



## What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for James Monroe Elementary School.

## How scrip generates revenue for Monroe Elementary School

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of numerous non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our school buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is Monroe’s revenue.

For example: You purchase four \$25 gift cards for JC Penney (total \$100).  
**You pay \$100, you get \$100 and Monroe gets \$5 (JC Penney contributes 5%).**  
 You purchase four \$25 gift cards for CVS (total \$100)  
**You pay \$100, you get \$100 and Monroe gets \$6 (CVS contributes 6%).**

## Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families **don't have to sell anything**. Our families produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

## Ordering Scrip

At least once a month a Scrip Update will be sent home with your child, with a reminder of special order dates, special order dates for the entire year are listed on the other side of this flyer and the form is available on the web at <http://monroe.wyandotte.org>.

- Side ONE of the Scrip Update will list the special order dates and will note any changes to the program with retailers (adds/deletions/discounts).
- Side TWO is the Special Order Form for cards/certificates. This form is a limited list; visit the Great Lakes Scrip website, [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com), for an up-to-date complete list of all participating retailers. You can purchase from any retailer who participates, if they are not listed on our form, just **write in** the retailer on the form.

You can pay for your Scrip by cash, check (made out to Monroe PTO) or money order.

In November, we hope to kick off a ShopWithScrip program with **ONLINE** order/payment options, stay tuned for more information.

## Find Out More

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