

Parents/Guardians:

We wanted to let you know that the 2017 Holiday Shoppe is Thursday 12/7 & Friday 12/8!
Elementary students will be getting the Holiday Shoppe flyer and envelope next week.
Middle School kids can pick up an envelope in the office (if needed).

The Holiday Shoppe is a really great PTA service set up for our students. This is not a fundraiser. We do this for the kids because most of them love the opportunity to shop on their own for their loved ones for the holidays.

The way it works:

- We set up a holiday store at the school.
- **Elementary** teachers sign up for a 20 minute timeslot to come down with their classes.
- **Middle school students** come on their own after school on Thursday 12/7 (open until 3:30pm) or before school Friday 12/8 (7:45-8:15am).
- Parent volunteers help them pick out gifts for the people on their mental or paper lists and help them stay within their budgets.

How much to send in:

The gifts range in price from \$1 - \$20, but most are between \$3-\$7 range. The prices charged at the Shoppe are at cost, no mark up. So it should be a pretty good deal. We will be giving them gift bags to wrap their gifts right away so you shouldn't have to see your presents too early (unless they just can't wait to give it to you)!

First Timers - Here is my advice, I hope it helps:

- They only have 20 minutes, so maybe keep the list to immediate family and grandparents.
- It's impossible to budget or guess how much they will spend on each person. And honestly, that is the awesome part of this whole event. They might see the most beautiful tin cocktail ring they've ever seen in the world that they want to get for Mom that is \$2. Then a really funny squeeze toy that makes inappropriate noises for their sibling that costs \$10. Put in any amount you're comfortable with; it's amazing how it will all work out. They love to figure it out and they love that they get to make the decision on what to buy.

Elementary teachers will be signing up for their timeslots and sending home the letters and envelopes NEXT WEEK. Once I have the sign-up sheet completed and returned, I'll take a picture of it and we'll post it on FB and **our website** so that you know when your class is shopping. We'll also ask the teachers to let you know.

If your child is participating, Please have them bring their envelope with \$\$ ON THE DAY THEY ARE SHOPPING (ONLY).

Please let us know if you have any questions. I hope the kids are looking forward to it.

I truly can't wait to watch your children shop for you. I wish I could video it and attach it as part of your gift. :)

Happy Holidays,
Kimberly Reilly & HAS PTA Holiday Helpers