



## Happy Birthday!

*Oh, what fun it is to celebrate a birthday! Oh, I know you think all we celebrate here at the North Pole is Christmas, but the elves love any excuse for a party, and with lots of elves, there are lots of birthday parties. Birthdays are special days, just like Christmas. And elves love any reason to give presents, all year round!*

*We work hard all year, but it is July, after all, and even Santa needs a vacation. The snow melts a little here over the summer, which means instead of skiing and ice skating and snowboarding, we can do a bit of swimming and jet-skiing. Oh, the water is crystal blue, to match the Crystal Palace. The North Pole really is a beautiful place, any time of year.*

*Are you enjoying summer vacation? Are you going away on vacation, or staying home? I love it here so much at the North Pole, I always stay home summers, even though I love to travel. But there's just so much work to do, I can't get away even for a week! I would never want to disappoint all the good boys and girls of the world come Christmas. And a party needs planning! For me and the elves, Christmas is the biggest party there is.*

*The elves are out and about the Pole too, getting some sun and fresh air, now that Elf School is out for the summer. Yes, the elves go to school, too. It's important for them to learn how to make toys, but also help me keep good records, like who is naughty and who is nice. But you have been so good this year! Keep up the good work. You see, I watch all year long, not just at Christmas. I'm constantly updating my Naughty and List in my Santa Book. And what a big year you've been having! You have a lot going on in your life, too. It's good to be busy, but it's just as important to stop sometimes and just enjoy.*

*I hope you have fun on your birthday. Have some cake for Santa! And I'll be seeing you in a few months. I'll make sure the reindeer are quiet when they land on your roof, so we don't wake you. I'll see you, but you won't see me. But know that Santa is so proud of you! You are such a great kid!*

*Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I'll see you in December!*

*Love,*

**Santa**

