Upcoming Dates:
Feb. 6  Box Tops Shop
Feb. 9  PTO Meeting 7PM
          Adopt A Book Drive
          Week of 2/9-2/13
Feb. 13  Valentine's parties
            Market Day Deadline
Feb. 16  NO SCHOOL
            President's Day
Feb. 17  PARCC Assessments begin. Dates vary by grade level. (Continue through 3/6/15)
Feb. 19  Market Day Pick-up
Feb. 24  Science Night 6-8PM

From the Principal
A reminder that Kindergarten registration has started, including applications for the tuition-based all day program being offered next year. The district deadline to apply for the all day program is February 27th. Help spread the word to neighbors or friends with children enrolling in Kindergarten for next year.

During the week of April 9th we'll be participating in the “Adopt-a-Book” program and collecting new or gently used children’s books that will be distributed to other children that need them! It will tie in well with our character education program, and is a great way to clean out those bulging book shelves at home. Watch Friday folders and the BES Facebook page for details.

In the event of a snow day, check your email for a link to grade level designed activities for your child to complete while enjoying a bonus day off! The work is designed to be engaging, not too lengthy, and is a great way to keep a continuity of learning. - It's OK to play in the snow too!

Have a great weekend.

From the District
Library and District Explore Land Swap
The Clermont County Public Library Board of Trustees and the Milford Exempted Village School District are exploring the possibility of undertaking a land swap that would allow for the construction of a new state-of-the-art library branch to be located on Buckwheat Road between the campus of Mulberry Elementary and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. The building and land site of the current library located on State Route 131 (across from Milford High School) would be transferred to Milford Schools. The Milford Board is considering the use of the current library on State Route 131 as the new location for the district's central office which is now located at the former Milford South on Garfield Avenue.

The Business Advisory Council, composed of a Board of Education member and local community and business representatives, will be studying the marketability of Milford South over the upcoming months. Their expertise, research and recommendations will help guide the district in our decision on what to do with Milford South and guide our decision on whether to move our central offices to the current library on Route 131.

“The library approached the district with this potential land swap idea, which is appealing to the district since we have not determined a use for this land on Buckwheat Road,” said Milford Superintendent, Dr. Robert Farrell. “The library still has to do its study of the Buckwheat property, and both the school board and library board need to approve before the land swap moves forward.”
January’s Character Trait is RESPECT

Week 4 Students Recognized 1/23
Jackson Jeffries
Lucas Ford
Gitte Coekaerts
Jack Philhower
Emma Schneider
Jesse Diaz
Jackson Mears
Emma Skowronek
Wyatt Treon
Emily Willis
Kemper Singleton
Caitlin Evans
Henry Cooper
Luke Ray
Thomas Barnett
Cece McGinnis
Rachel Vandegrift
Dharuv Patel
Korynn Wells
Erika Pflanz
Mitchell Boggs
Zach Matson

Last Chance to Shop at the Box Tops Shop this year!

THE BOX TOPS WINTER COLLECTION DRIVE
CONTINUES THRU FEBRUARY 6TH

This winter drive is NOT a classroom competition which means you can turn in your Box Tops directly to the bin in the lobby. The Box Tops Shop will return one final time for the year during lunchtime Friday, February 6th.

In order to “shop”, students must use Box Tops Collection sheets (10 valid Box Tops = 1 Buck ). Extra collection sheets are available in the lobby or print the one found on the last page of this newsletter!

2014-2015 Yearbook

Yearbook sales are currently underway! They will be on sale through February 27th and there is online ordering again this year. Please take time to read over the letter accompanying the order form in your child's Friday folder. Our yearbook company has added many new options and looks overwhelming at first glance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Yearbook Advisor, Jenny Houston (jrobinson006@cinci.rr.com).

What: 1st Annual Adopt-A-Book Drive
When: Week of 2/9-2/13
What is Needed: Gently used books-Bring in to your homeroom classrooms this week!

BES will hold it’s 1st Annual Book Drive to support our local Adopt-A-Book organization! Adopt-A-Book was founded in 2011 by twins, Hannah and Alex Laman, in our neighboring Loveland community! They were inspired to start Adopt a Book after hearing about other children in their own city who didn’t have access to books or own books of their own. They are avid readers and couldn’t imagine not having access to books. They wanted to change that and have successfully donated over 60,000 books to 56 organizations, Cincinnati Public and Northern Kentucky schools and programs that serve children in need in Ohio and KY. They have also donated books to Indiana, New Jersey and Zimbabwe.

