



Season's greetings for 2015!

Celebrations:

- January started off with a surprise gathering for Dan's mom's 80th birthday.
- June had a family weekend in Michigan to celebrate Janet's parents' 50th Anniversary.
- September had Dan's niece's wedding in Florida, complete with the whole Smith clan traveling for the weekend of food, fun in the ocean and dancing at the reception. We added a few extra days and stopped by Legoland and relaxed in Orlando before heading back to Ohio. Dan's Mom and niece (younger one) accompanied us for the Orlando portion for some quality time. Nicholas loves the Florida smell and asks about going back to visit all the time.

Dan:

- Still working at IBM, 5 years, though his physical office space moved a little farther away around Columbus's 270 perimeter with more datacenters moving to the location.
- Spring was spent refereeing the OSU Women's local rowing events and a few other events as well as the BIG 10 Championship event in Indianapolis.
- Family vacation with friends in Vienna, Virginia just before school started.
- Big bike trip ended up being postponed and this year focused on a one day ride on the Yellow Springs trail, 60 mile roundtrip.

Janet:

- Starting in July, she became the Assistant Director for Outreach for East Asia and now needs to learn about China and Korea.
- Last trip to Japan during the 3 year grant was in July, just in time for the typhoon to hit the southern island.

Nicholas:

- Played soccer in the spring and fall and likes being goalie.
- Up to purple belt (with black stripe) in after school karate program and enjoys breaking the boards even though they keep getting thicker.
- Organized 2nd Annual Neighborhood Bike race in fall, 3rd Annual Christmas caroling in December



Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Hope to see you soon,

Dan, Janet and Nicholas





Happy holidays and greetings from the Smiths! *Highlights of 2014:*

Dan:

- Plenty of snow during the winter and many chances to build igloos, snow forts and took Nicholas sled ding at a real hill.
- Took Nicholas to his first OSU football game, made it 3 quarters.
- Family trip to Vienna, VA to visit longtime friends. Hatched a plan to bike from Pittsburg to DC in the summer of 2015.
- Survived Janet's trips to Japan solo with Nicholas.
- Hours spent playing in the waves with Nicholas in Florida.

Janet:

- Two trips to Japan (March and July) for a grant she received. One more trip planned next year. It was good to be back for the first time in many years, see old friends, and eat lots of food. She was able to do a project with Nicholas' class and even Skype with the whole class while she was there.
- Outreach Award from the College of Arts and Sciences (OSU) for work with schools and Japanese language teachers in Ohio.
- Attended Genoa High School reunion to see many familiar faces.

Nicholas:

- Basketball in winter and yellow belt in karate in fall.
- Big week: started 1st grade, lost a front tooth and soloed on his bike free of training wheels.
- Organized a neighborhood bike race, complete with trophies, prizes and medals.
- Wants to return to Florida after our September visit. When asked why, "the pool and the smell". Drove water ski boat through a slalom course at lake course of Dan's long time college friend. Told he will learn to water ski next year.
- Recorded "post game" football interview as a college player and explained about winning and how the losing team chooses to "win at the wrong time"



We hope that everyone can take a moment during this very busy, holiday season to stop and take a breath to just enjoy what is around us.

