

**HAVE A HOLLY, JOLLY
LAUGH WITH US!**



Why did the snowman go to the vegetable store?

He was picking his nose.

What falls but never gets hurt?

Snow ❄️



Bringing the News for You December Edition

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Break with a good rest and break from school. We are so very thankful for our students, faculty, staff, and families.

We loved having so many families who came to our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Our Pre-K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade families came to our Thanksgiving Luncheon, and we were so happy to see everyone. Thank you to all the faculty and staff who always help decorate and make our school festive and fun for our special events. We also want to thank PTO for their hand in helping decorate this year. We hope to see more families of K, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade families at our Christmas Luncheon on December 11th. Come join us and celebrate Christmas at Puckett Elementary.

Look & Find

You'll find 5 Christmas trees and 1 super challenging Santa!



DO NOT count the ones on this page.

We are adding a **NEW** rule! From now on, you can't work together on the Look & Find. We will only accept the **FIRST** winner who shows Mrs. Therrell the hidden image first. We hope you're up for the challenge!



Important News

Our Attendance Team worked hard to plan a day of fun for our students with great attendance. We want to congratulate these students who had perfect attendance from October 1st - November 21st. They each will attend an AttenDANCE party soon, and we hope to include pictures in our next edition.

Stay tuned for more fun incentives and prizes from our Attendance Team! Make your goal to be present at school everyday, so you don't miss out on great learning opportunities and fun incentives!



Pre-K	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
Turner Chalk	Owen Ainsworth	Avaeh Beachump	Leland Bush	Eli Bowen	Macie Babin	Skylar Bacon	Dolly Bishop
Kyrah Coleman	Ila Albritton	Knox Bowen	Baker Byrd	Tucker Burks	Maisyn Baxley	Jameson Carroll	Bryson Boles
Nathan Cothorn	Rivers Albritton	Brandon Brekeen	Aaralynn Chappell	Grayson Gates	Finley Collins	Kyson Reed	Paisley Boles
Rex Grant	Faylee Baggett	Braelyn Colgate	Jackson Fischer	Keysha Harper	KaNyah Craig	Addison Cothorn	Arielle Brown
Jamison Gray	Daisley Bishop	Kaylie Craig	Noah Flinta	Khalee Hayes	Levi Davis	Storm Garretson	Tristian Devoter
Jacob Hall	Bella Bodry	Paisley Elmore	Cameron Fuller	Ruby Holyfield	Tatum Donaldson	Ava Hill	Karlie Hodges
Jake Harrist	Claire Bowman	Bobbi Ann Etheridge	Dawson Fuller	Lillian Horne	Kodi Earls	Ali Holyfield	Harleigh Hopper
Bailey Kate Hawkins	Cooper Collins	Khyiar Feazell	Chandler Gallagher	Maria Martinez	Chloe Fletcher	Jacob Hopkins	Keeleigh Jenkins
Brayzleigh Lee	Atticus Hopkins	Knox Garretson	Harper Hayes	Jett Means	Hank Harris	Holly Hughes	Hadley Kelly
Ava Locke	Nova Hopper	Colsen Grant	Georgia Mangum	Rylee Newsome	Tyler Hayes	Steely Jordan	Lane Lawson
Dylan Marion	Kaidon McClendon	Bryce Hawkins	Tripp McDougal	Brody Sims	Elli Hopkins	Millie Martin	Olivia Ledbetter
Cesar Martinez	Saylor Morrow	Judson Hodum	Ava Minton	James Smith	Callie Lauderdale	Talon McCrory	Avery Mckinley
Emmie Lou Parkman	Abby Nelson	Huxton Parkman	Jaxon Orr	Kambyr Steverson	Ja'Liyah Magee	Kaiden McLaurin	Charley Grace Miller
Henry Patrick	Chanin Odom	Lyanna Poe	Julia Partridge	Harper Sullivan	Maddxy Martin	Maverick Miller	Landon Orr
Lynlee Rankin	Mattie Odom	Levi Ponder	Jade Rush	Brice Thompson	Tatum McCrory	Addison Moss	Paisley Owens
Scarlett Riels	Ella Owens	Dasia Russell	Zoe Rawls	Lettie Tullos	Hudson Overby	McKenzie Roberts	Holden Parkman
Samuel Smith	Noah Ponder	Bryon Russell	Sawyer Russum		Brenda Parkman	Ethan Searcy	Arryanna Rhodes
Ollie Wiggington	J'Zyrius Roberson	Zeno Solis	Noah Thurman		Stella Therrell	Jakevian Simmons	Moses Robinson
	Ripp Sims	Ava Sullivan	Layden Wadsworth		Mary Falon Wilson	Promise Stewart	Gavin Smith
	Brantley Smith	Marjorie White	Wyatt Wiggington			Ben Taylor	Jackson Smith
	Tianna Thompson	Abel Williams	Walker Woods			Hazle Teasley	Morgan Taylor
	Lakyn Throne					Salter Therrell	Hayes Thompson
						Addie Wiggington	Angel Warren
							Decklan Weghorst
							Kaygan Weghorst
							Bryleigh Westbrook

