



Dear Bowman Families & Staff,

The Box Tops for Education fund raising program is back to earn cash for new computer software programs and supplies. This fund-raiser requires no door-to-door selling by the children, and it costs nothing to become involved. Please clip the Box Tops logos from participating General Mills, Betty Crocker and Pillsbury products and send them to school with your children. Bowman receives 10 cents for each Box Top we collect! Last year, we raised over \$1,300, and the year before over \$1,100. Our goal for 2008/2009 is to reach \$1,500+. The more Box Tops we collect, the more cash we earn. Let's top those numbers this year!

You can find the Box Tops logos on participating products such as Cheerios & many other cereals, Yoplait yoghurt multi-packs, boxes of GoGurt, many Betty Crocker baking products, Ziploc bags, Kleenex, Nature Valley Granola bars, Bisquick, Huggies diapers & pull ups, Saran Wrap, Pop Secret popcorn, Pillsbury waffles & biscuits and many more. Check out www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products. Please encourage your friends, neighbors, relatives and co-worker to save their Box Tops for Bowman.

Back by popular demand this year are the collection sheets (see attached). Your child may tape or staple the Box Tops onto a sheet and then send it into the classroom when it is complete. Or if you would prefer, just send your Box Tops into the classroom in a plastic bag or envelope once or twice a month. Each teacher will have a designated collection envelope. Extra collection sheets will be available in the classrooms, in the office and at www.boxtops4education.com. There is also a collection box on the table outside the office.

If you are planning to do any online shopping, please check out the 200+ merchants linked to www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace. When you register as a Box Tops Booster Club member, and shop through these links, Bowman receives a percentage of every sale. It varies from merchant to merchant, usually 3% - 12%. These merchants include Land's End, Barnes & Noble, Oriental Trading, Pottery Barn, Eddie Bauer, Harry & David, Gap, Best Buy, Target, and many more. You will also find valuable coupons on the website.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE: Checks are sent to Bowman twice a year. In order to receive our 1st check in December, we must send in all our Box Tops no later than 10/31. My final collection day for the month will be Friday 10/24. Send in all your Box Tops by that date even if your collection sheets are not complete. Watch the Broadside newsletter for reminders.

Each month the classroom that collects the most Box Tops will receive an award certificate to post up in the classroom and EXTRA RECESS (at the discretion of the teacher). At the end of the year, the classroom that collects the most Box Tops will enjoy a special prize.

Good luck!! Thanks for your help. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. Remember all of these funds go directly to our technology budget.

Betsy Wilkinson, Box Tops Coordinator