

It's almost time for the

Mater Amoris Silent Auction

The Silent Auction will be held with
the Annual Spring Fair on
Saturday, May 17, 2008

Every year the Silent Auction is our biggest fund-raiser.

Because of the money raised during the Silent Auction we have been able to help keep tuition at Mater Amoris as low as possible and support the school by paying for various projects such as:

- Install air conditioning
- Repave the driveway and parking lot
- Maintain the playground
- Sponsor continuing education for our teachers
- Purchase Montessori materials for the classrooms

Now is your chance to contribute.

Please complete the attached form (more than one item can be listed) & bring it to school by no later than **April 18**.

For a special treat—early bird donations
will be eligible for drawings:

Very Early Bird Drawing—Drop off your donation by **March 21**
Early Bird Drawing—Drop off your donation by **April 4**

See other side if you need some ideas for what you can contribute. If you have questions, please call Anne Elixhauser 301-854-0087 or Apple Chapman 301-879-1994.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS THAT MIGHT INSPIRE YOU

New items

- Family Fun Box: a plastic tub filled with various board and card games, snacks, and/or a Blockbuster gift certificate
- Set of children's books
- Set of children's toys
- Set of children's DVDs
- Cookbooks
- Small (but somewhat fancy) kitchen appliances: a KitchenAid mixer, espresso machine
- Tote of garden tools
- Garden bench
- Classic jewelry (for example, a pair of gold hoop earrings or a single strand of pearls)
- Handmade jewelry
- Handmade/handknit scarves
- Binoculars
- Electronics: stereo system, iPod, television, etc.
- Household items such as vases, bowls, platters, candlesticks, pillows
- Copper fire pit

Baskets

- Chocolate basket
- Coffee basket
- Bread basket
- Spa/bath products
- Relaxation basket: bubble bath, aroma therapy candle, CD of quiet music
- Baskets themed around a holiday (for example, a Christmas basket could include ornaments, holiday candles, a tree skirt, stockings, etc.)
- Any type of theme can work! Include actual product, gift certificates for product, ingredients and tools to make product – be creative!

Gift certificates

- Local restaurants (both fine and casual)
- Cooking class
- Cookie-a-month, dessert-a-month, etc.
- Toy store
- Visit from Santa
- Clown at a birthday party
- Local landscaper, lawn service Yard clean-up/gutter cleaning/window washing
- Golf, diving, tennis lessons
- Craft class
- Dance lessons
- Downtown hotel stay
- Limo ride
- Horse-drawn carriage ride
- Tour of a local winery with a private wine tasting
- Bed and breakfast
- A musical performance in your home
- Gym membership
- Handyman services
- Tax preparation
- Personal coaching sessions
- Veterinary services
- Car wash or detailing

Other

- Tickets for a professional or college game: hockey, basketball, baseball, football,
- Memorabilia signed by actors, writers, professional players
- Sports equipment: golf clubs, tennis racket, fishing rod, tackle box filled with lures
- Handmade cards, photo album, etc.
- Tickets to local arts and culture events (music, theatre, dance, opera, museums etc)
- Items signed by celebrities
- Anything related to your place of work (services, products, tours)