

**EARLY
PROCUREMENT
THANK YOU**

For being the 1st parent to procure an item, special thanks goes to:

**CRYSTAL HENRY
GARRETT**

I am buying her coffee! In fact I will buy coffee (via gift certificate) to the first 10 individuals/families that procure items for the auction—really I will!!! So get your procurement forms in.



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**Coming Soon—
an auction news
website!**

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Go Forth & Procure - You may Win a Prize!

A month has gone by already, which means there is only about 3 ½ months left to procure items for the auction. Remember items need to be procured by Jan 6th. We need to raise \$50,000+ because it is vital to the operation of the school. And remember you need to raise at least \$100 of your \$450 fundraising obligation from the auction.

As an incentive the auction committee is going to have a little procurement competition. Just to make it fun!

Early Bird Prize

- Fabulous prize to the individual/family that procures the MOST items by Nov. 1st. Last year this person won a Nintendo Wii!!!

Prizes Procured by Jan 6th

- Ice Cream Party to the Class/Grade with MOST procured items
- 2 free tickets to the auc-

tion to the individual/family that has the MOST procured items

After the Auction Prizes

- Ice Cream Party to the Class/Grade that makes the MOST money from procurements
- Special Prize (TBD) to the individual/family that makes the MOST money from procurements

Start procuring now to win a great prize!

Ideas for

Procuring

Ask businesses, family, friends, etc to donate items or services to be auctioned off. You will be surprised how many businesses will be willing to donate---the key is ASKING! Here are some

strategies:

- Ask in person---really it is harder for them to say "no" when you are standing in front of them
- Contact merchants and businesses you frequent often, they want to keep your business
- Ask friends you know have services to offer (legal, financial, interior design, etc)
- Offer your own services if that is your profession (catering, legal, etc)

Small weekend getaways, things to do with kids, restaurants, etc are very popular items at the auction. Don't forget to ask your favorite restaurant---most will at least donate a \$50 gift certificate. There is a list of additional ideas in the auction packet.

More auction packets are available in the office. They have everything you need to procure items for the auction.

Planning for the Big Night

The actual auction event is February 27, 2010 at the W Hotel, so save the date!! If you haven't been before, the auction is a lot of fun and a great night out for parents. Try to put a table together of other parents in your child's class.

For those that really want to have fun, a few Hotels (more

coming) are offering special deals for attending the auction.

- Crowne Plaza: Mention the St. Therese Auction when reserving (by 2/6/2010) and get a standard room for \$99, Concierge Room for \$129, and Executive Suite for \$149!!

- W Hotel: 30% off when you book your room. The rate will fluctuate depending on when the reservation is made. Mention set account number 377473 to get the special rate.

More hotel deals to come!