

Free, Easy Ways to Support El Carmelo

The El Carmelo PTA depends largely on generous donations from parents like you to fund its programs. However, **there are a number of programs that provide additional dollars to the PTA at no cost to you.** Please sign up and participate in the ones that are applicable to you. The entire El Carmelo community will benefit.



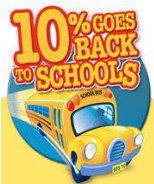
eScrip raised over \$5,000 for El Carmelo last year. All you need to do is sign up at

www.escrip.com (click on Sign Up and choose El Carmelo PTA as the group you support) and **register your Safeway, Mollie Stone's and credit/debit cards.** Whenever you shop at participating merchants using one of your registered cards, between 1% and 5% of your purchase will be donated to El Carmelo. Questions? Contact Grit Denker at grit.denker@sri.com or 650-269-1034.

The **eScrip Online Mall**, which can be used by anyone regardless of eScrip membership, allows supporters to direct contributions to El Carmelo every time they shop online at hundreds of online retailer's websites. Instead of going directly to the website of your online seller, **go to the El Carmelo PTA website and click on the eScrip Online Mall icon.** From there, choose your favorite online retailer and shop as you normally would. To make it even easier, you can sign up for **AutoEARN** at the eScrip Online Mall. Then you can go directly to your online retailers' websites and still earn contributions.



10% Goes Back to Schools: August 14 through September



10, whenever you shop at **Safeway** with your **Club Card** and purchase **specialty labeled items** you can earn 10% of the purchase price for El Carmelo. If you are an eScrip member already, your contributions will be directed

automatically to El Carmelo. If you aren't an eScrip member, your receipts will have a special redemption code printed on them. Either follow the instructions on the receipt, or put the bottom part of the receipt with the code in the marked envelope in the office by the expiration date, and it will be taken care of.



Don't forget to clip those **Box Top\$ for Education** you see on hundreds of products and turn them in to the envelope in each

classroom or to the main office at El Carmelo. Each one is worth just a dime, but over the course of the school year, all of the families at El Carmelo working together can earn hundreds of dollars for our school. Contact Maria Derrick at wesderrick@mindspring.com for more information.



Amazon will donate 4-15% of your purchase price to El Carmelo through its **Amazon School Rewards Program.** El Carmelo received over \$1,300 last year. If you are making an Amazon purchase, don't go directly to the Amazon website, instead, simply use the **El Carmelo-Amazon link** (<http://www.tinyurl.com/ElCarmeloAmazon>) or make it easy on yourself and bookmark it, or access it through the El Carmelo school website (<http://elcarmelo.pausd.org/wordpress/>) or the PTA website (<http://elcarmelo.paloaltopta.org/>) - and then shop as usual. Your account settings will stay the same and the site will look the same. Questions? Contact Grit Denker at grit.denker@sri.com or 650-269-1034.

If you carry a **Target REDcard**, sign up for the **Take Charge of Education Program** to earn up to 1% of your purchases for El Carmelo. Enroll online or call 1-800-316-6142.



Corporate Donation and Matching Programs



a check to the PTA?

Do you volunteer at El Carmelo and also work for Microsoft or Intel? Are you a Googler who likes to bike to work? Do you feel generous today and want to write

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you could be earning money for El Carmelo at no cost to you.

Corporations often provide matching gift programs or incentive programs to encourage their employees to give back to their communities. If you work for one of these companies, it's a great way to earn money for the El Carmelo community.

Here are a few companies that offer these programs: **Microsoft, Intel, Google, Cisco, Yahoo, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle, Adobe.** Check with your HR department to see if your company offers a donation or matching program.

If you hear of any others, please let us know, and we'll add the information to our list.