



JANUARY 2018

2018 Spelling Bee

The Ainsworth Community School Spelling Bee for 1st-4th grades is this month!

The written test, which is voluntary, will be held on Wednesday, January 31st. The top spellers from the Written Bee will compete in the Oral Spelling Bee. It will be held on Friday, February 2nd.

Please watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

2018 Geo Bee

The Geo Bee prelims will be held on Monday, January 8th in the classrooms for grades 4-8.

The finals will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 8:15 A.M. in the Learning Center.

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Don't forget
this month's
Reading Reward!

Principal's Corner - Mr. Wentz

This week marks the beginning of Christmas break and we are nearing the end of the first semester. It is hard to imagine that half of the school year is nearly gone. We have experienced a fantastic first semester at McAndrew Elementary and Ainsworth Community Schools.

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with your children on a daily basis. I hope that this Christmas season, all of you have time to relax and enjoy that time with your children on a personal basis. They are all special in so many ways, and speaking as a father who's boys are both long gone from our household, the time does go too fast. So enjoy those precious moments.

Mike Wentz
K-6 Principal

FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF AT McANDREW ELEMENTARY, WE WISH ALL OF YOU THE VERY BEST IN THE UPCOMING NEW YEAR!! GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for the 2nd quarter and 1st semester are scheduled to be sent home on January 8. If you have any questions after receiving your report card, please contact your child's teacher.

NeSA Results

Students that were in grades 3-8 last year will receive their NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) test results with their report cards. There is also a sheet included to assist you in better understanding the results.

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.

Counselor's Corner - Mrs. Jacobsen

Have you ever camped in wintertime? The frigid cold would definitely require a campfire in order to stay warm. A campfire is made of a number of ingredients: logs, twigs, dry grass... that when carefully built ignite a feeling of warmth and comfort.

Much like a campfire at Camp Learn A Lot, the students in our classroom build a symbolic fire with character traits: honesty, respect and trustworthiness. Together these skills create a social environment that is positive, encouraging and inviting, igniting a fire of positive thinking.

In guidance class we ignite this campfire by reviewing what we have covered as we reinforce these positive character traits... after all, nothing warms us more than to be honest, treated with respect, and trustworthiness.

News from Our Nurse - 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

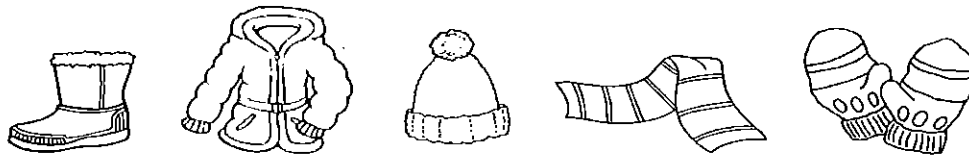
- * Colds are most contagious during the first 48 hours. Therefore, this is the ideal time to keep them at home.
- * Unless otherwise advised by your doctor, a child who has started antibiotics needs to be on the medication for 24 hours before considered non-contagious.
- * A child who has run a fever greater than 100 degrees should remain at home until "fever-free" for at least 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.

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:

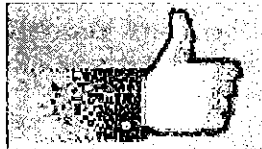
- Students are expected to attend these activities and athletic events with supervision.
- We expect them to sit with or near their parents or supervisors.
- They should remain in their seat and leave only at quarter and half breaks.
- Students who are disruptive at activities will be sent home and may 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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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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January

January 1 - No School

January 2 - No School

January 3 - School resumes

January 8 - Report Cards Sent Home

**January 8 - Geo Bee Prelims In classrooms for
grades 4-8**

January 9 - Geo Bee Finals in LC @ 8:15 a.m.

