Frequently Asked Scrip/Gift Card Questions

What is SCRIP and why should I buy it?

Scrip means "substitute money". Scrip is regular pre-paid gift cards and paper gift certificates for a specific store, restaurant, or service that provides a discount to non-profits needing to raise funds. Scrip is a dollar for dollar exchange and costs supporters nothing. Mabel Rush PIE (Partners in Education aka Parent Group) receives the store discount as a profit and uses the funds to support Art Lit, field trips, assemblies, family fun nights, The Carnival, Fifth Grade Outdoor School, technology, playground equipment, teachers wish lists and many more activities. Gift cards can be used for gifts or everyday spending like gas and groceries at Fred Meyer, ordering from Amazon, clothes shopping or paying your credit card at Kohl's, washing your car at Blue Dolphin Car Wash, eating Pizza at Abby's or Papa Murphy's and ice cream at Jem 100.

How do I pay for Scrip and get more forms?

We prefer cash or checks from people we know. A check return fee for insufficient funds is \$25.00. As stated above Mabel Rush PIE is a nonprofit organization and cannot afford a loss. New forms can be picked up in the lobby, I can place one in your order envelope or on our parent website http://mabelrushparentgroup.weebly.com. A weekly or bimonthly order can be arranged for your convenience. **Does Scrip expire**?

A gift certificate may have printing that stipulates it is good from one year from date of purchase. Gift cards by law do not expire or have fees assessed for non-use. Read the back of each card to know the specifics or check the balance online at the store website.

Do I get change back from a purchase and how do I know how much is left on the card?

If you use a gift card, any change remaining from a purchase stays on the card. Change may be given up to specific amounts from gift certificates. Most cards have a toll free customer service number listed on the card back or check the website for the card balance. **Where can Scrip be used?**

The national stores (like Amazon, Macy's, Nike, Starbucks, Dicks's, ITunes, Home Depot, Lowe's, Marshall's, Ross, Cabella's, Target, etc) cards can be used at any store location nationwide and make a great gift for out of town friends and family or for taking on trips. Some cards/certificates are specific only to the Portland metro area. Please refer to the specific store information printed on the Scrip Personal Order Form. Did you know you can pay for gas at Fred Meyer's using a gift card or pay your Kohl's credit card with gift cards (Scrip). **What if I lose my Scrip and can I get a refund on my scrip order**?

Gift cards and certificates are just like cash and must be safeguarded just like money. Sorry, gift cards cannot be returned. Some paper

certificates can be returned but there will be a small restocking fee for the school/group. Order gift cards accurately to avoid errors. What is the potential benefit for Mabel Rush PIE?

The potential for profit from combined orders is limitless----thousands of \$\$\$\$ yearly? The greater the participation and number of orders equates to more money earned. It's simple; if you buy groceries and gas at Fred Meyer's, a single \$100 card earns us \$4. If you purchase two cards per month for the average school year you would be earning M.R. \$72. If 100 families did the same thing we would earn \$7200! This example does not include purchasing Starbucks, Safeway, New Seasons, Amazon, Kohl's, Cabela's, Chevy's, Red Robin. Oil Can Henry's, etc.

Local business participants supporting Mabel Rush PIE. Dolphin Car Wash *10% 6 Packs Express \$30, Plus \$40, Works \$50							
Abby's Pizza * 15%	@\$10.00=	Pogy's *10%	_@\$5.00=	Jem 100*10%	_@\$5.00=		

Remember that some Scrip (Fred Meyer, Safeway, Starbucks, Jem 100) is available in the office for immediate purchase. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Your time and participation is valued, Heather Harrison (Scrip Coordinator) 971.506.6862. Email at <u>g_harrison@frontier.com</u> Orders are due on Tuesday by 10:00 am in the office and delivered to you on Thursday in your child's back pack or the office. Parent Group website at http://mabel rushparentgroup.weebly.com

SCRIP RELEASE FORM Mabel Rush PIE 1441 Deborah Road, Newberg, OR 97132 503.554.4450

I do hereby grant permission for <u>(student name)</u> to deliver payment of Scrip to Mabel Rush Elementary School and or pick up the Scrip from the school and deliver them home.

I also agree and understand that the school or PIE will not be held accountable for any lost or stolen Scrip which occurs during the transportation of Scrip from the school to my home.

I entrust the responsibility of the Scrip transactions with the student(s) named above and no other. If by chance, this student is relieved of this task and or any other person or student should be assigned, I will notify Mabel Rush PE Scrip Coordinator and sign a new release form immediately. Scrip call also be placed in the office for pick up. Just indicate it on the form

Parent Signature		Student Signature	Teachers
Name	Date		