



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Christian School

December 2011

# FPCS FUNdRAISING

The year so far and how You can help



**“Jack Frost Nipping at Your Nose...”**

## SCRIP

Scrip sales are off to a great start this year! Through the first couple of orders, we have already sold over \$4,000 worth of gift cards which have provided FPCS a little over \$400 in our fundraising account. The third order was just placed and is scheduled to arrive prior to the Christmas break. If you have any last minute gifts there will be a table set up in the Quad with gift cards from Starbucks, Dutch Bros, Petco, Pet Smart, Wal-Mart and others. You can purchase these cards during pick-up, Monday, Dec. 12 through Friday, Dec. 16—or while supplies last!

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## Box Tops / Labels for Education

Our students and parents have done a great job sending in Box Tops and Labels for Education. Each one is worth \$0.10, which doesn't seem like much, but we have earned nearly \$200 so far! During December and January, students can bring in Box Tops and Labels and drop them off in their classrooms. Ask your student to request Box Tops/Labels from other family members, friends, and neighbors. And don't forget about eBoxTops—the information was sent home with students at the end of November. The class that collects the most by the end of January will win a movie and popcorn party!

## Important Upcoming Dates...

DECEMBER 14 ~ K-3 Music Program

December 16 ~ Pre-school Music Program

January 2012 ~ Next T-shirt Order

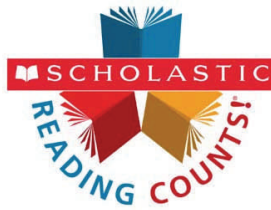
JANUARY 2012 ~ Papa Murphy's Night

May 12, 2012 ~ SAVE THE DATE—FPCS 7th Annual Auction

## T-Shirt Sales

Last year FPCS t-shirts were introduced and students and parents have been showing off their school spirit. The ordering process has been streamlined this year to make it easier to place your orders. You can now do it directly from the FPCS website: <http://firstpresbyterian.deco-apparel.com/>. There are youth and adult sizes in different styles and three colors. Once your order is placed, it takes approximately 7-10 business days *after the order deadline* to receive your items. The next order deadline will be in January 2012.

## Scholastic Book Fair



This Fall's Scholastic Book Fair was the most successful in FPCS history! \$8,700 in books were sold that week, which meant \$2,000 in cash for our fundraising account and a lot of book points for new books for our library. Part of our success was extending the Book Fair to church-goers on Sunday. In just four hours we did \$1,300 in sales!

Scholastic is a great way to get students excited about books. Teachers have monthly Scholastic flyers and parents can order online each month—for every online order, the teacher receives a free book for their classroom. And each month there is always one special book for \$1! A great way to build a child's library at home and a great way to build the child's classroom library. For the most recent flyer, contact your student's teacher or take a look online at: [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs).

Our next Book Fair is Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 2, 2012.

## 2011 / 2012 Yearbook

Last year was the first year that FPCS created a school yearbook and it was met with much excitement. This year's edition will be even better than last year and you can look forward to reserving your copy this Spring.

In the meantime, we need your help! Please take photos of your student's classroom activities! Field trips, holidays, electives, special events—we would like photos that you have taken to help us capture all the memorable moments. Of course, not every photo can make it into the yearbook, but the more we have to choose from the better.

Please submit your best quality photos to Michelle DeLeon at [madeleon28@comcast.net](mailto:madeleon28@comcast.net). We are so appreciative of our parents and teachers who help us to record those special in-and out-of-classroom experiences.

Visit us on the school website:

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## FPCS 7th Annual Auction

### SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, May 12, 2012

We are still in need of an Auction Committee Chairperson. The Auction Chair position is very important and rather time-intensive. But the Auction Committee is there to help you every step of the way.

**Auction Chair Job Description:** Oversee all aspects of the Auction. Keep your volunteers focused and accountable. Job Requirements: Highly organized, good motivator, strong communicator.

**Auction Booklet and Ticket Design Chair:** Kyrsten will be working with our graphic designer on auction graphics, invitations, tickets, and booklet cover. However, we still need someone to enter auction booklet text: items descriptions, auction agenda, donor acknowledgments, etc. Will need to coordinate with our Printing Chair. This chair should be someone familiar with computer programs such as Publisher.

**Technical Chair:** After being trained on the Greater Giving website, the computers, printers, and credit card machines for the Auction, this Chair will oversee training volunteers AND oversee the team who will man the computers, printers, and credit card machines the night of the Auction. Some technical savvy required.

*Please contact Tracy Blue right away if you are able to fulfill any of the above positions.*

## We Pay Tuition, So Why Fundraising? Who Benefits?

Our children are getting a superb education at First Pres Christian School. The teachers are committed, the class sizes are small, the joy of learning is pervasive, and the focus on Christ is beautiful. We know that our tuition dollars help provide this, so why do we need fundraising? Actually, our tuition dollars do not cover all that we get at FPCS. For 2012, our teachers' salaries, teaching assistants' and specialists' pay, health insurance, substitute costs, administrative costs, advertising, facilities and supplies will total \$475,222. Our tuition will bring in approximately \$474,855. But there is more to the story.

First Presbyterian Church continues to provide the building space, custodial services, heating, printing and mailing costs, and L&I insurance. In addition, the church gives \$20,000 in scholarship funds for families in need. However, the need exceeded \$40,000 this year. The difference was made up by individual gifts to the scholarship fund, "Raise the Paddle" at the Auction, the Barton School gift, and cuts to the budget. Starting in January, the school will be taking on some of these additional costs as well, such as L&I, printing and mailing.

Bricks and mortar projects – like a new classroom or additional playground equipment – require funds that tuition does not cover. That is also true of computers, curriculum and even some basic materials for the whole school.

This is why your help with fundraising is so important. If you are in a position to give financially, that is wonderful. But if not, there are many ways in which we need your help. Right now, the greatest need is for an Auction Chair. We also have 2 remaining sub-chairs. However, there are many areas in which we could use your time and talents. Please contact Kyrsten Weber, Fundraising Co-chair, at 220-2477, or Tonia Wilder, Volunteer Coordinator, at 747-9192 (M,W,F).

Thank you, in advance, for your help!

-Kyrsten Weber (parent of a Preschooler & Kindergartener at FPCS)  
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