Dear Mitchell Woods Families,

Four years ago we introduced the gift card fundraiser. The response has been astonishing - last year we sold more than $44,000 worth of gift cards and more than $2000 came back to the school to purchase technology and materials for your children’s classrooms. With your help, we hope to raise $2500 this year and continue to enhance our students’ learning experience.

For every gift card you purchase a percentage of the money comes back to our school, allowing us to raise money. Our families (and your family and friends) simply buy the gift cards from us for face value and redeem them for full value. Businesses may also be interested in purchasing gift cards for their employees as gifts during the holiday season. With this program everyone wins:

* We receive a powerful fundraising alternative that involves no selling of unwanted items. We only buy the gift cards for purchases that we would normally make, or to give as gifts this holiday season.
* Our school receives a percentage of the sales.

As many of you commented, the beauty of this program is that you put your regular shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our school without spending additional money. Gift cards can be used for just about anything including food, clothing, entertainment, furniture, building supplies, auto repair, gasoline, dining out and much more. Please see the attached order form for a complete listing of businesses.

Please make sure your child's name & teacher is clearly written on the form.

If you would like an electronic order form please email Jane Brown at jane.brown@rogers.com

Payment MUST be sent back with the order form for your order to be placed. Cheques (made payable to Mitchell Woods Public School) are preferred but cash will also be accepted.

Please include your phone number and/or e-mail address in case we need to contact you regarding your order.

Please indicate whether you wish to have the cards sent home with your child or if you prefer to pick them up from the school office. If nothing is specified your order will automatically be sent home with your child. Feel free to send in your order form as early as you like, but

**the deadline to submit order form(s) is Monday, November 21 2016**

We will send home the gift cards with your student on **December 5** or parents/guardians can pick them up from the school office on **December 6** – please indicate this preference on your order form.

If you would prefer to financially support our school in another way, please consider donating to the Upper Grand District School Board Learning Foundation where you can specify MWPS and receive a tax receipt for any donation over $20 – http://www.uppergrandlearningfoundation.com/contribute/

We thank you for your support! Mitchell Woods School Council