

Dear MCDS Families,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! By now many of you are familiar with our Scrip program. For those of you new to MCDS and for returning families who may not have participated last year, Scrip is a great way to offset your family's Building Use Fee.

The Building Use Fee is a standard fee that is separate from tuition and is used solely for routine facility expenses. For the 2008-09 school year the Building Use Fee is \$425 per family. This fee **will not come due until June, 2009**; however it will appear on your August billing and subsequent statements. Each family has two options for payment:

*Families can select to pay the building use fee upfront

or

*This fee can be **completely or partially offset** through participation in the MCDS Scrip program. Here is how it works:

- When you purchase a gift card at face value from MCDS for a variety of local and national retailers (groceries, gas, restaurants, retail stores, etc.), MCDS buys the card for you and receives a percentage discount that varies from retailer to retailer. Beginning **Monday, August 4th, 2008**, your Building Use Fee will be reduced by the amount that the school earns from the percentage discount on your personal Scrip card purchases. You will receive a quarterly statement showing how much your family has earned for that period. It's an easy way to earn money necessary for building maintenance as well as reduce your fiscal obligation at the same time.
- Additional friends and family may choose to participate in the program and designate their proceeds to your family's fee.

All monies earned over the \$425 Building Use Fee will be applied toward the Annual Fund.

How can you order Scrip? You can order online at **ShopwithScrip.com** or by paper form available online in the Friday Folder and at the Scrip desk in the lower school lobby. We will be open for business on Monday and Friday mornings and usually have Woodmans, Copps, PDQ, Kwik Trip, BP and Whole Foods in stock for immediate delivery. Everything else will be ordered on Monday mornings by 10:30am and will be available for pick up on Friday mornings at the Scrip desk or Friday afternoons at the Lower School front desk.

NOTICE! If we have a 4 day week, we will be open for business on the first day and pick-up will be on the last day. If we have a 3 day week we will be there on the first and last day but no order will be placed until the following week. You can still purchase cards we have in stock.

To order online, go to **ShopwithScrip.com**. The first time you order you will be asked to register your family. The MCDS enrollment code is **AL4F7L6811L73** and is case sensitive. After you have registered, you can set your own login and password for future orders. You may place your orders online any day of the week and MCDS will release the orders on Monday mornings. You may bring your order form and check on Monday and receive those cards we have in stock right away.

Great News! ShopwithScrip.com has made several improvements to their website. Now you can **pay online** using the new **Presto Pay** option! ShopwithScrip.com will deduct payment from your checking account for an additional \$.39 eliminating the need to bring in your payment on

Monday morning.

How can you pay for Scrip? All orders must be paid in cash or by check made out to MCDS or by Presto Pay online. Sorry, no credit cards. Your payment must be turned in to the Scrip desk by Monday morning at 10:30 in order to release your family's order. You may drop off your payment anytime prior to Monday as well. There is a Scrip mailbox located behind the Lower School front desk.

PLEASE NOTICE The ShopwithScrip.com website keeps current and up to date information about retailers, their availability, and percentages which are subject change at any time without notice. As hard as we try, it is difficult to keep up with these changes on our paper form and cannot guarantee the percentage listed will be completely accurate at the time of your order. Using ShopwithScrip.com eliminates this problem. We strongly encourage everyone to use it as their primary source for ordering Scrip **including** the cards we keep on hand listed above.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon! If you have any questions please contact our Scrip coordinator, Lubna Azad at happystampn@charter.net or Barb Spurlin, MCDS Business Manager, at bspurlin@madisoncountryday.org or 850-6374.