



Major Retailers Want To Give Our School Money!

Dear Gill Parents:

We're pleased to share some *exciting* news about a new fundraising program for our school. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while we shop.

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing gift cards or gift certificates to national and local retailers. They're the same gift cards that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers that participate in our scrip program include Kohl's, The Gap, Shell, Panera, Chili's, Toys R Us, Best Buy and many others.

There are many advantages to the scrip program. First and foremost, our school will get a regular source of income. Given the recent economic crisis and budget cuts that have affected our schools, it is now more important than ever to generate funds for our school programs. Scrip is a powerful fundraising alternative that involves no selling...Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases that they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip. Scrip is also a great and convenient way to buy gift cards for holidays, birthdays, anniversary, weddings or other special occasions.

Just by spending our regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program, we earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny! The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the SCRIP is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. You buy the gift cards at full face value from the PTA and we, the Gill PTA, buy the SCRIP from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount. *This discount - from 2 to 15 percent or more - is our organization's revenue!!*

Scrip order sheets will be sent home every other Thursday. The first order sheet will be due Thursday March 18th by noon. Please send payment, checks only, made out to Gill PTA. Orders can also be placed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Online orders may be paid for by www.shopwithscrip.com's debit payment system, PrestoPay. We have included information on placing online orders.

Orders placed by March 18th will be available for pick-up on March 25th. Please indicate when ordering if the gift cards should be sent home with your child or if you will be picking the cards up at school.

The next order form will be sent home on April 1st with the order due by April 15th, and the cards will be available for pick-up on April 22nd.

Be sure and visit www.glscrip.com for a complete list of all stores and gift cards. The order sheet sent home is just a small portion of the retailers who participate in the scrip program.

The Gill Family Scrip Program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thank you for your continued support!!

Sincerely,

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HOW DO I...

1) How Do I Place An Order?

- a) Submit a paper order form that will be sent home weekly with your child.
- b) Submit an online order via the Great Lakes Scrip Program's online ordering system: <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>.

2) How Do I Pay For My Order?

- a) You can pay by check, made out to **GILL PTA**. This option is valid for both online orders or paper form orders. If you are placing an online order, please follow the instructions once you've submitted your order.
- b) If you do not want to send in a check, you can sign up for Presto-Pay, which is the online family payment service at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. It is linked directly to your checking account and Great Lakes Scrip will debit your account when your order is placed. There is a \$.39 convenience fee.

3) Where Do I Turn In My Order and Payment?

- a) Please turn in both to the office by the due date and time on the order form.

4) How Do I Get My Scrips?

- a) You can pick them up on the due date posted on the order form.
- b) You can have your child bring them home. Please note that if you choose this option, we, the Gill PTA, will not be responsible for any lost or stolen cards.

Information on both the ShopWithScrip.com online ordering system and Presto-Pay has been included in this packet.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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