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Dear Acacia Families:

We are off to a great start to the 2010-2011 school year! The students are settling into a routine of waking early and spending their days developing their minds, faith, and friendships. It is now time for us to develop a routine of supporting Acacia Academy through ordering SCRIP for our usual purchases.

The SCRIP program is used to earn money for the participating school by ordering gift cards that can be used for purchases with the school receiving a designated percentage of the purchase. The great thing about SCRIP is that you do not have to buy anything additional that you do not need nor want. The SCRIP company Acacia has partnered with has almost 600 different vendors from which to choose. I will also be contacting other local vendors not currently on the list to urge their participation. You would be amazed at how quickly the earnings add up for the school!! For example, two families placed orders this past week and the school will receive approximately \$75 just from those two orders! Imagine the potential for our school! All that is required is a bit of planning on your part for purchases that you make throughout the year.

I often like to purchase SCRIP each month by buying cards from Walmart or Meijer for groceries, Speedway for gas, the restaurants we plan to frequent, department stores that I visit often, Walgreens or CVS for prescriptions, Great Clips for the kids haircuts, and incentives for my children like Chuckie Cheese, Family Video, AMC Movie Theatre and Dunkin Donuts. You can also buy Kohl's SCRIP and use it to pay your charge each month at the store. This is great because you can still get your wonderful Kohl's coupons by using your charge and then pay it off each month with SCRIP. SCRIP cards can be purchased for gifts as well. They look just like any other gift card that you would purchase at the store.

You can order by paper with forms available in the office. We will soon add it to the school website where you can download it when needed. You may also order online at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> and use the enrollment code **L58F32EF25516** to set up your family account. You may pay online through PrestoPay, but you must set this up in addition to your family account and provide your Checking or Savings information. It will take about two to three business days to verify your account information the first time. There will be a \$0.39 service charge each time you pay for an order using PrestoPay. **OR you may send a check into the school office for the amount of your order.** All orders and payment are due on Mondays by 4:00 p.m. in order to receive your order by the following Monday at the latest. Your friends and relatives may sign up and order SCRIP through Acacia, too.

As an incentive to get you started, anyone who orders SCRIP by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23rd, will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$10 gift card of your choice through SCRIP! Remember that your consistent participation is the key to earning money for our school!

If you have any questions, please call me at home at (765)450-8888 or leave a message for me at school at (765)457-5545. I am also available by email at lstranahan@acaciaacademy.org

Blessings,

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