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## RE: THRIFTY FOODS SMILE CARD FUNDRAISER for BSS MUSIC

Dear Parents,

The Ballenas Music department has once again been approved for the **Thrifty Foods Smile Card** fundraising program (it runs until June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 when we will apply for the program to continue for another year). If you used this fundraiser last year and are familiar with how it works, your **Smile Card** from last year will now work again. You may begin using it to raise funds for your child as you did last year. Smile Cards are available from Mr. Kellas in the band room.

The Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising Program is driven by parents' shopping patterns and is one of the easiest programs to run. Each card has a number and security code on the back that is recorded for tracking purposes. These cards may be distributed to family and/or friends to use, and multiple cards can be assigned to your child's fundraising account.

The Thrifty Foods head office will send a cheque to the school every 4 to 6 weeks for **5%** of all monies loaded onto individual cards that have been allotted to our program. Once that money has been mailed to the school, each student's account will be credited with 5% of the amount loaded on their Smile Card(s). These funds can be used for your child's Music department travel costs for regional and international music festivals or music field trip activities.

**DIRECTIONS:** The new Smile Cards are blank at this time and need to be loaded at Thrifty Foods. Ask the cashier at **customer service** (or one of the regular tills) to load your Smile card using cash, debit, or credit card, and then pay for your groceries with the Smile Card. Immediately, **5%** of that pre-load is credited to your student (through the school fundraiser). If you put \$100.00 on the card, you can spend \$100.00 at Thrifty Foods, and your child gets \$5.00 back from the Smile Card program. Load the card with as much or as little as you like, and you can do this as many times as you wish throughout the fundraiser.

**You MUST send Mr. Kellas the 19-digit card number and 6-digit security number found on the back of your card.** This is how he will be able to access the system to send specific amounts into your child's fundraising account in the school office. Email the 19-digit card number and 6-digit security number to Mr. Kellas at [bkellas@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:bkellas@sd69.bc.ca) for him to enter it into our system.

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A big "Thank You" goes out to Sarah Orr in the BSS office who will ensure that your child's individual fundraising efforts are recorded correctly in the school's accounting system! 😊

You can also check the amount of funds raised by your card at any time. To check your card usage:

1. Paste this link into your internet browser:

<https://giftcard.eigendev.com/giftcards/main/TFoods/giftcardbalancepage.php>

2. Enter your nineteen-digit card number and six security digits

3. Click on **Sign In**

4. Your "From" date should be far enough back to include all card activity

5. Your "To" is today's date.

6. Select "View Details"

7. There will be a detailed list of the amounts you have reloaded on your Smile Card.

**IMPORTANT:** Take a picture of the numbers on your Smile card. If you lose your loaded card, you'll be glad you did. Lost or stolen cards should be reported **immediately** by calling **Thrifty Foods Customer Service at 1-800-667-8280**. Demagnetized cards should be replaced as soon as possible and can be done at the Customer Service desk in the store. Please make sure that your new card has been reconnected to the Ballenas Music fundraising program.

**Remember, you MUST email Mr. Kellas ([bkellas@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:bkellas@sd69.bc.ca)) the 19-digit card number as well as the 6-digit security number found on the back of your card for the funds to get transferred into your child's fundraising "account".**

I hope this proves to be an excellent fundraiser for your child!

Sincerely,

Brent Kellas

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