

Scholastic Book Fair FAQ's

What payments are accepted?

Cash, Check or eWallet. Adults can pay by Credit Card when they shop.

How do I know what amount to send in with my child?

Since our PTO is a 501(c)3, there is no tax on the items. Simply add up the price of the books!

Who should I make my check out to?

Ben Franklin PTO

What if a book from my child's wishlist is out of stock?

If they are shopping during the school day, a volunteer or teacher can help them select a comparable book that fits their budget. If you have specifications on substitutions (ie, no journals, etc), please indicate this on their Wish List.

When will students be at the book fair?

Our "Preview Day" is on Tuesday, April 5th. On this day, each class comes to the Book Fair to fill out their Wishlists. Students that are purchasing during school will do so on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Teachers have their own ways of sending kids down, but generally all that have payment will be sent to make their purchases. Students may also be accompanied to the Book Fair with their grown ups during open hours outside of school hours (ie, during conferences).

Ugh, I can't make it to the fair and I don't trust my child to pick books out themselves. What should I do?

Scholastic offers online shopping to benefit our fair too! Visit www.scholastic.com/bf/bfrocks2022 to shop between April 4th and April 17th so that Ben Franklin gets credit for your purchase. Scholastic offers Free Shipping for orders over \$25.

What is "All for Books"? How do I contribute?

All for Books is a fund that provides books for children in our school that might not otherwise be able to purchase one. All fundraising for *All for Books* stays with Ben Franklin. A few ways we fundraise are "rounding up" book sales and doing a small fundraiser at the fair. If you'd like to contribute directly, that's also available: send in your contribution and a note with your child or **new this year!** contribute to the *All for Books* eWallet using (this link).

How is "All for Books" distributed?

Each teacher receives several certificates to use as they see fit - perhaps by providing them to students directly or purchasing books they know students may benefit from.

How does "rounding up" work?

If your total for books is \$15.98, you/your child would pay \$16 and we'd add 2 cents to our *All for Books* balance instead of giving you back 2 pennies. This year, we are making this option an "opt out", which you can do on the bottom of your child's Wish List.

Can I buy books for my child's teacher(s)?

YES! Each of our teachers completes a Wish List that we display at the fair. You can select a book from their list or one of your choosing. We'll give you a bookplate to write the teacher and student's names. We'll be sure the teacher receives their gifted books. You can also choose to buy teachers Gift Certificates for them to spend at the fair.

How do we support our teachers with the Book Fair?

Aside from individual families, the PTO provides Scholastic Dollars for each teacher to spend at their discretion. They may purchase books for their classroom or help supplement *All for Books* recipients to purchase books that may be over their set certificate amount.

What happens with the profits from the fair?

Generally, the PTO decides to take the award from Scholastic in what are called Scholastic Dollars. Doing so means that we get money to spend at the Scholastic Store in a higher amount than if we elected to get a cash award. Scholastic Dollars have recently been used to purchase 2 books annually for each child in the school (one for their birthday PLUS an end of year summer reading book), in addition to some one-time purchases for the benefit of the school, like indoor recess manipulatives. We also use some Scholastic Dollars to provide the small gift certificates for the teachers mentioned above.

How does eWallet work?

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more about this cashless option and to create an account: www.scholastic.com/bf/bfrocks2022. Leftover balances from prior fairs have been sent out to families so that they can roll them over to this fair.