Love Abbi

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carli. I live in Gracemont, Ok. I would like a laptop with Polka-dots and a zoomer and a hand scanner.  
Love Carli

Dear Santa,  
My name is Baylie. I live in Gracemont, Ok. I would like a kitchen play set and zoomer and more perlerbeads. Thank you  
Love Baylie.

Dear Santa,  
My name is paden. I love in Gracemont Ok. I would like a kindle HDX.  
Love Paden

Dear Santa,  
My name is Even. I live in Gracemont OK. I would like a zoomer and an X-Box 360. Thank you  
Love Evan

Dear Santa,  
You are the best in the world. I would like to have a Squeaky Lion and two squeaky cats, and a Frog that dances like Santa.  
Kysen Martin

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. So please bring me a Real Horse and a Zoomie Robot Dog.  
Hanna Johnson

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! And for Christmas I want a Dinosaur Power Ranger and Hulk Smash.  
Kenneth Jessie

Dear Santa,  
I like you and this is what I want for Christmas. A race truck, a train, and a very fast car.  
Matthew Wilkerson

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. A big box to play in and a little box for my sister to play in.  
Archie Birch

Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good boy. And I think I need a Robot dog and a basketball.  
Logan Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a super good boy this year. I would like to have a lot of Batman toys.  
Kynden Hendricks

Dear Santa,  
I like you, and you are my good friend. This is what I want for Christmas, Batman wings, batman car, and batman bicycle.  
Laken Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good boy this year, and I like you. So would you please bring me a Batman car with wings, batman plane, Big Batman, Robin with a motorcycle.  
Christopher King

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much and you are my best friend. I'm a good girl and I would like a Monkey, Mooshka, Bubble Guppies, and Sponge Bob Lego's.  
Kamree McCord

Dear Santa,  
You rock! And you are my best friend. So, please please bring me a soccer ball and 100 tamborines.  
Kyle Mead

Dear Santa,  
I was a very, very good boy this year. So please bring me... A cow, horse and a basketball.  
Doyle Edge

Dear Santa,  
I have been such a good boy this year. This is what I want under my tree. A terrordactyl Dinosaur, Turbo Charger, Turb Phone, Turbo Sword.  
Geoffrey Peterson

# SANTA LETTERS

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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like to have some new jeans, money, money, money, and more money! I would like to have a free pass that says I can skip school whenever I want and not have to make up the work. I would like for all of my family to have a wonderful Christmas also. Well, that's it! Bye Santa!  
Audie Connally

Dear Santa:  
All I want for Christmas this year is a few things. I would like a truck so that I could go mudding when it rains because the car I have does not like to go through mud a lot. I know from experience because I drove it through mud. It almost got stuck and I know that if I try it again that it will get stuck so I need a truck that won't get stuck. That is all I want this year. One more thing, I would like for it to snow.  
Your friend,  
In creative writing class the only boy. (Colt)

Dear Santa,  
I don't really want a lot of things this year. There are only a few things that I really want. I definitely want a car! I really want...umm-mmm... money, money, money. Oh! And money! That's pretty much all I want.  
Yours Truly,  
Kristina Wright

Dear Santa  
I am very curious of what you got me. I hope you like the cookies. Last time you made a mess; there was cookie crumbs and dirt every where. I really hope you get me a phone. Am ready for Christmas Santa.  
Love, Tyesen McCathern

Dear Santa  
I'm leaving eggnog and cookies for you, but I want shoes, clothes, tv and movies and this is my mama's favorite time of the year. Can you tell her I love her, and my papa said "I miss her". That's what I want  
Love, Isabel Dorrell

Dear Santa  
I sure hope all the kids have been good this year. Here s list of thing I would like for Christmas Iphone, computer, new, ipod, bike, makeup , nails , and a great book I will like. Plus I am not finish with my list.  
Love, Kelby Edge

Dear Santa  
I have been good this year, well that's what I think. This year I would like a lego Friends Olivias house. Please and thank you. If not a laptop will work too!  
Your, friend  
Olivia Daugherty

Dear Santa  
I hope you like warm milk and cookies. I know you're busy so here's my list. There's a lot of stuff I want so I'll just list a few. Xbox 360 with the games Minecraft and COD and Black Op 2, PS3 with the game Skyrim , Legos playmable cops and hotel all of the legos friend stuff, computer, phone and a smartboard  
Till next year, Mattie Connally

Dear Santa  
I hope everyone get presents this Chirstmas. All I want is a video game. I hope your reindeer are good.  
Love, Tyler Roedl

Dear Santa  
How have you been? I have been nice this year. I only want two things a motorcycle and a fat head poster.  
Love, Isaac Briggerman

Dear Santa  
I can not wait until you leave me a present under the Christmas tree. I would really like a stuffed horse. Thank you, Santa  
Love, Kylie Austin

Dear Santa  
I'm leaving cookies for you and could you give something too? I want a zike. Or a scooter, it's a zike! Please and thank you.  
Your friend, Jillian Stinson

Dear Santa  
I can't wait for Christmas time. I hope all the children get gifts. I hope I get a bass guitar, snowboard, and a 2.2 gun  
Love, Nicholas Narcisse

