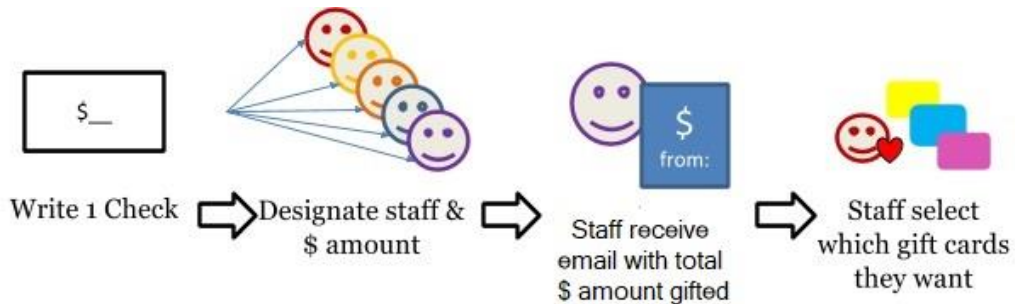


# Ben Franklin Academy 2017 Holiday Gift Giving Program

Dear Ben Franklin Families,

The BFA PTO is offering families the opportunity to participate in the SCRIP card group gift giving program for our staff. If you would like to participate in a group class gift or give gift cards to staff this holiday season, we encourage you to try this gift giving option! Our staff is excited to try the program and is amazed at the generosity of our community!

## How Does this Program Work?



Each staff member receives an email with the total amount collected. Individual donation amounts will not be listed. The staff members can then choose how to spend the money they have been given. The gift card(s) will be presented to the staff from the students. The SCRIP program offers gift cards from hundreds of vendors from which teacher or staff can choose. By consolidating donations, we are able to provide staff members with meaningful gifts.

## How Do I Participate?

If you would like to participate, you will need to complete one SCRIP form per family. We'll be distributing forms in Thursday folders on 11/30. You can also find the form on the BFA PTO website: [www.bfacademy.org/parent-teacher-organization](http://www.bfacademy.org/parent-teacher-organization). You can select the teachers and staff you would like to recognize and note the amount you would like to contribute to each. Then, put the form and your check into an envelope marked **Attn: SCRIP Coordinator**, seal and return. **The teachers and room parents will NOT be collecting these.** There will be a PTO lockbox in the front office and we will also be collecting envelopes during afternoon carpool on December 5 and 6 for your convenience. **We will be accepting donations until December 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please do not return to the classroom.

## How much should I donate?

**The program is completely VOLUNTARY, and a great way to contribute towards a class gift.** You may donate any amount in \$1 increments. Staff will not know the specific amount of each individual gift. They will receive the entire collective amount. Every \$1 donation adds up! Consider gifting some of your favorite specials teachers or other staff members \$1.

## How does this help BFA?

This program allows the PTO to purchase the requested gift cards at discounts ranging from 2% to 21%, depending on the retailer. For example, for \$200 purchased in gift cards, the PTO gets \$4-\$42 back from SCRIP that will be used for PTO funded programs at the school. It is "win/win/win" - families win by having a convenient way to participate in a group gift, the BFA staff wins as they can choose what they want and need, and the school benefits from the revenue created via the discounts. We hope you will consider participating in this fabulous program for our amazing BFA Teachers & Staff! Don't miss out! The deadline is approaching quickly!

**Questions?** Please contact the SCRIP Coordinator at: [BFASCRIP@gmail.com](mailto:BFASCRIP@gmail.com). Thank you!