Let’s share our love of reading with other kids! This is also International Book Giving Week and Valentine’s Day week! What better way to give back to our community, then to share our gently used books with others?! BES at it’s BEST! For more information about Adopt a Book, please visit www.adoptabook.org.

BES PTO thanks you for your support in making this a successful community give-back event!
Mrs. Cooper is looking for donations of the following items:

- Low temperature hot glue gun glue sticks (skinny ones please)
- Green floral foam blocks (from Michael's or Hobby Lobby or maybe you have some at home! :)
- Rit Dye (yellow, orange, and/or black)
- Wood pieces, blocks, shapes, sticks, dowels, etc. of any kind
- Newspapers

As always, thank you so much for your help in supporting our young artists!!!

Do you shop at Kroger? Do you use a KrogerPlus Card?

It’s time to re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards to support Boyd E. Smith Elementary PTO. The money received from Kroger Community Rewards goes to fund PTO activities like author visits, COSI, and Schoolhouse Symphony. (This does not take away any of your fuel points.)

You MUST re-enroll every year, and we would love to have grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends enroll to support the educational activities at BES. Thank you for taking a few seconds to do something so BIG for our BES family!

**STEPS TO COMPLETE:**
1. Log in to www.kroger.com/communityrewards
2. Register or sign in. If you prefer to use your phone number at the register, call 1-800-576-4377 + select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus Card #.
3. Select Boyd E. Smith Elementary PTO as your organization (I.D.# 82249)
4. Forward the link to friends & family- ask them to enroll and select BES.
5. Pat yourself on the back for making a difference.

The PTO would like to give a big THANK YOU to the chairs of the Talent Show, Caren Weigand and Jen Turner, as well as to all of the performers! It is so amazing to see all of the talent that the students of BES possess and their courage to share it with others as well. A great time was had by all!
Save the Date! The 7th Annual BES Science Night will take place on Tuesday, February 24, 2014 from 6 pm - 8 pm.

We're currently looking for science or technology experts/enthusiasts to share their knowledge with the BES students and their families at this fabulous event. We've got some great exhibits lined up already, but we're always looking to expand the range of our exhibits. If you or someone you know (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc) have some knowledge to share, we'd love their participation! Think outside of the box -- if uncle Paul is an HVAC expert, he could talk to students about geothermal...if aunt Sue is a doctor or a dentist, she could talk to the students about keeping their bodies or teeth healthy...many people have talents/expertise that would fascinate the kids. If you or someone you know would be interested in having a booth at the event, please contact Debbie Heffernan at heffernan70@aol.com for details.

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS
ARE POSTED ON THE NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE...

VISIT MILFORDSCHOOLS.ORG
AND CLICK COMMUNITY OFFERINGS (FLYERS)

NEW FLYERS:
Milford Preschool Registration-February 25
MHS DECA Mattress Sale-02/07/15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Once Upon a Mattress Flyer-Feb. 26, 27, 28 and March 1
Once Upon a Mattress Ticket Order Form
Milford Lacrosse 2015 Registration
Flock Socks! (orders due by Feb 26)
Miami Township Winter Blast-Friday, March 6
1. Check Expiration dates. 2. GLUE or TAPE trimmed Box Tops on this sheet. 3. Turn sheet(s) in to your teacher or to the Box Tops bin in the lobby. **Every 10 valid Box Tops earns 1 Buck.**

NAME _______________________________    TEACHER ___________

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**One Box Tops Buck**

**BONUS BOX TOPS** must be attached separately. Write your name on the front or back of the Bonus Box Top(s) and then staple to the corner of your collection sheet or send them in a separate envelope or bag.
Synonyms for with respect to at Thesaurus.com with free online thesaurus, antonyms, and definitions. Find descriptive alternatives for with respect to. late 14c., "relationship, relation; regard, consideration," from Old French respect and directly from Latin respectus "regard, a looking at," literally "act of looking back (or often) at one," noun use of past participle of respicere "look back at, regard, consider," from re- "back" (see re-) + specere "look at" (see scope (n.1)). Meanings "feeling of esteem excited by actions or.