Dear Santa  
I hope your elves are working hard. So have you got my Xbox and minecraft game? Well nice talking to you, sir.  
Sincerely, Dallas Brummell

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. I want a pair of high heels, Zoomer and a marker maker. I live in Oklahoma in a brick house. I love you.  
Mikenzie Brummell

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll that can walk and a stuffed bear. My little sister wants any toy she can play with. We have been good!!  
Love Elena Quezada

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Are the elves working hard? I tried to be good for you. I want tree books for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk for Christmas.  
From: Lilly Dunsmoor

Dear Santa,  
I want a Easy bake oven and a toy house. And a dog and a cat. How is Miss Clause?  
Love you bunches Kaylea Hendricks

Dear Santa,  
I love my teacher. I want an elf on the shelf and a stuff animal reindeer and I will leev some cookies on the table.  
Love: Natalie Potter

Dear Santa,  
Is Mrs. Claus doing ok? How is Rudolph and how are the other reindeer? I've been good Santa. Please, I want a bike, high heels and a pretty dress. Also I want a Hello Kitty. I live in Gracemont Oklahoma.  
Love you: Summer Austin

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. I want a pair of high heels and a make up set and a pretty dress. My name is Reese and I live in the country. Give Rudolph a hug for me.  
Reese Russell

Dear Santa,  
I am good today. I want some boots with heels and a stuffed dog and a stuffed reindeer. Santa, how is Miss Claus doing today? How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer?  
Love Aubrey

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I want a bow and arrows and high heels. How is Mrs. Claus? Make sure you give all the other children gifts. Be safe and merry Christmas.  
Love Madison Savage

Dear Santa  
I want a bike a baseball and a bat. Also please bring two baseball gloves. I have been good. Be safe on the way to OKLAHOMA. Do you like to give other kids presents?  
Love Preston Scholz

Dear Santa,  
I want a swingblade knife and maybe a duck call. Do you have a engine or is your slay magic? May I have a black powder gun?  
Sincerely, Hunter

Dear Santa,  
How do you make all those toys so fast in so little time? How do you get to all the houses in one night? May I have Halo 3? Thank you.  
Sincerely, Canyon

Dear Santa,  
I would like a unicorn and a dodo bird and a cotton candy machine and a peacock and a mouse and a giant panda. How long have you been giving toys to people? Do you like panda? Do you like all most everything? Are you fat? Can you give me a girl elf on the shelf?  
Sincerely, Ryleih

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric scooter. I would like an xbox 3 too. I would like a playstation 3.  
Sincerely, Josh

Dear Santa,  
May I have an xbox 360 with the new Grand Theft Auto 5 please? I have been waiting for it so long.  
Sincerely, Julio

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is boots, now & later (the candy) and money to give to people that get Christmas this year. I wanted to ask if you know that you can't spell self without elf? Elf Bob told me that. I hope this will be a great Christmas & I am sure it will be. Thanks.  
Sincerely, Kandyce R.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a furby boom for Christmas and a toy reindeer that is Rudolph. I would like some candy and the frozen movie and a sweeter with Rudolph on it. I would like an art kit and a toy peacock and new clothing.  
Love, Kimmi Birch

Dear Santa,  
This is my list. I want a computer and may I have an electric scooter? I want a drawing lesson every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I want new 5 pair of shoes and may I have new clothes?  
Sincerely, Corwin

Dear Santa,  
We live in Gracemont, Oklahoma. Our class is being extra good! Thank you for sending your Elf on the Shelf to our Kindergarten classroom. We named our elf Pipsqueak! He is so sneaky!

Kindergarten Christmas List  
John Wilderson-bouncy ball you sit on, Joseph Jones-big remote car, Nash Bert-Floating Squirt Boat, Easton Allen-Bow and arrow (toys), Jason Kawaykla-big truck with a lot of cars in the bed of it, Johnathon Potter-racetrack, Marciel Quezada-a spiderman video game, Raiden Stoner-a fast and furious video game , Kaylie Williams-xbox, Noah Martin-Race Car DS game, Autumn French-a Zebra jacket, Allyssia Standing-a princess doll, Keelie Allen-dress-up clothes, Joey Starwalt-a choo choo train with a track, Bart Daugherty-a marble works

We will leave you some milk and cookies out on Christmas Eve.  
P.S. Tell Pipsqueak, we love him too!  
XOXO, Gracemont Kindergarten Class

### Gracemont Basketball Homecoming Spirit Days

Monday, January 13th – Sleeping Beauty Day – Wear your pajamas as we dream about a victory!  
Tuesday, January 14th – 101 Dalmatians Day – Wear black and white to show unity.  
Wednesday, January 15th – Tangled Day – Wear wild and wacky hair to show how crazy you are for the Lions!  
Thursday, January 16th – Monsters University Day – Wear clothes to support your favorite university team to show you are a team player!  
Friday, January 17th – Lion King Day – Wear your Gracemont Lion Spirit Gear!

All clothing must be school appropriate!

Homecoming is Friday, January 17th at 5:45p.m.  
The Lion and Lady Lions play the Corn Bible Academy Crusaders following the homecoming ceremony.



# In Focus