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Metro Bus Operator Anthony Cuadra as Santa Claus.

## Santa Spotted in Venice

By ALVA CARRASCO

(Dec. 22, 2004) Last Friday, approximately 550 children from Westminster Elementary School in Venice received a special visit from Santa Claus.

Division 6's Santa Claus, Bus Operator Anthony Cuadra, donned the magical red suit that brought many smiles and giggles to the students of Westminster.

The children lined up to see Santa and they shared with him their Christmas wishes and desires. Santa gave them each a small gift bag donated by proceeds from a fundraiser the Transportation staff coordinated earlier this year.

For the last 4 years, Division 6 has volunteered a Santa to assist the neighboring school. Bus Operator Reggie Ables, now at Division 10, happily volunteered every year to play Santa for the kids.

When Ables transferred to Division 10 recently, Cuadra enthusiastically volunteered to fill in his boots. Cuadra was presented with drawings and letters from the children. This brought tears and smiles to Santa's face.



Asst. Transportation Manager Alva Carrasco, Bus Operator Anthony Cuadra and preschool children from Westminster School.

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