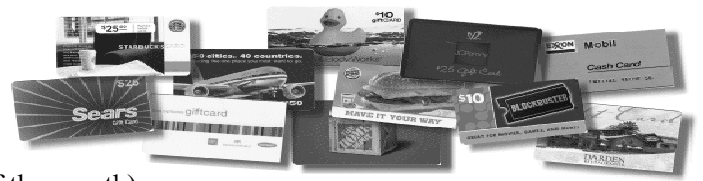


Scrip cards



Orders Due: Wednesday, October 8th

Anticipated Delivery: Friday, October 17th or before

Next Order: Due Wednesday, November 12th (2nd Wednesday of the month)

We are rolling forward with the Scrip Card fundraiser again this month. We had a small order last month but still managed to earn almost \$30. With your help we hope to increase our earnings off Scrip Cards this month. If you need extra forms for friends and/or family, go to prairiecentral.org and visit the Chenoa Elementary link. Or, extra forms are always available in the school office as well.

Remember ... it's not too early to start thinking about holiday gifts. You can purchase scrip cards to purchase your holiday gifts or you can purchase scrip cards as your holiday gift. At the moment, it looks like we will have 2 more orders before the Christmas break so you have a little time to plan.

There are literally hundreds of different retailers who participate in this program. The attached order form highlights retailers in our area. If you have family or friends who do not live in our area that shop at a retailer or frequent a restaurant not in our area, check out the website, www.glscrip.com. There is a complete list of retailers who participate in the program. Also, something new this year, you can see the gift card/certificate on the web before you purchase it. This allows you to see where the Scrip Card can be used and if there are special rules or expiration dates on the cards.

Listed below are answers to some questions you might have about Scrip.

What is Scrip? Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates/cards that are used just like cash. As you can see on the attached list, you can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, home improvement items, gas, etc., and, with every purchase you earn money for our school.

How does it work? PTO will buy Scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount and re-sell them to families for the full face value. The discount varies from two to fifteen percent or more depending on the retailer.

What do you need to do? Review the attached order form. Think ahead for the next month or so and think about any upcoming purchases you know you will make. Feel free to ask family, friends or neighbors to participate as well. Fill out your order form and submit it along with a check payable to Chenoa Elementary PTO. PTO will then purchase Scrip on your behalf. You can then use your Scrip to purchase the products you were going to buy anyway and PTO earns varying percentages of those purchases.

Below is an example of an order and how much we can earn:

I normally shop at **Jewel (4%)** and plan to spend \$100 this week. I also need an **Old Navy (9%)** \$25.00 gift card for my niece's birthday, I will apply \$50 to my **Kohl's (4%)** charge (not all retailers allow this—please check the website or check with the retailer before purchasing for this reason), we have an upcoming stay at a **Marriott Hotel (12%)** so I am going to purchase \$100 to apply towards that and we will probably go to Subway (3%) some time during the next month so I am going to purchase a \$10 gift card for Subway as well.

Jewel – 4% of \$100 is equal to \$4.00
Old Navy – 9% of \$25 is equal to \$2.25
Kohl's – 4% of \$50 is equal to \$2.00
Marriott – 12% of \$100 is equal to \$12.00
Subway – 3% of \$10 is equal to \$0.30

I just earned **\$20.55** for the school on purchases I was going to make anyway. I didn't have to buy anything I wouldn't use and my child didn't have to go door to door selling anything.

Scrip is an easy and popular fund raiser because we don't have to sell anything and you purchase Scrip for items you would purchase anyway. The biggest part is planning ahead and realizing what you may use/need.

Feel free to contact Penny Reed at 815-945-4063 or gpsnreed@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support and Happy Shopping!