

SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL 😊

This school year CPU PTO will begin a fundraiser called Scrip to raise funds for projects listed below. PTO is kicking off the fundraiser during the holidays so that you can purchase your Scrip cards here first and then shop. Listed below is information about Scrip in general and how we will proceed with ordering.

What is Scrip and how is it used?

Scrip is *Fundraising While You Shop*™ - you raise money with **no selling**

History: In the late 1980s, the term scrip evolved to include a fundraising method popular with non-profit organizations like schools, bands and athletic groups. With scrip fundraising, retailers offer the gift certificates and gift cards to non-profit organizations at a discount. The non-profit organizations sell the gift cards to member families at full face value. The families redeem the gift cards at full face value, and the discount or rebate is retained by the non-profit organization as revenue. Great Lakes Scrip Center, the nation's largest broker of scrip gift cards, reported that more than 4 million US households and 15,000 non-profit organizations use scrip fundraising.

Example: You order \$100 in Scrip from JCPenney's. You get the \$100 gift Scrip card and the school receives \$5 for your order because they've agreed to pay the non-profit organization 5% of the gift card purchase. Everyone wins!!

Example: You order \$10 in Scrip from Subway. You get the \$10 gift Scrip card and the school receives \$.30 for your order because they've agreed to pay the non-profit organization 3% of the gift card purchase. Every little bit adds up!

How will it work at CPU?

- 2 ways to order Scrip; **online or by paper.**
- 1. **ONLINE:** We have registered with Great Lakes Scrip Center, the largest broker of scrip gift cards. To order online, go to www.shopwithscrip.com
 - a. You can place your order and pay for your order on-line by setting up a family account and then using the following enrollment code once your family account is set up.
 - b. **The Enrollment Code for CPU: 22L1A52531565**
 - c. In order to order online, you will have to set up an account through Presto-pay. **If you order online, you must pay online** per a decision made by the district at this time to manage this project. Please note that there will be a \$.39 transaction fee for each total order made online, which is less than the cost of a stamp. Ordering online also gives you the opportunity to “reload” your cards overnight for repeated shopping without waiting for the cards to arrive. The website details out which cards are eligible for “reloading” and that process.
 - d. Once you order, the Scrip gift cards will be delivered to school for you to pick up on the distribution date to save you the shipping cost.

2. **BY PAPER:** Enclosed with this explanation is an order form with lists of restaurants and stores from the area.
- You simply check the places and quantity you want to purchase a gift card from
 - Circle the card amount increment
 - Write a check for the total amount of cards ordered. **Purchase cards for the places where you typically shop and/or who you may want to purchase a gift card from.**
 - Make the check **Payable to Center Point Urbana Schools.**
 - Send the check and order form back to school.
 - The Scrip Committee will collect the money and order the cards. The school will send one check to Great Lakes electronically.
 - The cards will be sent Fedex to our school and the Scrip group will distribute the gift cards to you.

TURNAROUND TIME: If ordered on Monday, the cards will be **distributed** on Friday of that week via Friday folders or you can pick them up by 4:15 on Friday in the school offices.

PAPER ORDER FORMS; They will be sent in Friday Folders the Friday before an order is sent. They will also be available on the district webpage. Orders will be sent in Monday afternoon or early evening of the ordering date. *See ordering dates BELOW.*

HOLIDAY ORDERING November 7th through Christmas.

Ordering Dates: November 7th, November 14th, November 28th, December 5th, 12th, and 19th (yes, each week in December for your holiday shopping convenience 😊)

Future order dates will be given out in late December.

DISTRIBUTION DAYS: November 11th, November 18, December 2nd, December 9th, December 16th and December 22nd. The cards will be distributed on the Friday after the order date via Friday folders or you can pick them up by 4:15 on Friday in the school offices.

Scrip PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS;

- Preschool Playground surface in Urbana
- To replace the North Playground at the Primary Elementary in Center Point
- School-based needs

Thank you for your PTO support as we launch this new fundraiser where you raise money for our schools when you purchase gift cards through Scrip. Happy Shopping!!

NOTE: Additional paper order forms are available on the Preschool, Primary, and Intermediate web pages.

www.cpuschools.org