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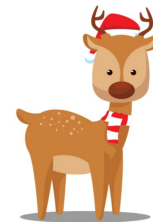


Check out our PES Bullying Awareness Poster winners!



Congratulations to Millie Martin, Harleigh Hopper, Stella Clay Therrell, Jameson Carroll, Clara Nelson, Maddyx Martin, Logan Martin, and Ava Minton.

Each of these posters will move on to the next level of the competition at Rankin County School District. We can't wait for them to represent our school!



These leaders LIGHT up our campus. Meet our PES BETA CLUB!

6th grade

Dolly Bishop
Caylee Bradley
Hunter Bradshaw
Macy Claire Chatham
Lila Cole
Finley Grimes
Chance Harpole
Karlie Hodges
Kathryn Hutson
Avie Mae Jones
Hadley Kelly
Piper Lowery
Logan Martin
JC May
Landon Orr
Kade Palmer
Lucie Rails
Gavin Smith
Jackson Smith
Dani Blair Stevens
Kamryn Strack
Morgan Taylor
Addison Thompson
Angel Warren
Bryleigh Westbrook



Officers


President - Avie Mae Jones
Vice President- Lila Cole
Secretary - Logan Martin
Reporter - Gavin Smith
Treasurer- Dani Blair Stevens
5th grade Representative- Hadley Hughes

5th Grade

Skylar Bacon
Hadley Hughes
Jaecee Kennedy
Clara Nelson
Ben Taylor
Hazle Teasley
Salter Rose Therrell
Khlia Thompson
Raelynn Vanderford
LJ Vick




Thanks to our sponsors for
planning a beautiful ceremony:
**Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Byrd, and
Mrs. Weeks.**



THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING DONATION DRIVE

This season, we're coming together to bring **JOY** and **HOPE** to families in need — and we need your help to make the magic happen! ✨

We're collecting **NEW** toys, necessities, and hair/beauty products for our upcoming Christmas Blessing Shopping Experience, where families in need will get to “shop” for Christmas gifts completely free of charge. 

Your donation can make a world of difference — one gift, one smile, one act of kindness at a time. ❤️



We're collecting:

- New, unwrapped toys, games, crafts (all ages)
- New hair & beauty items
- New socks, hygiene products, and other essentials

📍 **Drop-off location:** Puckett Elementary/High school, Napa in Puckett, Antioch Church or Paige Overby/ Brittni Harris

📅 **Donation deadline:** December 2nd, 2025

📞 **Contact:** Pai501@rcsd.ms or Brittni.Harris@rcsd.ms

Let's come together as a community and make this Christmas unforgettable for families who need it most. ✨



#ChristmasBlessing #GiveBack #HolidayHope
#CommunityLove #BeTheLight

Donation Item Ideas

(You aren't limited to this list)

Younger Kids

Baby Dolls
Barbies
Medical Kit
Baby Doll Kits
Age Appropriate Toys
Cars/trucks
Nerf items
Dress up accessories
Bicycles
Sport Items
Legos
Arts and crafts
blocks
Puzzles

Older Kids

Head Phones
Sports equipment
Board Games
Blow dryers
straightener
Hair tools
Grooming Kit
Nail accessories
Beauty Products
Outdoor games
Water Bottles
Remote control cars
Arts and crafts
Perfume/Cologne

We asked Mrs. Overby, founder of the Christmas Blessing Mission, a few questions. Check out what she had to say about this great Christmas mission that helps so many in our own community.

