

Issue 4

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MCANDREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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McAndrew Christmas Concert

The McAndrew Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 11th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center.

This year's Christmas Concert will feature Kindergarten and 1st grade. Daycare will be provided, as in past years, for any child 4th grade or younger.

The McAndrew Spring Concert is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 26th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center and will feature 2nd through 4th grade students.

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Don't forget this
month's reading
reward!

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Christmas Gift Giving at School

It's the holiday season! Classroom parties and yummy treats are all a fun part of this time of year. Each classroom will be having a party during the last week school is in session in December; however, there will be no student gift exchanges again.



If your child would like to send a gift for his or her teacher, we ask you to consider making a donation for the new chairs in the Learning Center.

Teachers will be sending notes home this month regarding your child's classroom holiday party. Please check your child's backpack regularly.

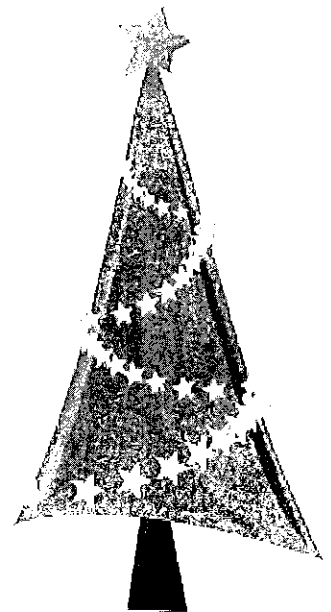
Counselor's Corner - Mrs. Jacobsen

December is a time of giving but also a time of reflection. In guidance class, we will sit around the campfire and discuss all the experiences for which we are truly grateful.

With December bringing a close to the end of the year, the class will review and reflect on all the skills and strategies we have learned this year. The students will make a list of the social strategies we have covered, as well as the guidelines to insuring a healthy body and mind.

Together the class will reflect on all the good things that have happened to us this year, as well as share the joy of being a good bystander helping others.

December is a time to give, to reflect, and to continue building positive relationships with all the camping friends at McAndrew Elementary.



From the Nurse's Desk - Mrs. Maxwell

The cold and flu season is approaching, and for some, has arrived. When deciding whether or not to send your child to school due to illness, please consider the following guidelines.

Keep your child at home for treatment and observation if:

- * Fever greater than 100 degrees
- * Vomiting (even just once)
- * Diarrhea
- * Chills
- * Frequent congested or croup-sounding cough
- * Excessive nasal drainage with frequent need to blow nose

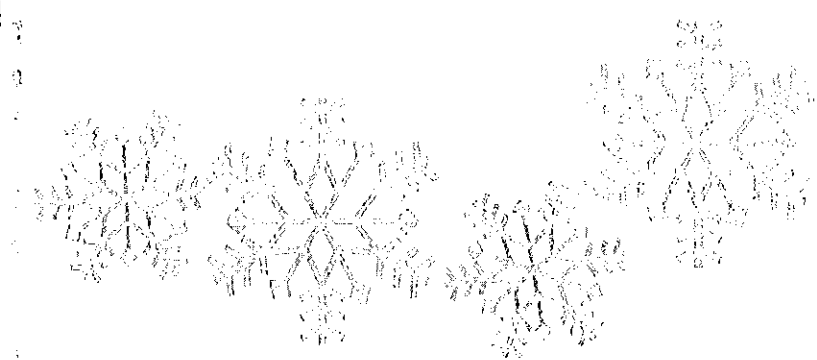
Remember:

- * Colds are most contagious during the first 48 hours. Therefore, this is the ideal time to keep them at home.
- * **Unless otherwise advised by your doctor, a child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 24 hours before considered non-contagious.**
- * **A child who has run a fever should remain at home until "fever-free" for 24 hours without the assistance of medication.**

It is an extremely long day for a child who is sent to school ill. Not only is it difficult to concentrate and learn if you are repeatedly coughing or blowing your nose, but it creates a disruption in the classroom, affecting everyone's concentration.

As always, parents/guardians need to be on the lookout for head lice. Look not only for live lice, but for their tiny eggs on the hair shaft, next to the scalp. If you should find a case of head lice, or if you are unsure, please contact the school nurse.

Winter is upon us!



