

Spring Blooms
Sowing the seeds of our children's future
2010 ICS Auction

Plans are underway for this year's auction "Spring Blooms – Sowing the seeds of our children's future," which will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The auction is always a fun ICS event– we look forward to seeing you there!

The auction is one of the major fundraisers that is held to benefit our school. *Every family needs to participate*, to make this event successful. We are striving for 100% participation throughout the school community. If you have donated an item already, we are very grateful for your support.

AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED:

This year we will be focusing on the following key auction components:

Live auction ~ Silent auction ~ Restaurant mystery bags

We are seeking your help and generosity in the following ways:

- Personal donations of **RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS of \$25.00 or more** to local or chain restaurants. Do you have an unused gift card that you would like to donate? Would you consider purchasing a gift card to donate?
- **VACATION HOMES** ~ would you consider giving your home up for a week or weekend getaway?
- **SPORTS TICKETS** ~The Boston teams are extremely popular and the tickets are difficult to obtain. Do you, your employers or friends have tickets to the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics or Bruins? Or maybe Lowell Spinners, Portland Sea Dogs, New England Revolution, or Boston Cannons Lacrosse tickets to donate? Other ideas include Boston College Football, Basketball, BU or BC, etc.
- **GOLF FOURSOMES** ~ always a wonderful treat to get on a course that avid golfers don't typically have access to regularly.
- **CONCERT OR THEATER TICKETS** ~ there are some exciting upcoming events - concert or theater - coming to the Boston area (Concerts: Taylor Swift, Bon Jovi, Jimmy Buffet, Carole King/James Taylor, Jethro Tull; Theater: Grease, Young Frankenstein, etc.).
- **ARE YOU AN ARTIST?**
- **SERVICES** ~ do you have a valuable service you can offer?? Some examples are (but not limited to):
 - *Snow removal
 - *Photography
 - *Gardening / landscaping
 - *Tax services
 - *Skin care
 - *Legal services
 - *Interior design
 - *Painting
- **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:** Recycling is a good thing!! Did you happen to receive something recently that isn't quite right for you? Consider donating it to the silent portion of the auction if it might be exactly what someone else is looking for! (Note: Must be new & unused.)
- We are also looking for **creative and different packages** that can be put together by multiple families. This is a great way to contribute to the auction is to get together with a few families to fund tickets or another auction item.

Please contact us with any specific thoughts and feedback ó we actively seek your help and contributions. And remember no contribution is insignificant! Thank you in advance for your help and consideration. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the auction, please contact ***Liz Riley at 978.465.6378 or liz.riley@comcast.net*** .