“The Christmas Blessing,” A Puckett Christmas Mission Tradition

We asked Mrs. Overby, founder of the Christmas Blessing Mission, a few questions.

How long has The Christmas Blessing been a mission here? This will be our 3rd year hosting this event.

What made you think of the idea for it? My passion is helping others, especially children. Christmas is such a hard season for a lot of families and it's the season of giving. So many people look for ways to help others during this time, including me. I was praying for a way to be able to help those in need and the Lord laid it on my heart to get the community involved. It grew far greater than I could have imagined.

What do you think is the greatest reward for students and families who donate? I think knowing that you and your family have helped someone during hard times and knowing a child didn't go without is one of the greatest rewards.

What is your favorite part of The Christmas Blessing Mission? My favorite part is seeing how our small community comes together to love one another and those around. This event gets bigger and better every year because of the families in our community that show up to take care of their people. I also enjoy seeing the parents' faces when they leave the event, knowing that their child is taken care of.

Please share anything else related to The Christmas Blessing you would like us to know about.

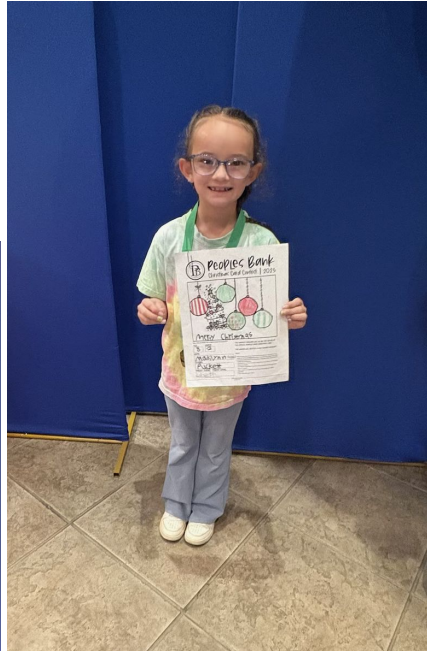
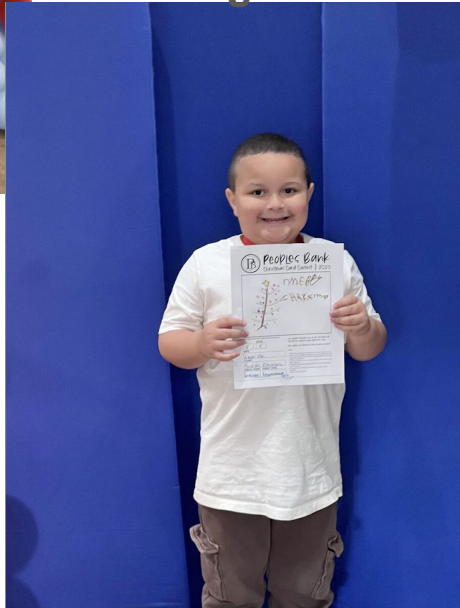
The event will be December 7th. We are taking toy donations until December 2nd. If you are ever out in town and see a toy that you think someone would enjoy, grab it, donate it, and be blessed. This event is such a blessing to those that donate and those that shop. We are all given a life that has good times and hard times. If you ever get the chance to help those in hard times, do it. A small donation goes a long way.

Congratulations to our students who received recognition at the Peoples Bank Christmas Card Contest Reception.



**Liam Via,
Kindergartener**

**JC May,
6th Grader**



**Madilynn Ragland,
2nd Grader**



**Dolly Bishop
6th Grader**

Not pictured: Caroline Smith, 4th Grader

Introducing a NEW monthly segment...

“Can you Guess the Younger Me?”