The Principal's Corner - Mr. Wentz

December is a time of great excitement and positive anticipation for everyone. Being the last month of the year, we summarize our accomplishments and successes for the past year and make resolutions for the next 12 months. It is a time when we can take advantage of the Christmas Spirit and make amends with people we have offended or have had disagreements with during the year. Life is too short and too enjoyable to waste it on hate, anger and revenge. Don't wait for the other person to make the first move, you take the first step. I can assure you it will be a great feeling and will be in the truest form of the Christmas Spirit.

I would like to extend an invitation to everyone in our district to visit our school during the month of December and enjoy the joyful Christmas spirit that I know will exist. On behalf of the Board of Education, the Administration, the Faculty and Staff, and the Students of Ainsworth Community Schools, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best the New Year has to offer.

Mark Twain once said, "Always do right. This will gratify most people, and astonish the rest!"

WINTER WEATHER DRESS

A quick reminder for parents that even when the weather is cold outside, we will make every effort to go out for recess in Grades K-6. Please ensure your child has proper outer attire on these cold days. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

December 21, 2017 K-12 dismisses at 2:00

December 22, 2017 K-12 dismisses at 2:00

December 23, 2017 through January 2, 2018 - NO SCHOOL

January 3, 2018 - School resumes @ 8:00 AM

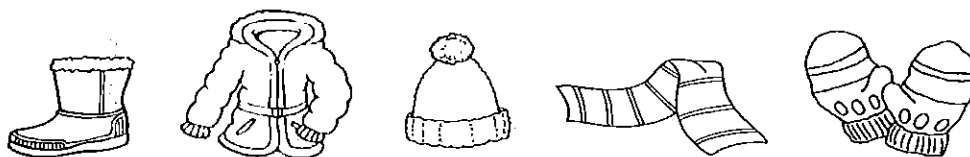
FROM ALL OF US AT MCANDREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!



Marking Student Items / Lost & Found

In an effort to reduce the amount of lost items throughout the year, please take the time to mark your child's belongings with his or her initials, especially sweatshirts and cold weather gear. Items on the Lost & Found table will remain there for one month, at which time they will be donated to the thrift store.



After School Procedures

Picking up students after school

K - 2nd students exit through the EAST doors by the playground. Students stay with teachers until eye contact is made with parent, guardian, or other person approved to pick up the student.

3rd - 4th students exit through the WEST doors by the Nazarene Church. Students are dismissed from their classrooms at 3:15 p.m.

Bus Students

All students who ride the bus are expected to wait in the Elementary Library where they are supervised until the MS / HS dismisses at 3:31 p.m. At that time, they are escorted by staff to their respective buses.

Students Who Wait for MS / HS Students

All K-4 students who wait for MS / HS students after school are expected to wait in Mrs. Arens' room (12) where they are supervised. At 3:31 p.m. the students will walk to the MS / HS entrance with a staff member to wait.

The playground does not open to the community until 4:00 p.m. and it closes at 9:00 p.m. Children cannot be left unsupervised. Anyone one on the playground after hours can be reported to local law enforcement.

School Closing Notifications

Should it be necessary, in the judgment of school officials, to close school because of bad weather, an announcement will be made through the School Messenger notification program, the local radio station, KBRB (FM 92.7 or AM 1400), and Channel 10/11 TV.

If the elementary school is closed, it will be closed to all grades. If it becomes advisable because of an impending storm or other reasons to close school during the school day, this information will be announced using the listed methods, providing the time school will be dismissed.



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Myschoolbucks.com is an online service parents / guardians can use to pay for school meals and keep an eye on balances. This free site offers easy set-up, low balance notifications and automatic payments. One login to monitor all your children at school! You will need your child(ren)'s lunch number to set up an account. Don't know it? Contact the elementary office!



Activities and Athletic Events

If students wish to attend activities or athletic events:

- Students are expected to attend these activities and athletic events with supervision.
- We expect them to sit with or near their parents or supervisors.
- They should remain in their seat and leave only at quarter and half breaks.
- Students who are disruptive at activities will be sent home and may lose the privilege of attending activities or athletic events.
- A student must be in school one half day in order to participate or attend an activity or athletic event that evening.

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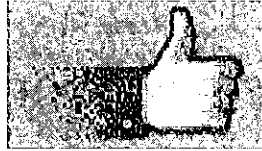
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The mission of Ainsworth Community Schools is to provide a safe environment in which students acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be successful individuals in an ever-changing world.



