

Start Collecting! Where to find Box Tops

Once you're familiar with the Box Top label, you'll find it on an array of products. Cereals, especially General Mills brands such as Cheerios, Kix and Total carry the label. Many products of Betty Crocker, Green Giant, Progresso, Pillsbury, Yoplait and Land O'Lakes promote Box Tops. Products made by Ziploc, Kleenex, Scott, Hefty and Hanes help schools by carrying the Box Tops logo. You can find a complete list of participating Box Tops products at www.boxtopsforeducation.info. If you have the option when you're shopping, pick the product that has the Box Tops label. Not only are you getting what you need, but by turning these labels into your local schools, you're helping them get what they need, too.

Where can I drop off Box Tops?

Our local schools all welcome and appreciate Box Tops donations from the public. You can send your Box Tops to school with a friend, relative or neighborhood child. Mail them in or drop them off at the main office at these schools: Beadle Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Stewart Elementary, Webster Elementary, Sacred Heart Elementary, Sacred Heart Middle School and Missouri Valley Christian Academy. Yankton Middle School also accepts Box Tops donations at the front office. If you would like to donate them to a particular homeroom, please note that when you drop them off.

What about other fundraisers?

You might recall hearing schools having other fundraisers by collecting Campbell's soup labels. Some schools participate in this and other fundraisers that give the community a chance to help them raise extra funds. Listed below are some of the additional fundraisers and some schools that participate. Because the list is not extensive, you may wish to check with your nearest school for their complete list of items you can bring in to help in their fundraising:



*Library shelves at Sacred Heart School
purchased by Box Tops funds*

- Campbell's Soup Labels is a program that allows schools to trade soup labels for educational and athletic equipment. Beadle Principal Carey Mitzel states that they were able to purchase \$1,000 worth of art supplies last year from this program alone. Beadle, Sacred Heart and Missouri Valley Christian Academy participate in this program.

- My Coke Rewards helps schools purchase playground and PE equipment. This program requires the Coke Rewards codes from Coca-Cola bottle caps and from the boxes of Coca-Cola products. Beadle and Sacred Heart schools participate in this program.

- Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels help schools by giving them funds for each redeemed wagon wheel, found on select pizza boxes. Webster and Stewart schools participate in this program.

- Education rewards are available from some stores through their online website or their credit card. Lincoln and Webster partake in benefits from stores such as Target or Tyson Foods. Beadle earns money from the website Goodsearch.com whenever someone uses the website as their search engine and selects Beadle Elementary as their school of choice.

It's that simple!

Watch for those Box Tops labels before you throw anything away. Throwing away a Box Top is throwing away money that your local school could have earned. Ask around about other school fundraisers that you can help with, just by saving something from a product you are already using, like Campbell's soup labels or Coke rewards. The opportunities to help our schools are simple and endless. Inspire others to collect too! If permitted, try placing a Box Tops collection box in the break room where you work to help your co-workers participate in gathering Box Tops. With a little cooperation, we can make a big difference.

One by one, Box Tops help our schools by providing benefits they can earn. If we all save and donate our Box Tops, think of how great you will feel in return!

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