

Box tops buy playground equipment, balls

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"It's just a great program," Floyd said.

The school used the money to buy new playground equipment, soccer and basketball goals and balls. This year they want to get more playground equipment.

To encourage the students to bring in the box tops, Floyd said, they offer incentives like the opportunity to throw cream pies in the face of their principal when they get to a certain goal.

This year, the class that brings in the most box tops will get to keep a stuffed bear, the Box Top Bear, as a traveling trophy. The bear wears a box top logo T-shirt and carries a backpack.

The first class to bring in the most box tops, Mrs. Gray's class, picked out four names and the entire school voted to call the bear Grizzly.

Floyd said each winning class will place a surprise in Grizzly's backpack for the next class.

When the school got to 5,000 box tops, Floyd said, had a popcorn party with Clifford the Big Red Dog and his "owner," Emily Elizabeth, in costume to read Clifford books to the students.

At 10,000 tops, the school will hold a "wacky" week, where students can dress up every day. Monday will be hat day, Tuesday silly sock day, Wednesday will be backwards day, Thursday Western cowboy day and Friday Cowboys' colors, Black and Bold day.

"It's something that's kind of fun and lasts all week," Floyd said.

The big goal is 15,000 by the end of the school year.

She said if they meet that goal, the



Students at West Elementary School got a special treat Friday as Clifford the Big Red Dog visited along with his "owner," Emily Elizabeth. Clifford led the kids on a parade (above), acted out a story read by Emily Elizabeth and showed the students a video. Kids earned a popcorn party with Clifford for bringing in over 5,000 box tops in the Box Tops for Education program. As of Friday, Denise Floyd, organizer of the box top program, said they had collected a total of 6,200 General Mills box tops.

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school will hold a birthday party for Grizzly.

Since Betty Crocker products participate in the program, Floyd said each class could bring a cake and West could have the biggest birthday cake ever.

Floyd thought students could bring gifts from the bear, like box top products, and donate them to Genesis, the Goodland food pantry.

"I think that will be kind of fun," she said.

While on vacation this summer, Floyd, the self-appointed "box top lady," went to Box Top University,

a program to teach parents how to use the box top program.

She said she brought prizes, ideas and 250 box tops, home with her.

Floyd wants to put her knowledge to use and is pushing to get everyone to donate and help out the schools.

She said even if you don't have students in school, you can still clip the box tops and help reach West's goal.

"We'll take them from anyone," Floyd said. "It's a shame not to use them. I just hate to know people are throwing away all these dimes."

Festival starts Friday

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Foreign Wars hall. Following supper, they plan a dance that will be open to the public.

The club will have Flatlanders T-shirts for sale and plans to give away a 350 Chevy engine and cash prizes. Early Iron will hold a contest to see how long it will take for the engine of a car emptied of oil to blow up.

Sunday, the car club will have a "fun walk" with games that involve car parts and a \$100 prize. The cars will be on display for the public on Sunday and awards will be handed out at noon for the top 15 in each class, pre 1949, 1949-1972 and a 1973-present.

Iris Scheopner, car club secretary, said they normally have over 230 entries and they have already had a few pre-entries. The first 250 cars will receive a dash plaque.

The Northwest Kansas Bike Show expects to offer events similar to last year, including "rodeo" games in the parking lot be-

hind Bankwest. The games include a slow race, a balloon toss and other contests while riding on a motorcycle. The bikes will be set up at the north end of Main for the street festival.

On Saturday night, the bike club will hold a dinner, followed by an award ceremony for the best bikes. After dinner, they will have a parade of motorcycles, followed by a dance at the Best Western Buffalo Inn Convention Center.

Organizers plan a breakfast Sunday morning and a church service after breakfast with the members of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Dave Daniels with the bike show said they had 176 bikes for the show last year, and they are looking for over 200 entries this year.

This year, said Chamber Chairman Donna Swager, the Chamber plans to work with the police and sheriff to help them establish a more friendly relationship with out-of-town visitors.



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