January 15 - No School, Teacher In-service

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

February

**February 2 - Oral Spelling Bee for 1st-8th grades
@12:45 p.m. in the Learning Center**

**February 5 - 2:00 p.m. Dismissal,
4:30-8:00 p.m. Parent -Teacher Conferences**

February 16 - No School

JANUARY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 School Resumes | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 4 GEO Bee Prelim (4 th grade) | 1 GEO Bee Finals (4 th grade) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| | 15 No School | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 20 |
| | 22 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 27 |
| | 29 | 3 | 31 Written Spelling Bee in classrooms | 4 | | |

Ainsworth Community Schools

| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 10px;"> January 2018 </div> | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thr | Fri | Sat |
| 31 | 1 No School - Christmas Break | 2 No School - Christmas Break | 3 School Resumes 12:25pm: Thespians Lunch Meeting (Rm 207) | 4 6:30pm: HS WR Dual with Neligh-Oakdale | 5 11:30am: HS WR at Burwell Invite 4:30pm: JV-V G&B BB at Mindon | 6 |
| 7 | 8 GEO Bee Prelims (in Classrooms) 6:00pm: C G&B BB with West Holt 7:00pm: Board Meeting District Office | 9 GEO Bee Finals (LC) 12:22pm: FBLA Lunch Meeting (Rm 211) 4:30pm: JV-V G&B BB with Boyd Co. | 10 District Leadership Skills Event at Atkinson | 11 4:30pm: JV-V G&B BB at O'Neill 6:00pm: MS BBB with O'Neill | 12 1:00pm: HS WR at SEM Invite | 13 Valentine Speech Meet 10:00am: HS WR at Shelton Invite |
| 14 | 15 No School - Teacher Inservice 5:30pm: JV WR Invite at O'Neill 6:00pm: MS BBB at Stuart | 16 4:30pm: JV-V G&B BB with CWC | 17 | 18 12:22pm: FCCLA Lunch Meeting (Rm 133) 4:30pm: JV-V G&B BB at Valentine | 19 10:39am: 8th Grade Grant Presentation (LC) | 20 Broken Bow Speech Invite 9:00am: MS BBB at West Holt Tournament 10:30am: HS WR at Mullen Invite 3:00pm: JV-V G&B BB at Ogallala ¹ |
| 21 | 22 UNK Honor Band/Choir SWC BBB 1st Rd - TBA 6:00pm: MS BBB at Valentine | 23 SWC GBB 1st Rd - TBA | 24 | 25 SWC G&B BB Consolation at Gothenburg | 26 SWC G&B BB 2nd Rd at North Platte 6:00pm: HS WR Ainsworth Triangular | 27 Ord Speech Meet SWC G&B BB Finals at North Platte 10:00am: HS WR Ainsworth Invite 10:00am: MS BBB at Valentine Tournament |
| 28 | 29 6:00pm: MS BBB with North Central 6:00pm: C G&B BB at Winner | 30 | 31 Written Spelling Bee (Classrooms) FCCLA STAR at Burwell | 1 | 2 | 3 |

AINSWORTH SCHOOLS



BREAKFAST MENU - JANUARY 2018

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



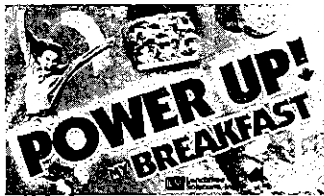
Fruit and Juice Available Every Day

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

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Tue

2
NO SCHOOL

Wed

3
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Pineapple

Thu

4
A. Egg & Cheese
Biscuit Sandwich
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Sliced Peaches

Fri

5
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Applesauce

8
A. French Toast Sticks
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Pineapple

9
A. Sausage Gravy
over Biscuit
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Applesauce

10
A. Egg & Cheese
Taco Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Fresh Orange

11
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Mixed Fruit

12
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Sliced Pears

15
NO SCHOOL

16
A. Pancake Sausage
Stick
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Pineapple

17
A. Oatmeal with
Topping Bar
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Apple Wedges

18
A. Egg & Cheese
Biscuit Sandwich
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Applesauce

19
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Sliced Peaches
Juice Choices

