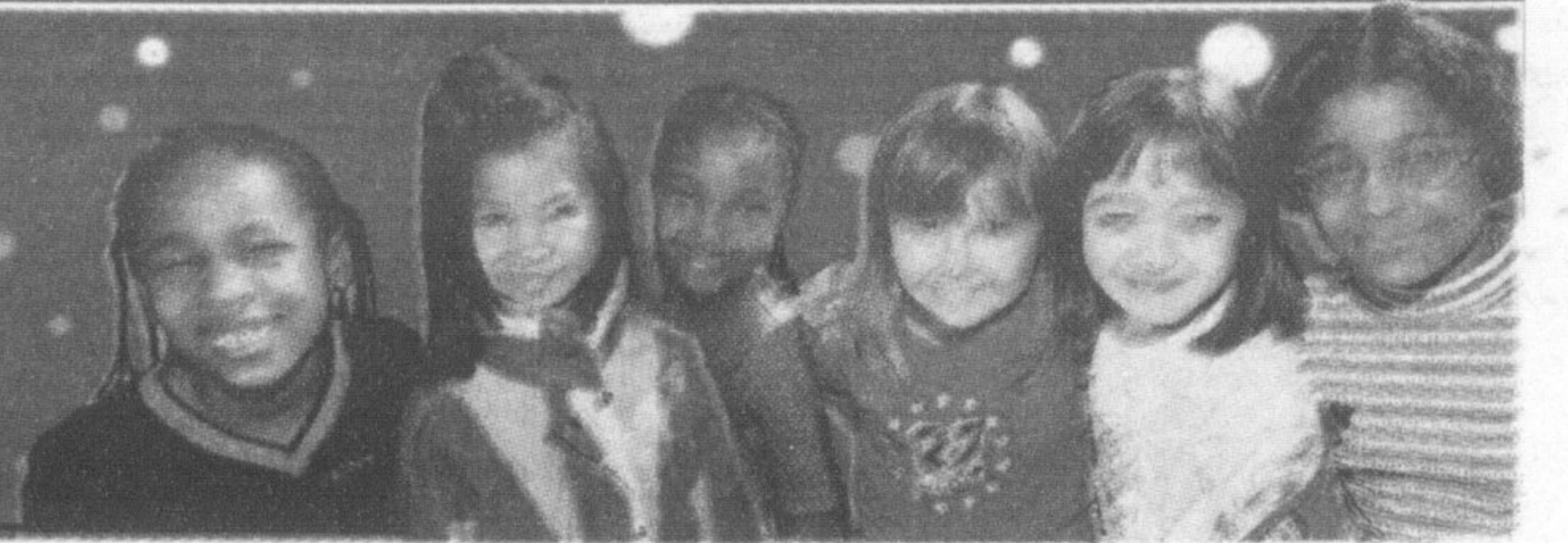


# What Christmas Means to Me



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Christmas in my family is one of the busiest times of the year. To me, it means working hard for weeks trying to get my brothers to slip out the secret of what they really want as a gift. It means waking up in the morning, running down the stairs and seeing beautifully shiny, silver tinsel on the trees. It means seeing all the wrapped gifts neatly stacked one on top of the other. The stockings, however, lie on the sofa rather than the fireplace. Everyone from our family drives or flies to my house just to celebrate this special occasion. When it comes down to Christmas Eve, everybody is really jumpy, trying to get people to crack and finally say what they will be getting. We decorate our house with Christmas lights, and turn on the fireplace while drinking eggnog. We all open one present and get excited for the morning. On Christmas night after dinner, we all walk outside and carol in front of houses while wishing everyone a merry Christmas. Personally, I think that the best part of Christmas is seeing your family once again because sometimes they are relatives that you only see once a year. So you see, there are better things about Christmas than just reindeer and presents. It's all about how you look at it.

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**Christmas**

What Christmas means to me  
As we chop down the tree  
And decorate it with glow  
My family all together  
In this cold harsh weather  
Outside the snow is falling  
And the carolers are calling  
A time of joy, a time of giving  
A time where we appreciate all things living  
But we must remember  
Christmas is not only about presents  
But about love and forgiving

Scott McCrae

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Christmas is about  
-the spirit of giving  
-participating in giving  
-thankful  
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What Christmas Means To Me  
Christmas means giving our love and caring to others  
and when we give it we are giving our love to them  
and when we receive it we are receiving their love  
and when we love them we are loving them  
and when we are loved we are being loved  
and when we are happy we are being happy  
and when we are sad we are being sad  
and when we are angry we are being angry  
and when we are afraid we are being afraid  
and when we are lonely we are being lonely  
and when we are alone we are being alone  
and when we are together we are being together  
and when we are apart we are being apart  
and when we are near we are being near  
and when we are far we are being far  
and when we are close we are being close  
and when we are distant we are being distant  
and when we are together we are being together  
and when we are apart we are being apart  
and when we are near we are being near  
and when we are far we are being far  
and when we are close we are being close  
and when we are distant we are being distant

Jenny Dunne  
Grade 6, Hitherfield School

What Christmas Means To Me  
Christmas is a time of joy and giving  
It is a time when we appreciate all things living  
It is a time when we are thankful for what we have  
It is a time when we are grateful for what we are given  
It is a time when we are happy to be together  
It is a time when we are proud to be a family  
It is a time when we are glad to be alive  
It is a time when we are grateful for our lives  
It is a time when we are thankful for our blessings  
It is a time when we are grateful for our gifts  
It is a time when we are grateful for our love  
It is a time when we are grateful for our family  
It is a time when we are grateful for our friends  
It is a time when we are grateful for our life  
It is a time when we are grateful for our world  
It is a time when we are grateful for our God

Preanka Dhanoa  
Grade 6, Hitherfield School

What Christmas means to me!!  
Stephanie Veltri  
When I think about Christmas I think of my family  
and how much I love them. Christmas is a time  
when we are together and we are happy. It is a  
time when we are grateful for what we have  
and for what we are given. It is a time when  
we are thankful for our blessings and for our  
lives. It is a time when we are grateful for  
our family and for our friends. It is a time  
when we are grateful for our life and for our  
world. It is a time when we are grateful for  
our God and for all that He has done for us.

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