

Progressive Fundraiser – FAQ

We are excited to start our second year of fundraising program that will help our school raise money simply by making our usual, everyday purchases and will not cost you one additional penny!

The fundraising program is operated through an organization called “Progressive Fundraising” that has been helping non-profit organizations raise money for many years. Here are some FAQs that will help explain how this will work.

How Does it Work?

Progressive Fundraising purchases gift cards from large retail stores in bulk, enabling them to get a good discount from these stores. The majority of that discount is then passed on to non-profit organizations like schools, churches, day cares, sports organizations, clubs and charities.

These gift cards are available for us to purchase at their face value, with no additional fees, just as they will cost us if we were to buy them directly from the stores. The school benefits from the discount (as mentioned above) that Progressive Fundraising receives from the stores.

Who Are Some of the Participating Retailers?

Currently, there are over 90 participating retailers to choose from. Just to list a few, they include:

- T & T Supermarket
- Safeway
- Market Place IGA
- Choices Market
- Superstore
- London Drugs
- M&M Meat Shops
- Shoppers Drugmart
- Sears
- Hbc
- Gap/Old Navy
- Winners
- Home Depot
- Rona
- Home Hardware
- Canadian Tire
- Best Buy
- Future Shop
- Chapters
- Staples
- Keg
- White Spot
- Cactus Club
- Sport Chek
- Chevron
- Esso
- Petro Canada

How Much Can We Expect to Raise?

The percentage of what we can raise varies from retailer to retailer and ranges from 2% to 15% (as noted on the form). Over two years of participating in the Progressive Fundraiser, we have raised about \$4,000.

How Do I Participate?

Order forms can be found on the school website and from the school lobby. Parents are asked to return the completed form with payment by the due date. Orders will be taken on a monthly basis, so make sure you plan ahead. You will be contacted by email or phone when the gift cards arrive, approximately a week from the due date. Check the website for upcoming order due dates.