

FundScrip On-going Fundraising

Dear Parents and Supporters of Gwynne School:

We are pleased to announce that our FundScrip fundraiser is on-going through their website. Now you are able to support Gwynne School all year round just by continuing your normal shopping habits and using gift cards to pay for your purchases instead of debit or credit.

When you purchase gift cards through the FundScrip website, you receive the full value of the card and Gwynne School receives a percentage of that value as well (from 2% to 12% depending on the retailer). If we all use these gift cards to pay for everyday things like groceries and gas on a regular basis then the donations to Gwynne School will add up quickly and our kids will benefit. There is no limit to how much the school can receive in donations from FundScrip.

This on-going fundraiser is a direct ship program so the cards come to your home (or any other address you want). That feature makes it a great way for grandparents or other extended family members to support our children's education. They don't need to live close to Gwynne or even in Alberta to help out. There's no need for them to buy items they may or may not want to support the school, they can just change the way that they pay for items they're already purchasing.

It's also a great way to send funds or gifts to family members who live elsewhere. You can add their address to your account and send them a gift card. If you have a starving student in your family you can send them a grocery gift card and support our school at the same time.

If one small family uses our Fundscrip program regularly just to pay for groceries and gas they can generate around \$340 per year for the school. If 10 small families use this program for just groceries and gas that can add up to around \$3400 per year for the school. If 20 small families use this program just for groceries and gas that can end up making around \$6800 per year for the school. That's just groceries and gas for a small family. Cards for clothes or dining or coffee or movies or luxury products or gifts provide a greater return.

If you use e-gift certificates, you can also top them up and manage them with this program. Fundscrip maintains a "wallet" of e-gift cards for you so you can see balances and add funds and support our school all at the same time.

Instructions for setting up an account and placing and paying for an order can be found on the following page. If you have any questions about how the program works, please contact Vicki Croft at 780-352-6284 or lvcroft@alberta-rules.com.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Gwynne School Parent Association

FundScrip Order Instructions

For first-time direct ship orders

1. Go to www.fundscrip.com
2. Click on the green “Support a Group” button.
3. Enter Gwynne School’s Group Invitation Code: **JG7R4B**
4. Enter your personal details to create your FundScrip account. It will send an email to your email address to confirm that you’re who you say you are. Your email address will end up being your login.
5. Click on the link in the email to confirm your email address and it will take you to the site and ask you a few questions about your preferences and then your account will be set up.
6. To place an order you can add cards to your shopping cart but you will also need to choose a shipping method, add an address and choose a payment method before you can checkout.
 - The only shipping method currently available in our group is direct shipping. So the cards will come direct to the address you indicate. You can choose regular lettermail (currently \$0.89) if there are fewer than 4 cards in your order.
 - When adding an address, the “Attention To” field is mandatory and that’s where you want to put the name of the person you’re sending the cards to.
 - There are three options for payment:
 - Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) – This is the method that automatic withdrawals from your bank account use (just like your mortgage payment or insurance payments or utilities). Once set up, it’s the easiest to use. Funds are only withdrawn from your bank account when you place an order. To set this up you need to fill out FundScrip’s EFT form and send them a copy or image of a VOID cheque.
 - Online Bill Payment – This method is also quite easy if you pay bills online with your bank. If you choose this method, FundScrip will issue you a number after you place your first order. You use this number as your account number when you log into your bank to pay the order amount. You’ll need to set up FUNDSTREAM/FUNDSCRIP as a payee and enter the number they gave you as your account number. Then you pay the order amount like you would any other bill.
 - Credit Card – You can also use your credit card to pay for your FundScrip order, however this method reduces the amount of money that Gwynne School receives by the cost of the credit card processing fee. (But every little bit helps)
7. Once you have received your gift cards, you need to log in to your account and confirm that you have received your order. There should be banner asking you to do so once you log in, but if not you can find your orders under the “Your Activity” heading at the top of the page.
8. Enjoy the good feeling you get from supporting our school while purchasing groceries, gas and anything else you might need. =)