



Edmonds Elementary 2011

ORCA-thon Fundraiser

Complete form on back. Return to school by October 7th.

****Early Orcas: submit by Sept 23rd
for an extra chance to win prizes**

What Is The ORCA-thon?

A flat, tax free donation of at least \$75 per Edmonds Elementary child will contribute toward the cost of:

- most student school supplies
- supplement class copy budget
- testing supplies
- classroom activities & supplies
- field trips
- 5th & 6th grade camp subsidy
- emergency shed supplies

Why Do We Need The ORCA-thon PTA Fundraiser?

✓ Bulk student supplies purchasing = \$ cost savings

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. Less school supplies shopping for you.

✓ 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 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 either the 5th or 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 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.

✓ Why are the kids not running for pledges?

Due to changes in district fundraising policy, the PTA is no longer able to hold fundraising events during school hours. However, we will coordinate with the P.E. teacher to hold our annual Orca Run following the fund drive. All children will have a chance to participate and be rewarded.

✓ Donate now for your chance to win GREAT prizes!

✓ See prize sheet for details

Does The ORCA-thon 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-thon 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. Visit our website to learn more about the STARS foundation.

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

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

- Boxtops, Scrip, 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 fun events
- Classroom celebrations coordinated by staff or parents

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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Edmonds Elementary
ORCA-Thon



****Be an Early Orca! Complete and Return to School by 9/23/11**

2011-2012 Key Dates For Payment

Early Orcas: Please return form with payment by: September 23, 2011

To still be eligible for prizes: Please return form with payment by: October 7, 2011

Check out our website for more information: www.edmondselementary.com

Names of Edmonds Elementary Student(s):

Grade in Fall 2011:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent's/Supporter's Name & Address:

E-mail*: _____ Phone: _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO COMPLETE

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

\$75/child \$100/child \$150/child Other Amount \$ _____

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

Thank You!

FOR FRIENDS/FAMILY TO COMPLETE

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

Make checks payable to Edmonds Elementary PTA.

Mail to: ORCA -Thon 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

* Your receipt is your cancelled check. In cases where a receipt is desired, download a receipt form from our website