

FUNDRAISING FOR 2008-2009

Our goal again this year is to increase the participation in fundraising programs that **DO NOT** take any money from your normal household budget. We have several programs that take very little effort, no additional money from your wallet and provide your PTA with needed funds.

SCRIP: You see us out front of the school at pick-up and drop-off; you see the flyer come home in the newsletter but yet you are still not sure what this program is all about. **SCRIP is an excellent way to support the programs at your school without taking any additional funds from your household budget.** All you need to do is to purchase your normal grocery budget for the month through the SCRIP program. Example:

You spend \$400 a month on groceries. We offer SCRIP from most local grocery stores:

Bellingham Public Market/Terra Organica

Bellingham Food Coop

Cost Cutter

Fred Meyer

Haggen

Example	200.00 Cost Cutter
You normally spend:	100.00 Fred Meyer
	100.00 Haggens

At the SCRIP desk, or through the order form, you order \$200 in Cost Cutter, \$100 Fred Meyer and \$100 in Haggen SCRIP (gift cards). We give you gift cards equaling that amount-see no extra money from your pocket-and the school will receive \$20 from the merchants. **Over the course of the school year you have contributed \$200 to the PTA without spending one extra dollar! Just think of the possibilities!** We have a whole list of participating merchants, many more than just groceries! Check it out. **Our last year profit was \$19,201.34.**

This is a tried and true fundraising program that private schools participate in and have for many years. There is no reason why we can't be just as successful as they are. If you have any questions, please feel free to call- Molly McAtee @715-1794

JOG-A-THON: This year, we will be doing the jog-a-thon at the end of September. Information packets will be coming home soon. This is a great fundraiser with all the children participating by giving it their best physical effort. **Last year we earned just over \$19,201.34.** The kids are so proud of how many laps they do! This is fun event for everyone to participate in, kids and parents alike.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Look for these labels on many of the packaged foods you buy. Tear them off and send them to your child's classroom. Each month these are collected and sent to the company for redemption. Another no cost way to contribute to Geneva PTA.

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS: This fundraiser helps you figure out what to do with those printer cartridges cluttering up your garage! Bring your/your employer/your relatives/your neighbors (you get the idea) used laser, ink or toner cartridges to school for recycling. There is a drop-off right inside the front doors. **Last year we earned just over \$542.80 by collecting these items.** This is one more way to help Geneva PTA at no cost to your family.

HAGGEN SCHOOL BUCKS: Link your Haggens C.A.R.D. to Geneva Elementary and when you purchase selected items, Haggens donates a percentage to our school. **Even if you have linked your cards to your school in the past you need to do it every year. Linking is easy! Last year our Haggens cards brought in \$824.25**

By phone: call 1.800.995.1902

In Store: at guest services

On Line: www.haggen.com

We know that each family has its own sets of values, goal and opportunities and we respect that. If none of these fundraising options appeal to you but you would still like to support Geneva PTA, you can make a tax-deductible donation. Geneva PTA is a non-profit organization 501©3. Send in a check and our treasurer will issue you a receipt.