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December

December 4 - 2:00 p.m. dismissal

December 11 - 7:00 p.m. K-1st grade Christmas Concert in the Learning Center

December 21 - 2:00 p.m. dismissal

December 22 - 2:00 p.m. dismissal, End of Q2/S1

December 23-January 2 - Christmas Break!



January

January 3 - School resumes


January 15 - No School, Teacher In-service

January 31 - Written Spelling Bee for 1st-8th grades in classrooms

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
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3	4 2:00 P.M. Dismissal 2	5 3	6 4	7 1	8 2	9
10	11 7:00 P.M. K-1 Christmas Concert (LC) 3	12 4	13 1	14 2	15 3	16
17	18 4	19 1	20 2	21 2:00 P.M. Dismissal 3	22 2:00 P.M. Dismissal End Q2/S1 4	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 						

Calendar Events December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 4:30pm JV-V G&B at Ord 5:00pm MS WR at O'Neill Invite	2 9:30am HS WR at O'Neill Invite 1:00pm JV-V G&B at Gordon- Rushville
3	4 State Mock Trial 2:00 Dismissal - Teacher Inservice 11:00am MS WR at Anselmo- Merna Invite 6:00pm C G&B BB with Burwell	5 State Mock Trial 4:00pm FCCLA Christmas Party	6 12:25pm Thesplan Lunch Meeting (Rm 207)	7 6:00pm MS GBB at Stuart	8 1:00pm HS WR at Twin Loup Invite 4:30pm JV-V G&B BB with West Holt	9 ACT Test at Ainsworth
10	11 6:30pm C G&B BB at O'Neill 7:00pm K-1st Grade McAndrew Christmas Concert (LC) 7:00pm Board Meeting District Office	12 12:22pm FBLA Lunch Meeting (Rm 211) 4:30pm JV-V G&B BB with Valentine 6:00pm MS GBB at Valentine	13	14 12:22pm FCCLA Lunch Meeting (Rm 133) 7:00pm HS Band/Choir Concert	15 1:00pm HS WR at Valentine Invite 4:30pm JV-V G&B BB at Broken Bow	16 9:00am HS WR at Valentine Invite 2:30pm JV-V G&B BB with Cozad
17	18 FBLA Happy Holly Days	19 FBLA Happy Holly Days 4:30pm JV-V G&B BB with Burwell	20 FBLA Happy Holly Days	21 2:00 Dismissal - Semester Tests FBLA Happy Holly Days	22 End of Q2/S1 2:00 Dismissal - Semester Tests FBLA Happy Holly Days FBLA Christmas Party (Rm 211)	23
24	25 No School - Christmas Break 	26 No School - Christmas Break	27 No School - Christmas Break	28 No School - Christmas Break V G&B BB Holiday Tournament at Stuart	29 No School - Christmas Break V G&B BB Holiday Tournament at Stuart	30 No School - Christmas Break
31 No School - Christmas Break						

AINSWORTH SCHOOLS



BREAKFAST MENU - DECEMBER 2017

Breakfast Choices

Available every day, breakfast includes:

- Choice of breakfast entre
- Fruit
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk choices

Additional Entrees Available Daily:

Dutch Waffle
Cheese Pretzel



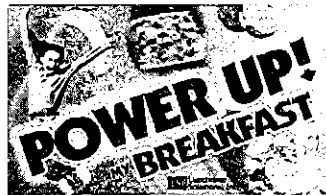
Fruit and Juice Available Every Day

Start your day off right

Breakfast is Good for Everyone!

Start your day the healthy way! Whole grains and protein get you going and help you do well in class.

Come join us!



Breakfast Meal Prices & Extras

Elementary School Breakfast	\$1.50
Middle/High School Breakfast	\$1.50
Adult Breakfast	\$2.10
Extra Breakfast Entrée	\$1.10
Extra Milk	\$0.50

Breakfast is served every day from 7:30 to 8:00 am

Menus are subject to change without notice.

