Good morning! Well, we made it back from break and through one full week. You should have received your child’s report card on Wednesday of this week. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher. If you have a student in 4th or 5th grade, you should have also received the spring NSCAS report for the statewide test. This can be difficult to understand so you can certainly give me a call if you have any questions regarding this. Have a great weekend and be safe, it sounds like the snow is coming!

FUTURE Chefs: Sodexo is once again sponsoring the Future Chefs at each building. Attached you will find the recipe card. The recipe needs to be original and turned in to the office by January 31, 2019. Below are some suggestions of how to get to the “championship” at Elkhorn High School on Thursday, March 7th.

1. **Be creative** - A student once submitted a recipe for “dill cookies!” Sounds terrible, but they were actually great! Don’t TRY to be too weird, but we love to see recipes that are different!
2. **Don’t do recipes that are too easy or too complicated.**
3. This *doesn’t* have to be your own, original recipe. You can get them off the Internet or anywhere, but try to alter it slightly to make it your own!
4. SORRY, only **ONE** person can make each recipe at the competition.
5. We are looking for **healthy Mexican food**, so try to avoid recipes with a lot of sugar or fat in them.
6. At the main competition, judges will consider the following 6 criteria:

* Taste
* Originality
* Ease of Preparation
* Healthy Attributes
* Kid Appeal
* Plate Presentation

The use of one or more of the following ingredients will earn up to **3 bonus points** at the judging:

**Brown Rice, Black Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Bolillo Rolls, Pork, Fish, Avocados, Plantains, and Veggie Crumbles**

**From the PTO**

**Hy-Vee Receipts**: *“Thank you for everyone’s support with submitting your Hy-Vee Receipts ~ the campaign is now completed for this school year so no need to send them with your kids any more”.*

**Yearbook**: Order your yearbook online at [www.blossom-books.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/hdDZf6WNg_ZdF-PuVaiSaA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRdWFk_P0QdaHR0cDovL3d3dy5ibG9zc29tLWJvb2tzLmNvbS9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAvyV3W_XYPw1SEWFteWpjNTJAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAB). Click “Order My Yearbook “and use code 9A77965. **Deadline for orders is April 10th**. The link is also posted on the website and the Facebook page with the **Shop Now** button.

**Box Tops**: Thanks to everyone who sent in Box Tops before break! We earned over $180 with this contest! Congrats to Mrs. Sexton's 5th grade class for bringing in the most! Please continue to save for our next contest which ends on February 22nd.

**Carnival**: Sponsored by Hy-Vee and Taylor Dentistry on May 3, 2019. Step right up and volunteer to chair this fun end of the year event. Contact Jaime at [jmpithan@gmail.com](mailto:jmpithan@gmail.com) for more details.

**PTO Meeting**: Mark your calendars for the next meeting on January 28th at 6:30pm. The Kindergarten teachers will be presenting. Kindergarten parents please plan on attending to hear the highlights from the teachers and for a chance for your students to earn a pizza party. There is also an attendance incentive to earn a discount on Carnival admission.  Childcare is provided.