

Dear Parent(s),

Welcome back!! We are looking forward to having another great year at McAlear Sawden. As Volunteer Coordinators and Staff, we do our best to raise money for events and programs at our school so we can provide the students not only with a great education, but also the tools to go beyond expectations. We raise money to provide things like technology, field trips and Bobcat shirts for the students. We also strive to give them fun events and activities such as Fun Fair, family movie night, field day and more.

Carefully read through some of the programs outlined below. ***None of these programs will cost you money.*** There are a lot of programs out there designed to support schools and we are trying to take advantage of as many of those as possible. Please help us by supporting these programs so that we can provide a better educational environment and great experiences for your children in the upcoming academic year.

### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Go to [http://www.kroger.com/mykroger/Pages/community\\_rewards.aspx](http://www.kroger.com/mykroger/Pages/community_rewards.aspx) and **choose Michigan**, then **click “Enroll”** to link your Kroger purchases to McAlear-Sawden Elementary (Organization # 83019). You only have to do this once a year and every time you shop at Kroger and use your Plus card Kroger will donate a portion of their sales to our school.

### **Meijer Community Rewards**

Go to <http://www.meijer.com/rewards>. Scroll to the bottom and click **“Join Now” in the Meijer Customers section**. You can link a Meijer Credit card to earn these rewards **OR** you can simply click **Join Now** under **I prefer to use a Meijer 1 Card<sup>SM</sup> with cash or my PIN-debit card** to earn rewards (the third option).

### **Free \$\$ Programs**

Save Box Tops, Campbell’s Soup labels, juice pouches (all brands) or Ziploc bags (all plastic bag brands welcome) and cereal bags (from inside the box of cereal). We send these things in and receive money for them. Teach your kids to recycle and make money for the school at the same time!! It is a win-win.

### **Fall Costume Sale** (New for 2011-2012)

Please bring in your children’s past Halloween costumes and donate them. We will then have a sale where parents can come and buy gently used costumes for either \$5 or \$10. We think this will be great because you can clean out your closets **AND save \$\$** on a costume for this Halloween ~ another win-win!

### **SCRIP Program**

Scrip is a new program that we started last year and will re-start this Fall. In the nutshell you buy gift cards through the school for places you already shop. If you pay \$25 you get a \$25 gift card. The school buys the cards at a discount and raises money. Please look for this and help us make it a success!!!

Please use the programs above to help support our school and our efforts to give your child(ren) the best experience possible while attending McAlear-Sawden Elementary. If you have any questions or would like to contact us we are available via email at [McAlear@bcschools.net](mailto:McAlear@bcschools.net), by phone at 989-684-7702 Ext. 2243, and you can find information about school activities and goings-on on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/McAlear](http://www.facebook.com/McAlear).

Sincerely,  
McAlear-Sawden Volunteer Coordinators & Staff