

KIRKLAND PRESCHOOL

"FUN"D RAISING NEWS

WHY DO WE DO FUND RAISING?

- We're a non-profit school.
- We keep our tuition (and our expenses!) as low as we can, while still providing excellent education with excellent teachers.
- Our mission includes welcoming all families, even if their budgets can't afford our tuition. So we have a healthy work scholarship program, primarily funded by the generosity of our donors.
- We are also raising money to help pay for repainting our building exteriors.

AUCTION HOW-TO'S

Our School Auction is **Saturday, March 19, 2016!** Find a 2016 calendar, mark that date, and start arranging your baby sitter!

Also, start thinking about what you would like to see on our auction table. Would you bid on a yummy chocolate and coffee basket? How about bidding for 2 hours of someone weeding your garden? Would you be tempted by some interesting bottles of wine? If you think of something you would like, you know others would like it, too—and they are the ones who will bid on that item.

So how do we get these great items? We ask our community—our favorite businesses, friends, relatives. Actually, that step will come later, after we have the printed materials ready to share with you.

Many of us also find things and services that we can donate. As a 501(c)3 non-profit school, all donations are tax deductible. We need to complete that same paperwork mentioned above, but we can start acquiring items now. Just save your receipts!

A NEW WAY OF SHOPPING!

For those of you new to our school, here's another way to help out.

We offer an optional "SCRIP" program. This means that many businesses of all kinds give our school a percentage of the money you spend with them, in exchange for you using special gift cards to pay for your purchase.

For example, I pay the school \$250 for a Safeway gift card. Then every time I go to Safeway, I whip out that gift card instead of my debit card or cash. I still get all my gas reward points. AND Safeway gives our school \$10!

In September, we'll share more about how this works. And on the next page, you'll see how Fred Meyer helps out schools like ours. All this generosity adds up!

For those of you who like to "get it done early", you might keep an eye on seasonal sales. For example, soon summer stuff will be on sale and you could inexpensively pick up some pool and backyard toys. Someone else might donate a child's wagon, and presto! We put them together and have a great Summer Fun package!

The same idea can be used with kitchen items, car care supplies—really, you donate it, and we will artfully combine these donations to make "must-have" displays.

In future "Fun"d Raising News, we will spark your creativity by suggesting monthly categories—like "Guy Stuff" or "Family Fun". Of course, you can donate anything at any-time. And the next newsletter will talk about ways you can volunteer to help. Together, we will enjoy an Extraordinary Auction!