22
A. Ultimate Breakfast
Round
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Apple Wedges

23
A. Sausage Gravy
over Biscuit
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Pineapple

24
A. Waffles with Syrup
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Mixed Fruit

25
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Pineapple

26
A. Fresh Baked
Cinnamon Roll
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Applesauce

29
A. Breakfast Pizza
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Applesauce

30
A. Egg & Cheese
Biscuit Sandwich
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Pineapple

31
A. Iced Long John
B. Cereal Choices
and Toast
Juice Choices
Apple Wedges

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 - JANUARY 2018

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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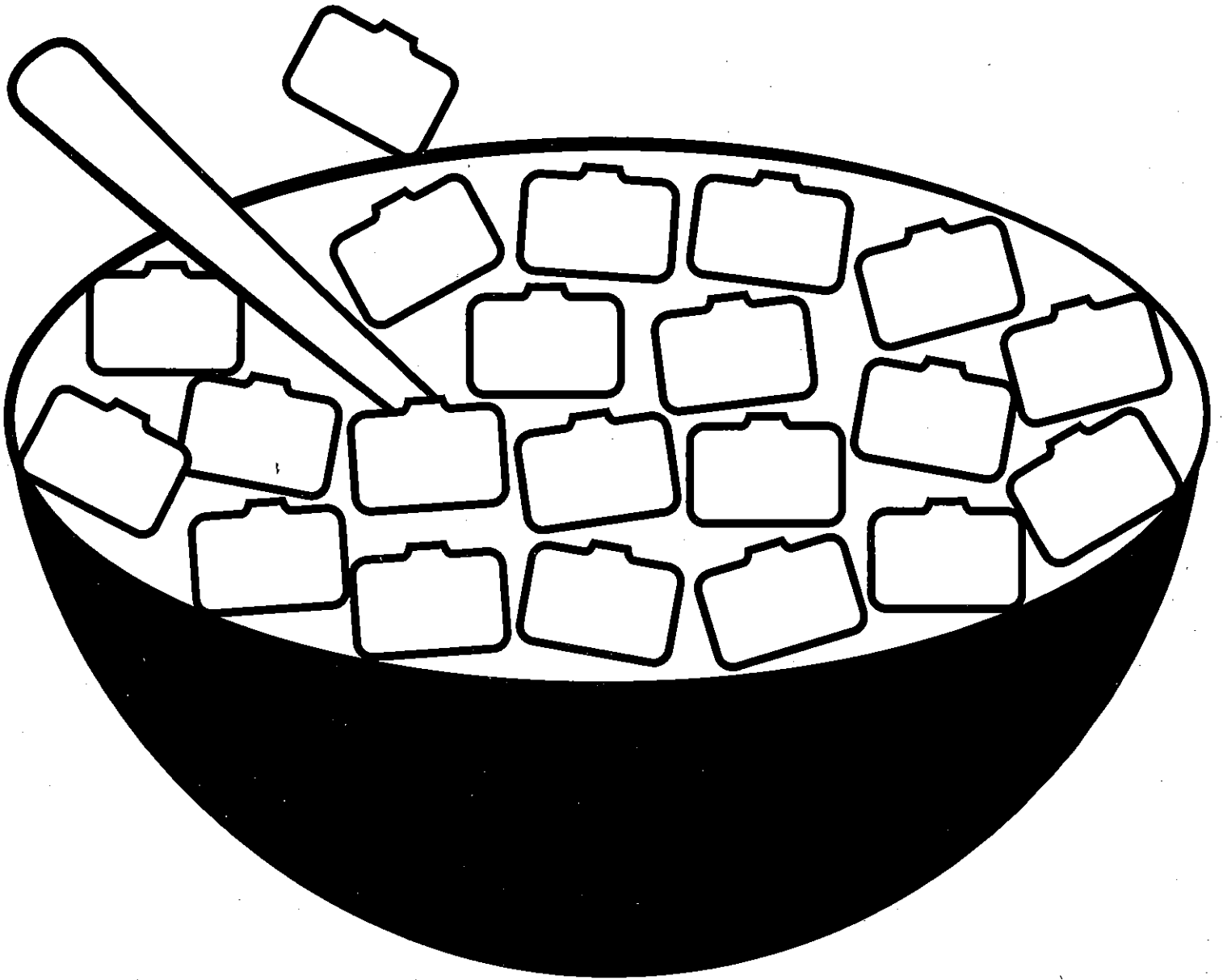


| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR | 2 NO SCHOOL | 3 A. Chili Smothered Baked Potato & Dinner Roll B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich Mixed Vegetables | 4 A. Home-style Beef Goufash and Garlic Breadstick B. BBQ Rib Sandwich Green Beans Sugar Cookie | 5 A. Mexi Tots with Dinner Roll B. Pizza Golden Corn |
| 8 A. Chicken Fajitas B. Corn Dog Refried Beans | 9 A. Home-style Beef Chili and Crackers B. Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Frosted Cinnamon Roll | 10 A. Home-style Chicken & Noodles B. Baked Breaded Beef Fingers Mashed Potatoes with Gravy | 11 A. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce B. Crispy Chicken Peas Gelatin Dessert | 12 A. Beef & Bean Burrito B. Pizza Hut Pizza Roasted Carrots  |
| 15 NO SCHOOL | 16 A. Chinese Tacos B. Chicken Nuggets Steamed Carrots Pineapple Coleslaw Cinnamon Bread Stick | 17 A. Italian Dunkers with Marinara Sauce B. Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich Golden Corn Chocolate Chip Cookie | 18 A. California Lasagna & Garlic Breadstick B. BBQ Pork Sliders BBQ Beans | 19 A. Cuban Hot Dog B. Pizza Mixed Vegetables |
| 22 A. Sloppy Joe B. Ham, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Potato Triangle | 23 A. Home-style Golden Macaroni & Cheese B. Chicken Nuggets Peas Carnival Cookie | 24 A. Home-style Cheese Quesadilla and Beef Enchilada Soup B. Crispy Chicken Zesty Black Beans | 25 A. Home-style Cavatini B. Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Sugar Cookie | 26 A. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich B. Pizza Golden Corn |
| 29 A. Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham & Dinner Roll B. Cheeseburger Green Beans | 30 A. Taco in a Bag B. Hot Dog Chili Lime Corn Cinnamon Bread Stick | 31 A. Meatloaf and Dinner Roll B. Chicken Nuggets and Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes with Gravy | | |

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GOOD MORNING!

Fill up on a breakfast of Box Tops
from your favorite cereals.



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.

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EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

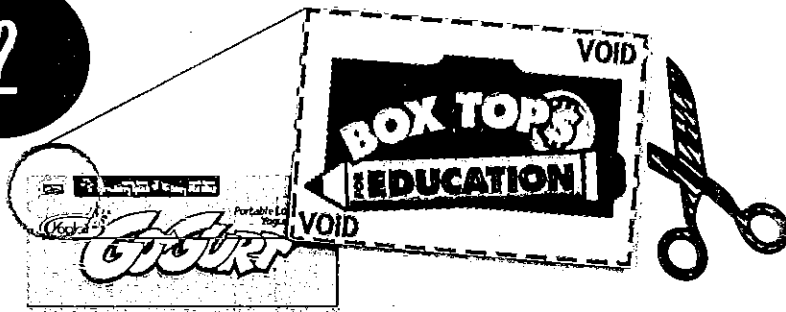
Look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your child's school!

1



BUY your favorite Box Tops products.

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: January 30, 2018

Curious things are afoot; read a mystery book in celebration of Sherlock Holmes' birthday on January 6th!

Parents / Guardians, please fill out this form and have your child return it to the office by January 30, 2018, for an extra chance to win a Scholastic Gift Certificate!



Book Title & Author

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Name

Grade