

Do you shop, dine, or gas up at any of these great Canadian retailers? If so, read on...



Dear Hillcrest Families:

Each year the Hillcrest PAC organizes a fundraising program to raise much needed funds for 'extras' not covered by the school budget. We provide money for library books, athletic equipment, technology, arts performances and more.

To reach our fundraising goals, we have chosen **FUNDSCRIP**. We chose Fundscrip because we wanted to present a program that most families could participate in and because **FundScrip costs you nothing!**

Picture this: You make your usual visit to the grocery store. You fill your cart and go to the check out. Instead of paying with cash or a debit card, you use a gift card that you purchased through our school. It costs you nothing extra but you just earned money for your child's school. You can use FundScrip cards to

purchase your everyday essentials such as groceries, gas and clothing. You can even use them at restaurants or for a cup of coffee. Please go to [www.fundscrip.com/retailers](http://www.fundscrip.com/retailers) to see the complete list of participating retailers.

### How does FundScrip work?

All you have to do is buy gift cards from FundScrip for the stores where you already shop. You spend the gift cards just like cash and in the process, earn money for your child's school. You receive the full value of the cards you order. For example, if you order a \$100 gift card for The Keg Steakhouse, you will get a \$100 gift card for The Keg, and \$8 more goes to your child's earnings pot. The earnings percentage is not deducted from your card.

The gift cards are the retailers' own cards that are swiped at the cash. The value of the purchase is automatically deducted from the value stored on the card. Any remaining balance can be used for future purchases.

### Hmm. Sounds good. So, what's the catch?

The catch, if there is one, is that you need to be a little organized in your shopping; however, you already buy groceries and gas on a regular basis. You know how much you spend and where you like to shop. So, as it turns out, the idea of buying gift cards for those purchases a couple of days in advance isn't such a "catch" after all. It's great for budgeting!

For additional information on the program, please visit [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com).

If you would like to participate, simply fill out the attached paper order form and attach a cheque in the name of Hillcrest Middle School PAC.

**Send these documents in to the school office no later than 3 pm Tuesday, November 29.**

### Order pickup

Orders will be available to pick up on **Wednesday, December 7** between 8:30 am and 4 pm at the school office. If this is not a convenient time please call Catherine Hubbs to make alternate arrangements.

**If you have any questions or concerns please call  
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