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

4
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Applesauce

11
A. French Toast Sticks
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Sliced Pears

18
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Pineapple

25

5
A. Egg & Cheese
Biscuit Sandwich
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Pineapple

12
A. Egg & Cheese
Taco Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Mixed Fruit

19
A. Iced Long John
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Applesauce

26

6
A. Iced Long John
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Apple Wedges

13
A. Sausage Gravy
over Biscuit
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Pineapple

20
A. Yogurt with Goldfish
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Fresh Orange

27

7
A. Breakfast Sliders
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Sliced Pears

14
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Sliced Peaches

21
A. Pancake Sausage
Stick
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Mixed Fruit

28

1
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Applesauce

8
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Sliced Peaches


15
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Applesauce

22
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast

Juice Choices
Applesauce

29


from your
Lunchtime Solutions
food service staff!
Daria, Amanda, Shani, Charla

No School - Holiday Break

Questions, Comments - Charlene Smith, Food Service Director at (712) 898-5224 c.smith@lunchtimesolutions.com

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AINSWORTH ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

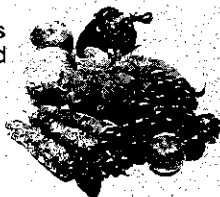


LUNCH MENU - DECEMBER 2017

Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.

Each student is required to have 1/2 cup of fruits or vegetables on their tray.



Look for the Farmer's Market Logo on this month's menu for the featured Farmers Market selection.



Learn more about this month's Selection on the poster in the dining area or at:

<http://server.lunchtimesolutions.com:81/farmersmarket.pdf>

Other Entrée Choices Available Daily:

C. Sub/Salad/Wrap Entrées

M-W Entrée Salad Choice

T-Th Sub Sandwich Choice

F Yogurt Parfait Choice

*Choices vary. See menu board for details.

Lunch Meal Prices & Extras

ES Lunch	\$2.70	Extra Entrée	\$1.65
MS Lunch	\$2.85	Extra Branded	
Adult Lunch	\$3.55	Pizza	\$1.85
		Extra Milk	\$0.50





