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ATL 'Toyland' Tradition Continues for Area Schoolchildren

Holidays At Hartsfield-Jackson marks 20 years of celebration; 500 students to attend

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will host Holidays At Hartsfield-Jackson, a celebration of the holiday season for Airport area schoolchildren Wednesday, Dec. 7. This year marks the 20th year ATL has hosted a holiday event for students in schools neighboring the Airport. The theme is "ATL Presents: Toyland."

More than 500 first-graders will participate in the daylong program that features a magic show, a puppeteer, clowns, well-known children's characters and a surprise visit from a certain red-clad, bearded gentleman offering gifts.

The students will also hear from ATL executives explaining the role the Airport plays in the transportation industry. ATL partners and concessionaries will provide food and gifts to the students during the event, which, having grown in popularity, will take place at the Delta Flight Museum adjacent to the Airport.

WHO:	Roosevelt Council, Jr., Interim General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
WHAT:	Holidays At Hartsfield-Jackson – a celebration for more than 500 Airport area first-graders
WHEN:	Wednesday, Dec. 7 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Santa arrives at approximately 11:30 a.m.)
WHERE:	Delta Flight Museum 1060 Delta Blvd., B-914 Atlanta, GA 30354

NOTES TO MEDIA: More than 500 first-graders laughing, singing and learning as they receive gifts and enjoy a visit from Santa.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

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