

Patriotic pride expressed through poetry at RCHS

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a teddy bear for Christmas. I want a Mickey Mouse toy, too and a Minnie Mouse toy. I'll leave you some cookies in the refrigerator.

Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle. I want a bumper truck. I want a blue bear, too. I'm going to leave you chocolate cookies and hot chocolate because my Daddy said if I leave hot chocolate, you'll bring the best toys ever.

Love,
Tate

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep and a toy car. The car is for me to drive in. I want a Barbie set with a Barbie, a CD and some Barbie clothes. I'll leave you carrots, a piece of cheese and one piece of bread.

Love,
Mahala

Dear Santa,
I want a scoop, Wendy and Bob the Builder. I would also like Lofly and Rolly, too. I would also like Dizzy. I am going to leave you a sandwich and coffee on the table. I have been good this year.

Love,
Zachary

Dear Santa,
I want a police car with some lights and a Bob the Builder thing that you work in and you fix the broken stuff. I want the farmer and the tractor, and the pumpkins and some corn. I'll leave you some cookies and milk on the table where we eat our supper.

Love,
Devon

Dear Santa,
I want a new four-wheeler. I want you to bring me a new Power Ranger. I think that's all I want. I'm going to leave you a cookie for a snack and some milk to go with it.

Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a bell to put on the top of my Daddy's Christmas tree. I want a car just like Mrs. Cindy's. I want a Christmas cup and a Christmas plate. I want some film for my Mommy 'cause she don't have much. My Ninny needs some new glasses.

Love,
Jasiah

Dear Santa,
I want a drum and a piano. I want a race track with a blue and orange car. I want you some milk and cookies under the tree. I've been good. I love mommy and daddy and Jacob and Susie.

Love,
Zachary L.

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck, some drums and a dump truck. I want some toys glasses, too. I want a big old full box of crayons. I'll leave you cookies and white milk by my fireplace. I've been good.

Love,
David Todd

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a drum. I want some crayons, too. I want yellow and blue and red stones. I'll leave you a gingerbread cookies on the table.

Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy truck. I want a red toy car. I would like a fire truck

too. I will leave you some red cookies and milk. I've been good this year.

Love,
Maverick

Dear Santa,
I've been looking in the Christmas catalog. I want the Barbie airplane. I want the Barbie airplane and the girl motorcycle, too. That's the stuff I really like. I'll put some milk and cookies on the fireplace. I've been good this year.

Love,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I want a hot wheels fireball truck. I want a car that glows in the dark. I will leave some cookies and milk on the kitchen table. I've been very good this year.

Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
Have a Merry, Merry Christmas. I want my size Barbie with a dress and necklace and shoes. I want a computer, too. I want some new clothes, too. I've been good this year.

Love,
Magain

Dear Santa,
Happy New Year. I want one Barbie doll with clothes. I want a tractor for Chris. I really want to see you!

Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,
I want four baby dolls. They are Baby Go Boom. I want that goes to sleep and closes her eyes by herself. Scooter girl with a remote control. I just need three dolls. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.

Love,
Alyssa

The following letters were written by students from Broadhead Elementary School. The letters have been typed exactly as they were written by the students.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please me rollerskates a cadid cockkid a bike.

Love,
Holly

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a clear back pack, miracle baby, a clear back pack and a for wiler, and a VCR, and a TV, and a CD-s.

Your friend,
Jaleigha

Dear Santa,
I have bin god and I wot a gold retriever and a scabard and a gambay avast and mi mom was a puppl pans and mi dad was a newgm and mi brother was a stuf ber and cusis wuss asht.

Ur frnd,
Rachell

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a pollicar that turns on its lights. I need some new clothes. A playset or would be nice too, my mom like angels. Please bring her one.

Your friend,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year to mi mom and dad. Please bring me a gamboy and a skateboard.

Your friend,
Aaron Blevins

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like to have a computer, and nintedo and plastasin and robot and ook to a Bn home, a electric dtrbord.

Love,
Tyler

Recently, Mrs. Rose's 11th grade American Literature class decided to express their patriotism and pride for our great country through poetic writings. "After the events of September 11, I have heard so many students commenting about the situation. I knew they needed a way to express their feelings and emotions about what has happened to our country. I felt this would be an appropriate topic to incorporate into our recent poetry unit," commented Rose. Below are the top ten patriotic poems, selected by the English department. These poems represent the thoughts and feelings of most of our adolescents across this great nation.

AMERICA THE FREE
By: Benny Northern
When Bin Laden hit the WTC, He thought he had achieved a victory.
He tried to stop the red, white and blue, But you're not successful, because our nation will put through.

You can't stop the eagle from flying high,
The pride in our nation will not die.

You can't stop something that runs so deep,
Our freedom we vow to keep.

And as our nation these colors we bleed,
To overcome, Unity is all we need.

