

UNDERWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA

SCRIPS Program

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Dear Underwood Parent:

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

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money" - in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including JCPenney, The Gap, BP, Starbucks, Outback and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business.
- Underwood get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves no selling.
- Underwood PTA gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

We will be placing our first SCRIP order this Friday, November 21st. Return your order form with cash or check (Made out to: UNDERWOOD PTA) in an envelope labeled Jenn DiMeo-SCRIP. You can pick up your order next Thursday afternoon in carpool or I can send it home with your child.

The Underwood PTA scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thanks for your support! Please contact me if you have any questions on this new program.

Sincerely,

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