

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2013 From the Wolberts!

Hope all is well in your household.  
Here's what we have to say for ourselves....



**Sarah:** Living in Japan was smashing. I made many friends and miss them all, but it's good to be back home. During my stay, I was able to join a traditional music club where I learned to play the Japanese flute. Then, over spring break, I studied abroad in Korea where I became friends with many of my German classmates. This kindled my interest in learning the German language, which I am now pursuing in UCSC. I hope to venture there over the summer, so I am working hard waitressing to achieve those goals. Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch ins Neujahr!

**Lisa:** The first half of this year seems like it happened in another lifetime. I finally graduated from high school, and my softball team tied for first place in league! I spent my summer visiting Sarah and my grandmother in Japan, and after an almost too long summer vacation I was off for my first quarter as a UC Davis Aggie. Living away from home was an interesting new experience that really made me realize how hard it is to live on my own (finding the time and quarters to do my own laundry is a real pain in the butt). I made it onto the Taiko team (Japanese drumming), and so far it has been a very fun and challenging use of my time. I look forward to another exciting quarter in Davis, and I can't wait to get back to drumming!

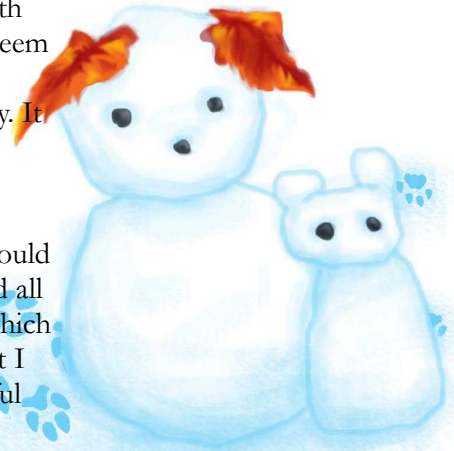


**Emily:** I didn't remember what a wonderful year 2012 has been for me until I look back at it now. This year I moved on from middle school and started High school at Santa Cruz High. I am having so much fun there: my days have changed from "fine" to "great!" Another exciting thing that happened this year is our second new addition to our family: our cat Luna. For a long time I was worried that Darwin and Luna would not get along, but now they're so close they even share food together! I guess you just have to give everything a shot or else you'll never know! Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!



**Miki:** We have a new family member! His name is Luna and he's a six month(?) old stray kitty. We found him eating our compost and we adopted him on my birthday. It took a month for him and Darwin to get along, but they seem to love each other now. I recently began working again and it's been keeping me busy. It seems that all of my time is spent either working there or babysitting the pets.

**Bob:** I complained to Emily that nobody would be interested in reading about anything I did all year. So she listed my accomplishments—which didn't take very long. She then admitted that I was right about something after all... Thanks to Sarah for another beautiful letter background art. It is great having Lisa home for her winter break.



**We wish you the best of everything in 2013**

*Bob, Miki, Sarah, Lisa, Emily*