We are so thankful for great ideas shared with us for our newspaper. This segment idea was brought to us by Mrs. Bickerstaff’s mom, Mrs. Gwynn James. She thought it would be a fun idea to guess our faculty and staff from their younger years. We couldn’t wait to add it to our newspaper. Teachers and staff, get ready to find those younger pictures when it’s your turn!

Thank you to Mrs. Therrell, Mrs. Pierce, and Mrs. Shivers for being featured in our November issue. We appreciate your time and effort! We can’t wait to see if you can guess our next three in this edition.

all about the younger me

WHEN I WAS A KID, I LIKED TO..
PLAY SPOTLIGHT LATE AT NIGHT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS

WHEN I WAS A KID, YOU COULD FIND ME...
*PLAYING BARBIES
*WATCHING NICKELODEN
*SINGING
*LISTENING TO NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK
*PLAYING WITH MY IMAGINARY FRIEND, JUDY

MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...
MS. WILSON WAS MY 7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER. SHE MADE LEARNING ABOUT HISTORY SO MUCH FUN BUT MOST OF ALL SHE CARED AB OUT HER STUDENTS AND ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THE BEST IN THEM. SHE TOOK TIME TO GET TO KNOW EACH STUDENT AND TO THIS DAY STILL INTERACTS WITH US.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: ENGLISH
FAVORITE SNACK: TATOR LOGS FROM MR. JIFFY'S
FAVORITE COLOR: DEEP PURPLE
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRE
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: OVERSIZE SHIRT, TIGHT ROLLED JEANS, KEDS, AND A PERM

“Can you Guess the Younger Me?”

all about the younger me



WHEN I WAS A KID, I LIKED TO..

play softball and basketball.
I also liked to roller blade and be outside.

WHEN I WAS A KID, YOU COULD FIND ME...

on a sports field/court or playing outside with the neighborhood kids.

MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

★ Mrs. Langford — our Jr. High biology teacher and part-time mad scientist. My favorite memories from her class were the days we got to dissect a frog and a baby piglet. Nothing says “quality education” like elbow-deep science and the lingering smell of formaldehyde in your hair.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: MATH
FAVORITE SNACK: CHIPS
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: THE LION KING
FAVORITE COLOR: BLUE
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: ONCE MY MOM STOPPED PICKING MY CLOTHES, DRESSES WERE DEAD TO ME. IT WAS ALL BASKETBALL SHORTS, SOFFE SHORTS, AND T-SHIRTS—THE PERFECT MIX OF “READY FOR BASKETBALL OR A NAP.”

all about the younger me



WHEN I WAS A KID, I LIKED TO..

play outside with my friends, ride bikes, make playhouses out of trees and limbs and I LOVED to catch tree frogs!

WHEN I WAS A KID, YOU COULD FIND ME...

most of the time outside with my neighbor friends, but I also spent a lot of time with my family playing games. My dad would play golf at the club while the wives and kids were at the pool, then he would join us after golf so we could jump off the high dive!

MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

My 4th grade teacher Mrs Stonecypher. I wasn't the best student but she always believed in me and pushed me to do my best.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: MATH
FAVORITE SNACK: FUN DIP AND CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM
FAVORITE COLOR: PURPLE
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: DONNY AND MARIE/ THE GOONIES
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: YOYO SANDALS AND TWIST-A-BEADS

Veterans Day at PES



Thank you so much 5th grade and Ms. Williamson for your hard work and effort in our recent Veterans Day program. We were proud to have many veterans in attendance, and we know they beamed with pride over the 5th grade's talent and thankfulness.

We also want to thank our guest speaker, Staff Sergeant, Jarrett Pennington, for telling us his military story and making a big impact on our students and families.



PES Parent of the Year

We want to congratulate Mrs. Amanda Matson for receiving our PES Parent of the Year recognition. As an active PTO Board Member, she works hard to ensure that fundraising, special events, and PTO's collaboration with our school is impactful. Thank you to all the ways you serve our school.

In collaboration with our Pack's Patriots Club, 3rd and 4th graders wrote Christmas cards to deployed soldiers in library that Mrs. Pennington will help deliver, as well. Thanks to Mrs. Jones for sharing the Christmas cards! We are proud to be at school who appreciates and values our military!



