



# Students meet box top goals

## *Gorilla serves ice cream as October's surprise reward*

The students of West Elementary School earned ice cream served by a gorilla and the right to hit the principal with pies by collecting 5,000 General Mills Box Tops for Education.

The students achieved two of their box-tops goals by Oct. 30, when the collected totaled just over 5,000.

The goals were 2,500 box tops by Oct. 30 for a special surprise and 5,000 by Jan. 15 in order to throw cream pies at Principal Gerald Burkett.

The students need to collect 10,000 box tops by March 15 in order for a teacher to join the principal on the firing line.

The class that collects the most box tops gets to choose which teacher.

The surprise for the students was an ice cream treat served by a gorilla in the lunch room line. Burkett will face the pie squad in the spring.

The box tops are worth 10 cents each for the school, so the students have so far raised \$500 and hope to raise another \$500 by March 15.

Fifty bonus box tops are available to those who apply for a Visa credit card on-line at [www.boxtops-4education.com](http://www.boxtops-4education.com).

Second graders at West Elementary celebrated reaching the first goal in their Boxtops for Education campaign, 2,500 boxtops in October, with ice cream handed out by Principal Gerald Burkett dressed as a gorilla.

# 4-H enrollment open year around

Not only is 4-H celebrated in rural America but also in the cities. It is open to youth from 7 to 19. A new 4-H year starts each October, but enrollment is open year around.

4-H is a nationwide program led by state land-grant universities. It is the largest youth educational program aside from public schools.

Each of the 4 Hs on the clover leaf represent different ways youths can grow in 4-H. The 4 Hs stand for:

- Head — critical thinking, problem solving.
- Heart — self-discipline, integrity, communication.
- Hands — serving others.
- Health — choosing healthy lifestyles.

4-H can bring families together. They learn together. They plan the monthly meetings and help out in a number of other ways. When parents get involved, it ensures the best



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other members are part of the memorable experience of the 4-H program. Many adults credit their success to their 4-H experiences.

The 4-H program played a leadership role in identifying the five life skills most needed to help young people. Skills learned in 4-H include positive self-concept, an inquiring mind, a concern for the community, healthy interpersonal relationships and sound decision making.

More than 16,000 volunteers work directly with 4-H youths throughout the year.

For information about joining 4-H or becoming a volunteer, call the county extension office at 785-899-4880 or any club leader.

learning experience for their children. Family members help out as club leaders and in many other ways.

4-H members are encouraged to contribute to making their communities a better place to live.

There are many projects a student can get involved with, everything from bicycles to rockets to cattle. There is a wide variety for all interests. Kansas 4-H has 29 projects for kids to be involved with. Many youths develop interests that last a lifetime.

Participation in club meetings and projects and friendships with



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