



Money CAN grow on the Scrip tree!

Scrip is “substitute money” – gift cards and certificates to local and national merchants. The Astor PTA purchases Scrip at a discount and school parents, teachers, and friends buy it at face value – **a dollar for dollar exchange** – it costs NOTHING extra to help.

There’s no minimum order and using Scrip can help you budget your own money and plan ahead.

Over 200 local and national merchants participate in the Scrip program including Fred Meyer, Safeway, Burgerville, Burger King, Lowe’s, Petco, and Barnes & Noble, just to name a few. New this year is Papa Murphy’s, The Children’s Place, Burlington Coat Factory, and an Astor Scrip Certificate – give one of these to a fellow parent, teacher,

Astor staff member and let them decide on the merchant! For a full list of participating merchants, see the attached order form.

Using gift cards increases the power of your shopping dollars. Families get the **FULL** face value of the gift cards they buy PLUS Astor receives a profit! Gift cards make the perfect gift for holidays and birthdays!

The profit (2-45%) is used to fund our programs and other Astor school needs. The discount adds up quickly - In one week, the benefit to Astor can be HUGE! If several families participated in the Scrip program, it could reduce or ELIMINATE the need for other fundraisers. During the 2009-2010 school year, Astor received just over \$2,500 in profits through the Scrip program. Last school year (2010-2011), Astor received over \$3,400! Let’s go for even more this 2011-2012 school year! Here’s how you can make it work...

		Astor Receives (Discount)	
Groceries for the week	Fred Meyer	\$100	\$ 5.00 (5%)
Coffee on the run	Starbucks	\$ 5	\$ 0.30 (6%)
Work Lunch	Chipolte	\$ 10	\$ 0.90 (9%)
Dinner In	Papa Murphy’s	\$ 10	\$ 3.00 (12%)
Treats for sports team	Krispy Kreme	\$ 9	\$ 4.00 (45%)
New school outfit(s)	Ross Dress for Less	\$ 25	\$ 2.00 (8%)
Homework reward	Baskin & Robbins	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 0.16</u> (8%)
		\$161	\$18.06

The profit potential is limitless!

If 10 families made these purchases each month for the entire school year (10 months) Astor would receive \$1,806! Imagine the possibilities!

To participate and receive Scrip you will need to have your order form completed and payment to school by 8:15 am each order date. This year we will be placing orders every other week on Tuesday beginning on September 6th. Reminder emails will be sent out prior to the order date.

To help make your participation in the Scrip program even *easier*, the Astor PTA also has two new ways to offer you flexibility in your participation to the Scrip program – **standing orders** and **credit card payments**! If you are interested in ordering Scrip for particular merchants every month, we will swipe your credit card ONCE and will have your order ready for you each month. *Please see the Astor PTA Credit Card Standing Authorization Terms & Conditions on the back of the order form for additional information.* A service fee of \$1 is being added to all orders to help cover the Astor PTA’s costs in ordering scrip.

If you forget to order there is ALWAYS stock on hand to popular merchants (but credit cards will not be accepted by the office/school staff), so feel free to stop by and purchase your cards before you shop! The service fee of \$1 will be added to all on hand orders over \$100.

Thank you for your support. If you have questions about the Scrip program or if you would like to be added to our email reminder list, please contact the Helena Snyder at fundraising@astorpta.org or (503) 702-7411. We look forward to another record breaking year!