Specials Spotlight

PE Coach Overby

Everyone LOVES PE! We wanted to ask you a few questions about a favorite activity on campus.

- **What has been your favorite game or activity you've introduced to classes this year? Why?**
Soccer, because I love watching kids who don't think they will have fun actually enjoy the games we play!
- **What do classes have to look forward to in the Spring with PE?** Lots of new and exciting games like Pickleball
- **What do you love most about teaching PE?** I love watching kids learn new games and enjoy what they're learning!
- **When you were a kid, what was your favorite thing to do in PE?** I enjoyed field day every year because we got to be competitive and as we got to be 5th and 6th graders we got to help choose the games and activities.

PE Coach T

Everyone has loved having you as Coach Overby's student teacher this year! We wanted to ask you a few questions to help us get to know you even better.

- **What has been your favorite moment at PES working with younger grades: PreK-2nd? Why?** I would definitely have to say seeing how excited they are for PE. They really bring the energy when they come to class and being able to see that makes my day every time.
- **What has been your favorite moment at PES working with older grades: 3rd-6th? Why?** Seeing the amount of competition you all have. No matter what we are doing, everyone wants to be the best. It's always exciting to see who is gonna come on top each new day with each new activity we do.
- **What has been a hard lesson you've had to learn while student teaching?** The hardest lesson I have had to learn is when it's time to be friendly vs. when it's time to be the teacher. All my students are great kids but every now and then I have to teacher-up and get us back on track.
- **What has been your favorite lesson/game/activity you've led students in at PES? Why?** Soccer, easily. The soccer unit we are finishing up now is actually a unit I created, so being able to see all our students complete it and get better each day really is amazing.
- **What would be your dream job as a teacher/coach?** I would love to teach PE full time, at the secondary or primary level. Along with teaching PE, I would love to coach baseball. I grew up playing and know I can help young players to become better athletes, teammates, and overall competitors.

Mystery Staff

It's time for a new Mystery Staff Competition! Be sure and get your guess into Mrs. Therrell's Mystery Guess Box by December 18th. If your guess is correct, you'll be in the runnings for your favorite candy and drink! Our winner for last month goes to Amy Williamson. She guessed correctly. Last month's Mystery Staff was Mrs. Lyle. Ms. Williamson will get her favorite drink and candy too.

1. What's your favorite color? blue
2. What has always been a nickname people have called you? Dee or Tay
3. When you were a kid like us, what were some fun things you liked to do? Play sports/games, play music instruments, ride horses
4. What's your favorite book? "Who Moved My Cheese?"
5. What's your favorite movie/tv show? "Walker Texas Ranger" or "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
6. What's your favorite food? Chicken/pizza
7. What's your favorite song? "Say Amen"
8. If you could be any famous person in the world, who would you be and why? I'd be Denzel Washington because of the way he carries himself: disciplined, confident, and purposeful. He's a great actor, and I would get to meet many other famous individuals in his role. I also like acting in plays and productions. He also uses his platform to motivate others.
9. When you're not at school, what are some hobbies you enjoy doing? playing music, playing basketball, hanging out with family and friends, traveling, helping out in the community, reading/learning new things, and exploring media skills.
10. If you weren't a teacher, what would another dream job be for you? Why? Actor because I would get to work with many other famous people and travel around the world.



Happy Birthday to our December Student Birthdays!

Cameron Fuller
Avie Mae Jones
Morgan Taylor
Addy Wigginton
Jackson Fischer
Brenda Parkman
Charlie Phillips
Cooper Collins
Joy Partridge



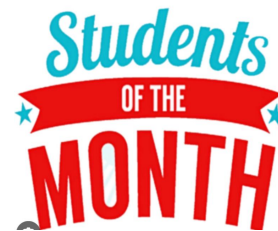
Jamison Gray
Hank Henderson
Scarlett Riels
Bobbi Ann Etheridge
Olivia Ledbetter
KARLIE HODGES!
Dasia Russell
Paisley Boles
Brody Hodum
Knox Garretson





