



## What Is The ORCA Fund?

A flat, tax free donation of at least \$75 per Edmonds Elementary child to be used to cover the cost of:

- student school supplies
- testing supplies
- classroom activities & supplies
- student planners for intermediate students
- field trips
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp subsidy
- emergency shed supplies

**Complete form on back. Return to school by 9/15/09.**

## Why Do We Need The ORCA Fund?

### ✓ Bulk student supplies purchasing = \$ cost savings & no more back to school shopping!...

In these difficult times when our school operating budget is at an all-time low, we need to find smarter ways to use available funds. Plus no more back to school supplies shopping lists for you... just provide a backpack and lunchbox.

### ✓ No more requests throughout the year for \$5 here and \$10 there...

How many times last year were you asked for either money or a donation to go towards field trips, classroom parties, classroom art projects, etc.? With the success of the ORCA Fund, these requests will vanish.

### ✓ Give every EE student a chance to attend camp at a reasonable cost...

In addition to saving money by having the 5th & 6th grade classes attend camp together every other year, we will start to build a fund to subsidize the per student cost. Please note, parents of those children attending camp will still be asked to pay an additional amount for camp participation. All EE children will get the opportunity to attend camp in the 5th & 6th grades. The ORCA Fund will make the cost to parents more affordable.

### ✓ Ensure our Emergency Shed is well stocked...

Every year we need to replenish perishables in the Emergency Shed so the children and staff have the food,

water, and medical supplies they may need in a disaster situation.

### ✓ No more hassles of selling gift wrap AND we keep 100% of what we collect...

Rather than have the children (and us!) go through the hassle of selling cookies, gift wrap, or candy to raise funds to support all of the above, many parents said they prefer a flat donation at the beginning of the year. With programs like selling gift wrap, EE keeps only a portion (around 50-60%) of the funds collected. The rest of the money goes back to the company whose goods we sell. If you have asked friends and family to buy products we've sold in the past, please ask them to help again this year by supporting the ORCA Fund. The more support we get, the better school experience your child will have.

## Does The ORCA Fund Replace The STARS Auction?

No. The STARS Auction in the spring is unique to Edmonds Elementary and the STARS Foundation is completely separate from the ORCA Fund. The Auction is the only source of income for the many numerous and generous grants given to the classrooms "Supporting the Teaching of Arts, Reading and Science." The STARS Auction will continue to need your time and donations to succeed.

## So That's It? Just One Check And I'm Done?...

Well, not exactly. We still need your support for:

- the Para-Educators' Fund – directly pays for Para-Educators' time at EE;
- Boxtops, PACE, and other programs which bring money back into our school;
- school-wide charitable events (Clothes for Kids, food drives, etc.);
- the PTA as an organization through membership fees; and
- the Annual Jog-A-Thon.

And of course spirit wear, yearbooks and tickets to special events will be sold at the lowest possible cost to those families who are interested.

**TURN OVER**



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## 2009-2010 Key Dates For Payment

**“Super Supporter” date:** August 18, 2009

**Deadline to return form with payment:** September 15, 2009

**Installment due dates:** September 15, 2009; December 4, 2009; March 5, 2010

Check out our website for more information: [www.edmondselementary.com](http://www.edmondselementary.com)

Names of Edmonds Elementary Student(s):

Grade in Fall 2009:

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Parent's/Supporter's Name & Address:

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E-mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO COMPLETE

Yes! I will support the ORCA Fund for (please check):

\$75/child     \$100/child     \$150/child

I will help support a child who is unable to pay with my additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay in 3 installments

I need information on alternative payment options

### FOR FRIENDS/FAMILY TO COMPLETE

Yes! I will support the ORCA Fund for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please enter amount)

*Thank You!*

Make checks payable to Edmonds Elementary PTA.

Mail to:            ORCA Fund  
                         c/o Edmonds Elementary  
                         1215 Olympic Avenue  
                         Edmonds, WA 98020

#### Important Notes:

- Your contribution is tax deductible:  
Tax ID #91-1486539 501 (c) 3
- If your employer has a matching gift program, please include the matching gift form with your donation

\* A receipt will be emailed within 7 days. In the absence of an email address, please allow 14 days. If you fail to receive a receipt, please call 425-431-7374 ext. 5.