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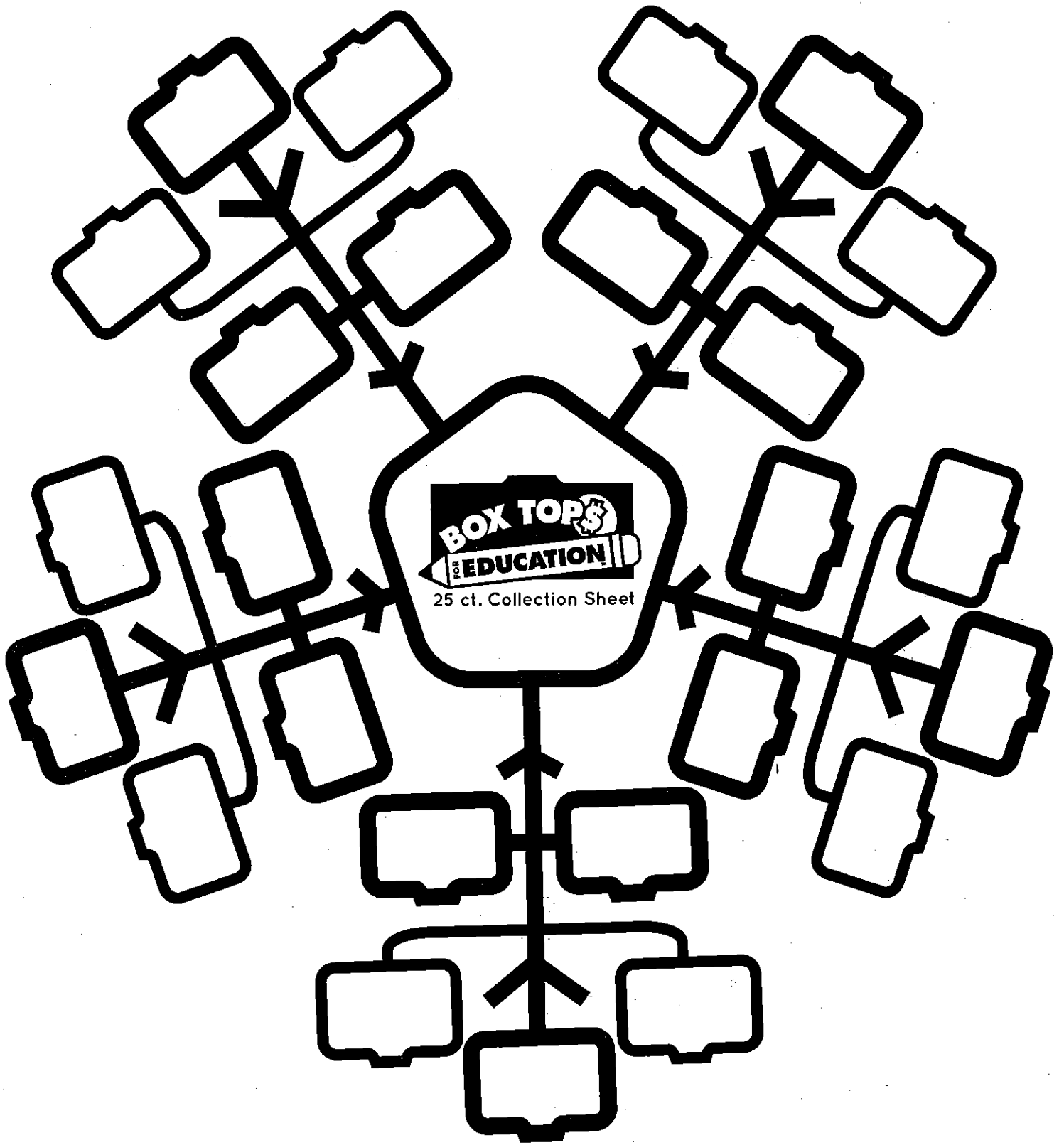
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Happy Holidays On December 6 we will be...Dashing through the snow, with a spatula in our hand. Hams roasting perfectly, and dinner rolls are all panned. 				1 A. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich B. Pizza Golden Corn
4 A. Home-style Chicken Ranch Pasta and Dinner Roll B. Cheeseburger Green Beans	5 A. Taco in a Bag B. Hot Dog Chili Lime Corn Cinnamon Bread Stick	6 A. Baked Ham Slice and Dinner Roll B. Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll Scalloped Potatoes Home-style Green Bean Casserole Holiday Cookie	7 A. Hot Pepperoni Sub B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans	8 A. Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup B. Pizza Hut Pizza Mixed Vegetables 
11 A. Chicken Fajitas B. Pork Fritter Sandwich Zesty Black Beans	12 A. Beef Stroganoff B. Corn Dog Peas Frosted Cinnamon Roll	13 A. Home-style Turkey & Gravy and Dinner Roll B. Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	14 A. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Gelatin Dessert	15 A. Taco Burger B. Pizza Golden Corn
18 A. Orange Chicken over Rice B. Cheeseburger Green Beans	19 A. Super Nachos B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich Refried Beans Rhubarb Crisp 	20 A. Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce B. BBQ Rib Sandwich Candied Carrots Home-style Coleslaw	21 A. Home-style Tater Hot Dish and Dinner Roll B. Hot Dog Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Chip Cookie	22 A. Baked Fish Sandwich B. Pizza Golden Corn
25 No School - Holiday Break	26	27	28	29
 from your Lunchtime Solutions food service staff Darla, Amanda, Shani, Charla				

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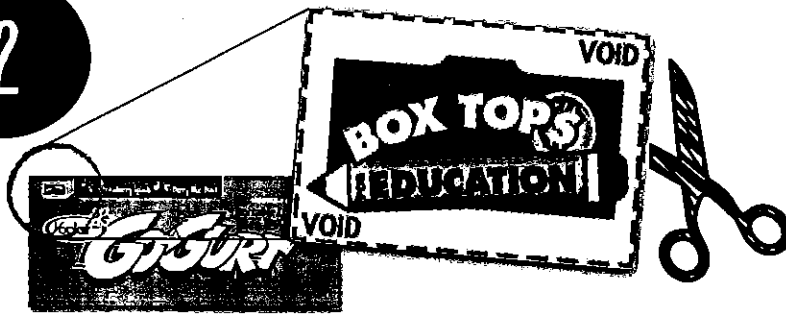
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2



CLIP Box Tops from each package.

3



SEND your Box Tops to school with your child.

4



YOUR SCHOOL GETS CASH to help buy the things it really needs.

Go to btf.com/products for a complete list of Box Tops products.

READING REWARD

DUE DATE: December 21, 2017

December's theme: Read your child's FAVORITE book.

Parents / Guardians, please fill out this form and have your child return it to the office by December 21, 2017, for a chance to win a Scholastic Gift Certificate!

Book Title & Author

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name

Grade