Of the Month Club

Trust- Is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on
November Students of the Month



Landfair: Hadley Barnett

Tullos: Easton Bradshaw

Shivers: Anna Different

Holyfield: Landon Orr

Steverson: Dakota Russum

Holyfield: Leland Bush

Smith: Sophia Charczenko

Weeks: Hadley Kelly

Bickerstaff: Baylee Mize

Palmer: Madilynn Ragland

Spann: Aubree Satterfield

Pennington: Saylor Rose Morrow

Williamson: Jackson Fischer

Byrd: Hazle Teasley

Polk: Cooper Collins

Jones: Ruby Holyfield

Mann: Storm Garretson

Morrow: Annie Gates

Martin: Kambry Steverson

Williams: Hadley Hughes

Pierce: Emmett Kelly

Overby: Brody Hodum

Bowen: Hunter Bradshaw



Teacher: Mrs. Little, STEM **Staff:** Mrs. Ingram, SPED Assistant
Kindness Recipient of the Month: Rilee Newsome, 3rd Grader

Parent: Mrs. Brittany Hawkins, Pre-K, 1st, 2nd Grade Parent

To help us all remain merry and bright, join us as we celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas- “ PES style!”

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

8

Holiday Kickoff:
Wear red or green

9

Christmas Vacation: Wear beach or tropical shirts

10

Merry & Bright:
Wear bright colors

11

Stockings Were Hung:
Wear Christmas socks

12

Sweater Weather: Wear an ugly or cute sweater

15

Candy Cane Lane:
Wear Red and White

16

Mad About Plaid: Wear your favorite flannel shirt

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Winter Wonderland:
Wear blue and white

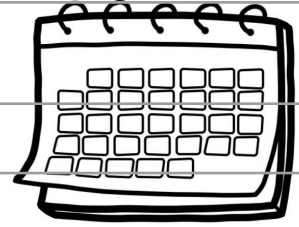
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'Twas The Night Before Christmas: Wear Christmas PJs

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Baby it's Cold Outside: Wear a cozy sweater

December 1st	Iready Reading
December 2nd	Iready Math
December 1st-4th	KRA Testing Pre-K the 2nd, Polk the 1st, Bickerstaff the 4th, Pennington the 9th
December 4th	5th-6th Grade Beta Club Induction 8:30 a.m.
December 5th	Pajama Day for PTO fundraising prize
December 6th	Elementary Beauty & Beau Pageant
December 11th	Christmas Luncheon for students and families (K, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade)
December 13th	Puckett Christmas Parade
December 16th	1st Grade Program 8:30 in the auditorium - "The Littlest Christmas Tree" 4th Grade Field Trip to the Hattiesburg Zoo
December 17th	Faculty/Staff Christmas Grazing
December 18th	PBIS Big Event / Christmas Party Day
December 19th	Reduced School Day for Students
December 22nd-January 2nd	Christmas Holidays



Our Newspaper team's wishlist for Christmas.

Hi! My name is Logan Martin. One thing on my Christmas list is clothes. One reason I need clothes is so I can stay warm and cozy.

Hi! My name is Macy Claire, and one thing in my Christmas list is a bat. Another thing that's on my wish list is a new Bible because everyone needs Jesus.

Hi! my name is Bryleigh Westbrook. One of the things on my Christmas wish list is the Easton Ice Pop bat. Also the second thing that is on my Christmas wish list is a Megan Moroney poster 🎁.



Hi, my name is Caylee Bradley. One thing on my Christmas list is a four wheeler!

Hiii! I'm DB, and my Christmas wish list is a customized first base-mitt! Another thing I want for Christmas is an Apple Watch. Those are the two things I want for Christmas!

Hi guys, I'm Karlie Hodges! 👍, My wishlist is rather simple. I want cute bags, cute hoodies, and just cute things in general. I'm not that picky unlike some people. I also LOVE cozy socks and art 💕!

Although we all have wants and wishes for great presents at Christmas, our hope is that we all remember our daily blessings and that we always remember THE true meaning of Christmas! Love, The Newspaper Team

