

Hello Parents!

Thank you for taking the opportunity to read this information on how you can help Jody Richards Elementary School earn free money to be used towards a better education for your student! My name is Amanda Walden, and I am the BoxTop Coordinator for JRES. Please continue reading the information below. If you have any questions throughout the year, please contact me at walden5@outlook.com. I look forward to being able to serve your family and JRES this year!

Rules for BoxTops to earn money:

1. The **expiration date** MUST be showing. Be careful when cutting or tearing your BoxTops to not remove the expiration date. Expired BoxTops do not earn our school any money and a missing expiration date is the same as being expired. Expiration dates are in the center on the bottom of the BoxTop.
2. The 3 letter acronym for the product must be showing in the top left corner of the, sometimes pink, box saying BoxTops for Education.
3. Please cut the BoxTop down to size as much as possible before sending into school. In order to earn \$3500 we will be collecting 35,000 BoxTops over the year. The deadlines are set by BoxTops, and it becomes very difficult to meet these deadlines when the majority of time is spent cutting the BoxTops out.

Each BoxTop is worth 10 cents, except Bonus BoxTops which are worth more. Our school goal is the same as it has been in previous years, although unfortunately, has been more difficult to meet recently, **\$3500**. Our school's lifetime earnings from BoxTops 4 Education is \$13,874.36!! Let's hit the \$3500 mark again THIS YEAR and earn some extra money to help with rewarding our students and teachers as well as purchases such as iPad carts and playground equipment!

How to Earn Money for JRES through BoxTops:

1. **Cut out BoxTops!!** Every 10 cents counts!! (Attached is a sheet of products that have BoxTops on them, some are surprising. Take a look and make yourself familiar with some of the brands. It's not always a cardboard box!
2. **Ask anyone** you know that doesn't have a student in school **to collect for you!** Grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, coworkers, etc.
3. Do you own your own business? **Set up a BoxTop collection site at your business** to benefit JRES. A lot of adults without children cut out BoxTops because they too hate to see that money go to waste! However, they often do not know where to actually take the BoxTops for a school to get credit. Make it easy for them and set up a collection site at your place of work!
4. **BoxTops Bonus App:** I'll admit this is a painstaking process but if you have the time to do it, please do! Download the app to your device. You can choose products that you are going to buy or already bought. Scan your receipt with your device showing that you did buy those products and we get Bonus Tops!
5. **BoxTops Online:** Periodically, there are contests online at boxtops4education.com that you can enter as well on behalf of JRES. Currently, **there is a contest daily through August 29th, 2017**, one that runs **daily through September 29, 2017** and that you can enter daily to earn extra

points for our school! You can also sign up for emails from BoxTops that will tell you when another contest will be happening! You will need to create Login information one time to enter any of the contests from that point on! Remember, every BoxTop counts!!

6. **Bonus BoxTops Codes:** You may find a 14 digit code on one of your products. You can either get online and submit yourself at BTFE.com/redeem or send in with your child's other BoxTops and I can redeem it for you. These are NOT the same as Bonus BoxTops.
7. **Bonus BoxTops:** Some products will have a Bonus BoxTop for you to cut out, usually much larger than the smaller BoxTops, but the same rules apply. It will say on the Bonus Top how many BoxTops the product is worth such as 7 or 10, etc.
8. **In Store Bonus Offers:** Some stores will offer specials such as buy 5 qualifying items get 20 Bonus Box Tops. These stores include: WalMart, Kroger, Amazon Prime Pantry and more! Check out this website for more info: www.boxtops4education.com/earn/in-store-offers.

So, are you all in yet? Like the idea of earning money for JRES but this sounds like it could be a lot of work, it's really not by the way, and what will your student get anyway?

Parents of Previous Years PLEASE READ BELOW

This year we are doing things a little different to reward not only classes, but students, as well!

The following dates are for a cumulative Class Reward for Pre-K through 3rd Grades AND 4th through 6th Grades (write these down, they will be very important this year!):

Collections between August 9th and October 27th

Collections between October 30th and February 23rd

Collections between February 26th and May 18th

That's 3 opportunities for your child's classroom to win a class prize by collecting the MOST BoxTops between those dates.

The following dates are for a cumulative Individual Reward for Pre-K through 3rd Grades AND 4th through 6th Grades (write these down too!):

Collections between August 9th and December 15th

Collections between January 2nd and May 18th

That's 2 opportunities for your child to win an individual reward by collecting the MOST BoxTops between those dates.

Prizes and rewards will be determined with the administration and voted on at a PTO meeting.

How do I know who turned in what? With your help!!

There is currently a BoxTops collection box by the first set of stairs towards the gym as you enter JRES. You, your student and their teacher can drop in BoxTops baggies at any time throughout the school year, to be rewarded by the dates above. Label the bag with your child's name and his or her

teacher's name, please and please write neatly. I cannot award points to a student if I cannot read his or her name. You can use a permanent marker on the outside of the bag or envelope or better yet write the information on a piece of paper and slip it inside.

What ifs....

What if I forgot to write my child's information on the bag? Unfortunately, those BoxTops, although they will reward our school, will not be able to be credited to that child or that child's classroom. This is why we are collecting over large periods of time, so you will not be rushed last minute to send them in for a monthly contest and can, instead, send them in year-round. With over 700 students at JRES, it is nearly impossible to identify an unmarked bag to a student or classroom.

What if today is February 24th and I was in the school on a Saturday for a basketball game and dropped off our forgotten BoxTops then? That's great, they will apply toward the last (third) contest of the school year and will still go towards your child's individual amount for the second semester. However, they will not apply to the most recent contest due February 23rd as these are **FIRM** deadlines. The BoxTops will be picked up promptly on the dates listed above at the end of school to be counted and quickly mailed in before the BoxTops4Education deadline, over which I have no control.

Thanks for hanging in there to find out all the ways you can help earn money for our school simply by shopping! Your student can be rewarded in many ways for your efforts, as well!

Have a wonderful school year at JRES,

Amanda Walden