

PTSA is excited to tell you that we are once again holding a food and gift card drive to benefit families who are struggling this holiday season. We will work directly with the Issaquah Food Bank. We will also help out families at Beaver Lake who are facing hard times. Last year we helped many, many people with the generosity of our students, their parents and all of you. PTSA will coordinate the project along with the Leadership class. Signing up to assist us will enable Honor Society students to earn community service hours.

We will be collecting the food items **before** school during the week of **November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Food Bank identified three types of food they really need: **cereal, juice and meals in a can** (i.e.- chili, stew, etc). We will of course accept other types of food.

The second part of our charity drive is the gift cards. You will each receive an envelope to be used for your 1<sup>st</sup> period class. **During the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>**, please have your students simply place their gift cards into the envelope on their way into your classroom. I will stop by and collect them, tally them and return the envelopes to you for the following day. You should not need to take any class time to collect them – we will hang the envelope right by your door. **However, I am asking that you take a moment to remind the kids that we need the receipt attached to the gift card!** This is very important. Last year I had to call on each one that did not have a receipt in order to verify the amount.

A list of possible businesses to purchase gift cards.

**ATTACH RECEIPTS TO THE GIFT CARDS!**

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| *Target                   | *Regal Movie Theater |
| *Fred Meyer               | *Costco              |
| *QFC                      | *Game Stop           |
| *Toys R Us                | *Bell Square         |
| *Safeway                  | *Blockbuster         |
| *Gas Stations (Shell/ 76) | *Ross                |
| *Area Restaurants:        |                      |
| -Red Robin                | *Jamba Juice         |
| -Subway                   | *Zeek's Pizza        |
| -La Casita                | *Yoko                |

**-McDonald's**

**\*Qdoba**

**-Starbucks**

**\*Coldstone**

**They are by no means limited to these and we will accept gift cards from anywhere! I try to remind the kids that the families we are assisting do live in the Issaquah area though and may not have transportation.**

**Thank you so much for all of your help. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or suggestions!**

**Thankfully,**

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