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Dear Sparks Families,

Purchasing school supplies for the upcoming school year can be time consuming and expensive. The Sparks PTA provides an optional service to make this chore easier. Please note that this activity is **not** a fundraiser so the best prices have been passed directly to you.

For a 2nd year, we are using SchoolKidz (a Staples company). Staples is a trusted brand and last year we had good success with the quality and service. Prices are similar to what you might spend shopping on your own – we've priced out the items separately on Amazon.com and found SchoolKidz to be comparable. This year, we are also making sure to provide quality brands such as Crayola art supplies and Elmer's glue sticks.

You may order online using a credit card at <http://www.shoptkits.com/> **More information can be found in the flyer attached to this letter. Note that our school account number is: 11705.** Orders are online only, no paper form. Please save your receipt for proof of purchase.

All of your school supplies will be mailed to Sparks—in a prepackaged box --- and delivered directly to your child's 2017-18 homeroom before the first day of school (and typically in time for "sneak a peak"). It's convenient and easy!!

Please note that the following item is NOT included in the SchoolKidz packages:

- Old Tee Shirt for Art

There is an additional option to purchase backpacks, lunch bags and bottles at a competitive price. These items will also be delivered to the classroom the week prior to school.

Tissues, hand sanitizer, baggies and a few other grade specific items are optional items on the school supply list. As we realize that many parents are looking for "one stop shopping" (and that teachers desperately need these items) we have included these items in the school supply kits.

Of course, for those of you who wish to go out and purchase supplies on your own, the complete **2017-18 School Supply List will be provided in the end of year communications.** The supply list can also be found on the Sparks Elementary School website and hard copies can be obtained from the office.

Thanks so much,

Annette Hottenstein,
School Supply Committee

Any questions can be directed to Annette (aweber73@msn.com)