

Hello OLP parents!

We apologize for the number of words that follow; however it is worth your time to read to the end!! Your OLP PTO has established the month of September as PTO REBATE AWARENESS month. Did you know that over the past few years PTO has provided over \$40,000 in materials to our teachers and school?? Where does that money come from..... Scrip sales, the annual golf tournament, and REBATES! The purpose of this email is to provide you with the information you need to support revenue generation for the PTO and allow for continued teacher and school support. Keep your eyes peeled for regular rebate updates and revenue status in Panther Prints, on the school's facebook site, etc.

The information below supplements the flier and baggie you hopefully received in your student's folder last week.

**BOX TOPS.** This year we decided to mix it up a bit and established a goal of \$8,000 in Box Top revenue!!!! Yep, \$8,000. Our theme is BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION ENRICHMENT - the school has requested that the first four items to be purchased include 2 iPads and 2 additional sets of ActiVotes to compliment our existing classroom Promethean Boards (your kids can explain the value of these items to you.) Don't be nervous, if you break this figure down by school family, it is a mere 40 box tops a quarter. WE CAN DO IT! Talk to aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, etc. and see if they will help us reach our goal. Attached to this email is a list of products that contain Box Tops. As additional items are identified to be acquired, we will keep you informed to the motivation going. Let's meet our goal this year - clip away!!!! FILL UP THOSE BAGGIES!!!! We are allowed two Box Top submittals per school year, the first submittal will be on November 1st!!!!

**SCRIP.** Did you know that most of the stores we shop in and restaurants we eat at support the SCRIP program?? Hy-Vee, Target, Walmart, Next Door Pizza, Waldo Pizza, Red Lobster, the list goes on and on. PTO would like for you to consider using SCRIP cards when you visit these stores and restaurants. A SCRIP order form is also attached to this email - check it out, bet you will find something you need (the percentage indicated on the form is the amount that goes to PTO.) Using SCRIP costs you nothing extra, you simply write a check to PTO, receive a gift card, and use the gift card at the retailer. Some retailers provide as much as 50% of the gift card amount back to the school!!! Other churches and schools have raised more than \$70,000 using this program. Think of what we could do for our school with that level of funds..... WOW!

**TARGET RED CARD.** This rebate program has been a sleeping giant for us over the past few years. Since the initiation of the Red Card, PTO has received a little over \$9,000 from families that used their Target Credit Card and set our school as the 1% rebate recipient. Target has recently expanded this program to include DEBIT CARDS!!!! If you get a Target debit or credit card you will save 5% on your purchases and, once you establish it, OLP PTO will receive an additional 1%. The 1% can really add up!

**HY-VEE.** Save your receipts!!!! For every \$200 in receipts the school receives \$1. Doesn't sound

like much you say??? Let's say every school family spends \$100 a week on groceries at Hy-Vee – that translates to almost \$8,000!!!!!! You can send your receipts to school with your child in an envelope, we will take it from there. Thank you for your support of this program.

**COKE REWARDS.** This is a new rebate program we have initiated for the 2011-2012 school year. Last check, we already have over 3,500 points in our account!!!! These points will be used to “purchase” art, playground, and/or gym supplies. You have two options for supporting our efforts – enter the points into your personal Coke Rewards account (they are EASY to set up) and donate them to the school or you can turn your point codes into us and we will enter them in the system for you. Again, put the codes (cut them out of the boxes or send the lids) in a baggie and send them to school with your child, we will take it from there.

**LANDS END, FRENCH TOAST, AND TYSON A+ LABELS.** OLP PTO benefits from these programs also, on a smaller level. If you order school uniforms from Lands End or French Toast they will give OLP PTO a percentage of your purchase. Make sure you select the school when you make your purchase!!!!!! Tyson A+ labels are worth 24 cents apiece – clip ‘em, send ‘em, and we will submit ‘em.

In summary, thank you for your continued support of your OLP PTO. We invite all of you to get involved – attend a meeting, offer to add up Hy-Vee Receipts (nudge, nudge), and participate in the rebate programs. If you have any questions or would like additional information please do not hesitate to contact the PTO Rebate Team:

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