

NFA Parents' Association \$CRIP Newsletter September 2008

\$CRIP raised \$22,000 for the 2007-2008 school year!

Welcome back! Once again, as a major fundraiser, NFAPA \$scrip Committee will be selling gift cards to local grocery stores, specialty stores, and restaurants. Please try to place an order each week – it's easy once you start!

Beginning September 11, \$CRIP volunteers will be filling orders on Thursday mornings. This year, there are two order forms – the In-Stock Order Form and the Special Order Form. Special Orders are received the following week, In-Stock Orders are received the same week. To place your order online, access the Excel order form(s) via: the NFAPA virtual newsletter, VCF or \$scrip web page. Fill out and e-mail the order form OR print out the order, fill it in and send the order form in the manila \$scrip envelope. No matter how you order, still send your *check* in the manila \$scrip envelope. On Thursday's we will process your order(s) and send home the In-Stock gift cards. Special Order gift cards will be sent home the following Thursday. Use and reuse the manila \$scrip envelope week after week for all your \$scrip paperwork.

What Is \$CRIP?

\$scrip is gift certificates and gift cards! NFAPA purchases gift certificates at an average 5% discount. We resell them to our families at face value -- an instant 5% profit for NFA. As an incentive, NFAPA gives back 2%-3% of your total order in the form of a rebate. New this year: the NFAPA \$CRIP Committee will track your rebates for you! No more rebate receipts to keep! Twice a year, in January and May, participating families can redeem rebates for FREE \$CRIP! Details will be provided prior to "Rebate Day."

Your \$250 \$CRIP Gift Card Purchase Yields:

- \$250 in gift certificates for you for the stores you choose
- At least \$7.50 for NFA
- At least \$5 for you in FREE \$CRIP through rebates – rebates may be redeemed in January and May.

Special \$CRIP Gift Card Advantages:

- **Chestnut Hill Business Association Gift Certificates**
CHBA certificates (\$25) can be used at 139 (!) participating Chestnut Hill stores. Their versatility makes them truly great gifts. What's more, they yield NFA an 8% net profit! Merchants receive the full face value of the certificate from CHBA and treat them as cash.
- **Kohl's gift cards**
Kohl's gift cards can be used to pay Kohl's charge account balances - at the checkout! You can take advantage of all of the cardholder discounts, yet still help NFA and get a rebate, too.
- **Shop online!**
Many gift certificates and gift cards can be redeemed online! No credit card numbers to divulge, just gift certificate numbers.

\$CRIP Committee coordinates other fundraisers that don't cost you anything!

Genuardi—escrip In addition to gift cards, Genuardi's has an "escrip" program that directs 1% of your grocery purchase to the school of your choice. **Last year's profit: \$6,185.03!** Genuardi's club card escrip registration must be re-submitted each year. Last year's registrations have expired! This can be done one of two ways:

1. online at www.escrip.com
2. with the attached form

- Target -- Thanks to our Target shoppers, NFAPA received **\$655** last year! Help NFA benefit from your Target charge card. Call 1-800-316-6142 and make NFA your designated school
- General Mills Box Tops -- Please continue to collect General Mills "Box Tops for Education" and include them in your \$CRIP envelope. **Last year's profit: \$817.41!** Go to www.btfe.com to register.
- ACME Register Tapes -- Please continue to collect ACME register tapes (any color) and include them in your \$CRIP envelope. **Last year's profit: \$1,742.32!**
- Canceled Stamps - NFAPA will continue to collect canceled stamps. We forward these to the retired Sisters of St. Joseph at the Villa, for their fund raising endeavors. Include your canceled stamps in your \$CRIP envelope.

Questions? ??? Contact Maggie Bruce 610-940-0850, Kathryn Charlton 215-884-5837, Patti Hinchey 215-836-2129, Audrey Schwenger 610-260-9383. (Remember, we are at NFA on Thursday's!!)

Please - keep this newsletter for future reference!