OLD GLORY
By: Larry Newcomb
Wave victoriously in the sky
Old red, white and blue,
Like our dreams you fly so high.

Others know not of the power you hold and do,
Lift us up in times of sorrow
Let us never fail,
Your strength and faith, let us borrow,
For if you are with Osama, we will not prevail.

Again put us on top,
Show who we are,
Never let the faith stop,
The greatest nation by far.

WE GAINED ANGELS
By: Glenn Robinson
There are stains upon stains
Of blood on the ground,
From the crash that turned
Our world upside down.

The innocent lives
That were taken that day,
Are in our thoughts
And will never fade away.

Our nation is strong
We now hold the power
And we will seek revenge
For that blood shed hour.

We pray for the ones
That were covered in red
We haven't lost loved ones
We've gained angels instead.

THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE
By: Tanya Hasty
The land of the free,
The home of the brave,
Holds true to me now,
That our flags still wave.

For our freedom was threatened,
On September 11th, 2001,
They will all find out,
The U.S. will overcome.

"Take as long as it will,"
Bush protrudes,
Don't mess with us Bin Laden,
We're not in the mood.

Our guns are loaded,
Our soldiers are packed,
Watch out Afghanistan,
We're coming to attack.

Oh yes, just will prevail,
You will have your infiltration.

FOREVER FREE
By: Chad Francisco
With terror around every corner
No one will ever feel the same,
And while it may never be over,
We know now whom to blame.

The evil resides among us,
And even is far away,
Although our fear is still with us,
To God in Heaven we pray.

We all wonder why it happened
On that sorrow filled day,
And we will always be saddened,
But freedom will not go away.

This event has brought us together,
And together we'll always be,
Have faith in God forever,
And forever we shall be free.

PEACE
By: Jamie Weaver
PEACE: This is the USA
The stars and stripes
red, white and blue,
Gives security and freedom
to me and you.

Keeps us strong in desperate times
Such as the tragedy in New York,
Gracefully flying in the wind,
The flag lets us know
That everything will be fine
So, Osama Bin Laden,
We will show you no pity.

Bin Laden say your prayers,
Our bombs sent with no rejection.

But please God,
Watch over the innocent and true,
But also give victory,
To the red, white and blue.

PRIDE
By: Stephanie Bradley
As we watch on TV,
The unfolding devastation,
That was thought to bring down
Our wonderful nation,

That thousands of lives gone,
Now our nation must go on,
To find the one who is the blame,
The costly price, of playing a game.

Now when we look up to the sky,
We see flags waving really high,
I'm proud to live in a nation where I
am free

Knowing no one has control over me.
Now in this time, all I can say
Is... God Bless the U.S.A.

AMERICAN PRIDE
By: Michelle Rowe
America the beautiful
The life where we are free
The rights that we are given
To be who we want to be

Time and time again
We help others and take their side
We show love and provide support
To show our American pride

Others turn against us
In hopes to bring us down

RED, WHITE AND BLUE
By: Adam Stallworth
Red, White and Blue
Land of the free
These colors hold true
For you and for me.

We live in a land
Where freedom is held dear,
We must take a stand
To make it clear.

We'll do what it takes
To keep her in flight,
This is what makes
Her such a beautiful sight.

The color of "Old Glory"
Tells a wonderful story.



Students in Ms. Rhonda Rose's 11th grade American Literature class display their poetic writings.



From left: Tracye Abel, Mary Mathis, Agent and Kim Holcomb

May peace and joy come to you during this holy season.

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Who Is My Neighbor

This was the question Jesus was asked by a certain lawyer who wanted to justify himself. (Jesus answered him in the parable of the good Samaritan—Luke 10:29-37). We all know the importance of having good neighbors and also how important it is to be a good neighbor. Our neighbor is not limited only to the folks who live close by.

The first mention of "neighbor" is found in Exodus 20:16 where we read, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." In the very next verse (17) we read "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, wife, manservant, maid-servant, ox, or anything that is thy neighbor's."

In a recent Sunday School class, we discussed the desire, temptation, and even high pressure in some instances to have as much materially as our neighbor has. This practice may not be a "good neighbor" policy. Certainly, there's nothing wrong with driving a new automobile, living in a new house or even having a yacht on the lake if God has blessed us financially to have these things.

We read about forbidden matters, concerning our neighbors, a total of ten times in the Old Testament. The New Testament also has much to say concerning our relationship with our neighbor. In Romans 13:9 we read, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor" (verse 10). Ephesians 4:25 reads, "Speak every man truth with his neighbor."

Virtually all New Testament statements, which refer to one's duty to his neighbor, is in reference to relations between Christians. This is not to be taken to mean that the Christian bears no responsibility to the non-Christian. To be sure, the New Testament clearly implies that we are to show due regard to the rights and needs of all our fellowmen, as expressed by Paul in Galatians 6:10, "Do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens, And So Fulfill The Law Of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 KJV

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