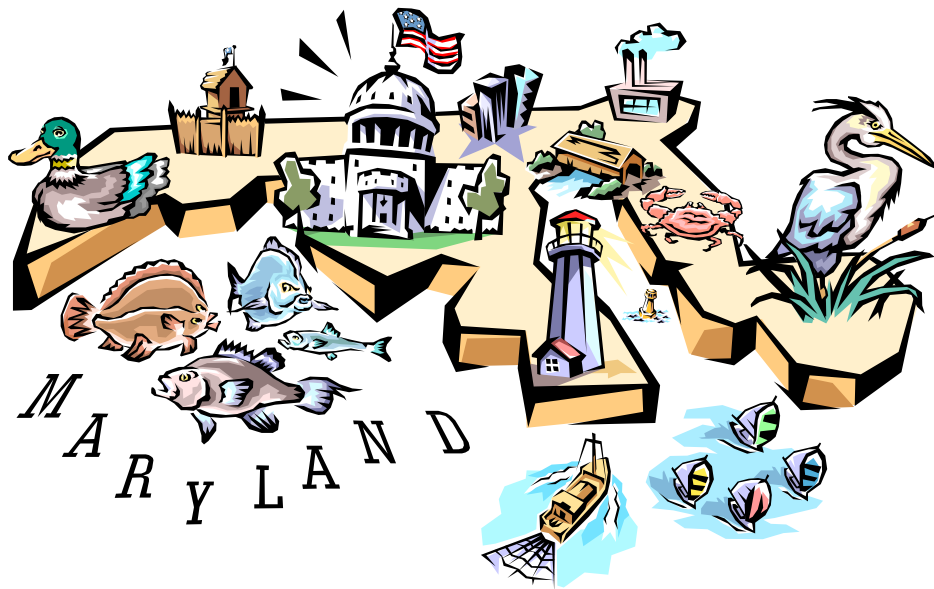


The 2009 Silent Auction Celebrates “Magical Maryland”



The Silent Auction, the school’s most successful fundraiser, will be held in conjunction with the Annual Spring Fair on Saturday, May 16. This year there will be an adults-only wine and cheese reception on the evening of Friday, May 15 to preview items, begin bidding, or secure items at “buy it now” prices. Friends and family are welcome. Funds raised through the auction help fund such important projects as air conditioning, campus improvements, playground maintenance, and field trip transportation. There are many ways you can help make this year’s auction the best ever. Please consider participating in one or all of the following ways:

1. Donate to your child’s classroom “Magical Maryland” basket:

- Mrs. Mosher’s class will compile a children’s basket consisting of children’s items related to Maryland. Suggestions include a Maryland puzzle, a stuffed crab, a Lego fishing boat, a gift certificate for duckpin bowling, or a book about the underground railroad.
- Mrs. Nellis’ class will compile a basket promoting a “Taste of Maryland.” Consider donating a Maryland wine, canned jam, Old Bay seasoning, a Seafood cookbook, or a gift certificate to a casual, local restaurant.
- Mrs. A-O’s class will put together a basket highlighting Maryland’s culture. Suggested items include tickets to the BSO; movies that were filmed in Maryland (Avalon, Patriot Games, Failure to Launch); entertainment items featuring Mater Amoris’ own Phill Lewis (Mr.

Moseby on the “Suite Life of Zach and Cody”). Phill Lewis has appeared in the movies “City Slickers,” and [tk]; CDs from Maryland natives such as Good Charlotte or Mary Chapin Carpenter; the 2008 Newberry Award Winner, “Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voice from a Medical Village,” by Laura Amy Schlitz, the librarian of the Park School; as well as books written by such Maryland novelists as Tom Clancy, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Anne Tyler.

- Mrs. Buckley’s class will promote the “Treasures of the Chesapeake.” Consider donating beach towels, napkins, or a tablecloth featuring a crab motif; a gas card; games for a road trip; or a book about the wild horses of Assateague.
- Mrs. Perez’s class will feature items that draw a spotlight on the state’s sports. Tickets to an Orioles game would be appreciated, as would sports collectibles, a Terps T-shirt, a gift certificate to River Hill Sports Bar, Baltimore Ravens items, or anything else that is related to sports in the Free State.

2. Make a Family Donation

- Have fun and be creative! Any donation – from babysitting to a long weekend at your vacation home – would be appreciated. Additional suggestions are included in this Silent Auction Packet of information.

3. Ask your Employer or a Business (of which you are a loyal customer) to Donate a Product or Service

4. Advertise in the 2009 Auction Booklet

- For only \$25, you can have your business card included in the auction booklet

5. Send a Special TEXT Message to a teacher, students, or fellow parent

For \$10, you can send a brief message (up to 20 words). Examples include:

Mrs. X, thanks for a great year. We appreciate all your hard work. The Smith Family

Dear X Family, Our family had fun carpooling with you this year. Have a great summer. Love, the Smith Family

To all of David’s friends, Congratulations on graduating to the junior program. You are terrific. Love, David’s mom .

7. Volunteer!

Please Use the Enclosed Auction Donation Form for All Donations.

**Deadline for donations is Monday, April 1
for Classroom Gift Baskets and Friday,
April 24 for other donations.**

Please call Janet Mednik or Kimberly Morrison if you would like to help solicit local businesses for donations.

Suggestions for Silent Auction Donations from A to Z

Art Lessons*Babysitting***Collectibles***Décor for
the Home***Electronics***Fun Toys***Gardening
Tools***Health-related items***Ice Cream
Maker***Jewelry***Kites***Lunches (packed for a
family for a week)***Movies and More***Nationals
Tickets***Orioles Tickets***Paintings***Quiet Time
for Parents***Restaurant Gift Certificates***Sun and
Fun Basket***Tours ***Umbrellas***Vacation
Homes***Wine***X—treme Sports Videos***Your
Time***Zoo-related items**

Special “TEXT” Message Form

Name: _____

Form of Payment: _____

Message (limited to 20 words, no characters, please):