



## PARENT FAQs

- **What is the “Holiday Shop”?**

The Wonderland Gift Shoppe program, a.k.a. the “Holiday Shop”, is a program brought to the school by the PTA. This program gives children a safe, supervised environment in which to choose gifts for family and friends. Children shop from a large selection of quality, family-style gifts at reasonable prices and volunteers are there to help.

While the shop gives children the thrill of selecting their own gifts, it also provides a practical, hands-on educational experience as they count, add, subtract, decide how to budget, and literally learn the value of money. It will also give parents and teachers an opportunity to show students, in a very practical way, that the things they study in school, like math, can be useful in the “real world”.

- **Who can visit the Holiday Shop?**

Students may visit the shop during the scheduled day/time for their specific class. Students and their families may also visit the shop during Family Dinner Night (Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:30pm). School staff may visit the shop during any time the shop is scheduled to be open. The shop will not be open to students, families, or staff during drop off and pick up times.

- **When is the Holiday Shop?**

The shop is open based on a schedule that has been determined by grade and then by class based on time slots that would not be too disruptive to class learning time. General schedule is below. See posters around school for detailed schedule.

Monday.....	Dec 3.....	Grades 5 and 4
Tuesday.....	Dec 4.....	Grade 3 and PreK
Wednesday.....	Dec 5.....	Grade 2
Thursday.....	Dec 6.....	Grade 1
		Family Dinner Night 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday.....	Dec 7.....	Grade K

- **Where will the shop be located?**

The Holiday Shop will be located in Room 25, the computer lab near the cafeteria.

- **Where do the proceeds go for this program?**

Half of the funds raised during this event will go to the charity of choice selected by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. The other half will go to the PTA to be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade end of year celebration.

- **What types of gifts are available and at what prices?**

The Wonderland Gift Shoppe vendor has an expert buying team that goes out of their way to find a huge variety of unique and exciting items. There are even name brand items like Ty Beanie Boos, Melissa & Doug, Marvel, sports teams, and more. The following link provides a sample of some of the items available at the



Holiday Shop: <https://www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.com/our-gifts> Please keep in mind that item selection and options will vary.

- **How can we pay for the items?**

Gifts can be paid for with cash or credit card. Parents can also write checks made out to Mabry Elementary PTA. Students can also 'pay' for items with Shop Dollars. Shop Dollars are preprinted cards provided to some students – typically given out as a reward for exceptional behavior at school. Shop Dollars are in \$1 increments. Treat Shop Dollars like cash, if your student receives some.

A new option this year is the Wonderland Gift Card! To avoid students carrying cash, adults can prepay for an eGift Card online. Students can bring in the printout to school to pay for gifts. To purchase an eGift Card, please go to: <https://www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.com/gift-cards>

**NOTE:** Payment is made online via PayPal only. You must allow 24 hours for funds to be loaded onto an eGift Card and emailed to you. PayPal receipt printouts cannot be processed by the volunteers in the shop. Also, there are no refunds, or payback of funds on the eGift Card. Students must either use the full amount, or save the balance for next year's holiday shop.

- **What is the budget envelope?**

On the Friday before the Holiday Shop begins, students will be given a Budget Envelope. This envelope is to help students determine how much money they would like to spend for each gift recipient. The envelope also helps keep cash money safe.

- **Who is managing the shop?**

The shop is run 100% by parent volunteers and students of the 5th Grade Class.

- **I want to help. Who can volunteer at the shop?**

Any adult can volunteer at the Holiday Shop. As with all school volunteer opportunities, all volunteers must complete, or reactivate, the online Volunteer Application each school year.

For **first time** and **returning** Hillsborough County public school volunteers for the 2018 – 2019 school year, please go to the link below and follow the instructions. Approval could take 24+ hours. Once your application is submitted online, please call or visit the front office so they can complete the process:

<https://community.sdhc.k12.fl.us/wps/portal/community/sdhc.home/sdhc.volunteer/sdhc.applyvolunteer/#/Volunteer>

If you have already volunteered, or have already been cleared to volunteer, this school year, please sign up to volunteer for the Holiday Shop using the SignUp Genius link below:

**SIGN UP** → <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080549aea62ea0fd0-2018>



- **What roles are needed for volunteers?**

The Holiday Shop has many opportunities for volunteers:

**Student Helper** – We need volunteers to help students pick gifts within their budget. This role is especially important for students who are in line to pay. The Student Helper would work with each student to ensure he/she has enough money for their selected gifts. A free app is available for helpers to price check with the students while in line. The app is available on iPhone and Android and is listed as “Wonderland Gift Shoppes Calculator”. The shop coordinator will provide the login/password for volunteers.

**Cashiers** – There will be three laptops and handheld scanners ready to scan the barcodes on gift items. Cashiers would need to scan the items and collect payment from the student.

**Gift Baggers** – Volunteers are needed to: place each gift in each recipient’s gift bag, staple/tape the bags shut (to keep it a surprise!), and write the recipient’s name. Older students can take the gift bags with them, but younger students may need extra help with this step.

**Other Help Needed** – In addition, the Holiday Shop can use help restocking the gift items by pulling more items from the boxes below each table and organizing items back into their proper price group.