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“Holidays @ Hartsfield-Jackson” Spreads Holiday Cheer to Local Students

Hartsfield-Jackson celebrates the holiday season with 600 area first-graders

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, together with the greater airport community, hosted “Holidays @ Hartsfield-Jackson”—the Airport’s annual holiday celebration—on Friday, December 6. “Holidays @ Hartsfield-Jackson,” which welcomes first-graders from the Airport’s Partnership in Education schools, is a program designed to educate students about cultures around the globe and to spread holiday cheer to metro Atlanta’s youth. More than 600 first-graders participated on Friday.

“Holidays at Hartsfield-Jackson is a program that I look forward to every year,” said Hartsfield-Jackson General Manager Louis Miller. “Not only are we able to provide a platform for our local first-graders to learn from leaders in our community, but the energy and enthusiasm of our young guests remind all of us of the many gifts we have been blessed with.”

Celebrating the holiday traditions of countries around the world, the annual event this year featured the consuls general from Canada, Haiti, Israel, Mexico and Liberia, as well as the director general of the economic and cultural office of Taiwan. Students were also treated to visits from Sprinkles the Clown; a magician from D’Avante Parks Magic Show; Puppeteer Peter Hart; Santa and Mrs. Claus; Mickey and Minnie Mouse; Cinderella; Princess Tiana; and Batman and Spiderman; as well as a performance by the Tri-Cities High School band and cheerleaders.

This year, students from Mary M. Bethune, Love T. Nolan, S. L. Lewis, Paul L. Dunbar, Humphries, Emma Hutchinson, Parklane, Brookview, and G. W. Northcutt elementary schools participated in the program.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson is the world's busiest airport, serving more than 95 million passengers annually with nonstop service to 160 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society (for more information, go to www.atrsworld.org), 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter (for more information, go to www.secaaae.org) and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine (for more information, go to www.businesstravelerusa.com). ATL is undergoing more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, which include a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED certified international terminal which opened to the general public on May 16, 2012 (for more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/) and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield>, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).