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**Deck the Metro Bus at
Gateway Division ...
fa la la la ... la la la**

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Operator Paul Magallanes
assists an artist >

**Students at Santa Monica
Blvd. Elementary School
prepare for the Holiday Bus
Competition.**

- The annual Holiday Bus Decoration competition is scheduled to take place at Patsaouras Transit Plaza on Monday, Dec. 23. the buses will be on display from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

By JENNIFER YEH

(Dec.20, 2002) Fourth grade students from Santa Monica Blvd. Elementary School, adopted by West Hollywood Division 7 and their Division Activities Committee (DAC), hope their bus will win first place this year at the annual Christmas Bus Competition at Gateway.

For the past week, DAC volunteers have brought their bus from Division 7 to the schoolyard where nearly 100 students gather anxiously around the bus at recess and lunchtime to take part in the decoration.

"The kids get really excited when the bus comes in," says Assistant Principle Talbot Troy. "As soon as they finish their lunch they run straight to the bus."

Coordinators for the program are Division 7 Service Attendant Marilyn Dear, Bus Operators Paul Magallanes and Arlene Mills who assisted the children in painting and decorating.

"The bus looks great," says Ron Reedy, Div. 7 Transportation Manager. "The kids have worked really hard and we hope to win first place in the competition."

On the day of the competition six chosen students will ride in on the decorated bus dressed as elves, along with Santa Claus



and his three helpers.

