



Gifts For Growth Auction Newsletter

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Let the Planning Begin.....

Volunteer Highlight

Many committees will be meeting after the holidays, so if you have not been contacted by your committee chair you will be soon! Please contact your committee chair directly with questions. If you do not know who that is Debbie Menzies can let you know. Thank you again to all those who have volunteered. There are still opportunities available for those who would like to volunteer

Hello MCS Families!

Welcome to the first newsletter for the 2011 Gifts for Growth Gala. For those of you who are new this year my name is Debbie Menzies and I am the Gala Chair for our main annual fundraiser of the year. I have a son in Third Grade and have been with the school for 4 years now. (By the way I am from England so if there is some "funny" spelling or phrases you see that's why!!)

The Gifts for Growth Gala is our biggest source of fundraising for MCS. The format of the evening consists of dinner, silent and live auction and a chance for parents to socialize with each other and have a great evening out. We encourage families to invite their friends and family and anyone else who may be interested in supporting the school. We welcome any contacts you may have to invite.

We sell tickets and tables to families to cover costs of their meals, and every year we try to get sponsors to offset the costs of the entire event which will allow us to offer tickets and tables to families at a much reduced rate. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor the event then please let me know as soon as possible. This year we would also like to add corporate advertizing in our auction booklet so again if you know of any company that would like to advertize in our booklet please let us know.

The MCS website also has a page dedicated to the Gifts for Growth Gala and there you will find all the documents you need for donation solicitation and sponsorship/advertizing requests. We will also be putting

the auction booklet on the website in March so you can direct anyone who cannot attend to take a peak and prepare an absentee bid if they choose.

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful response that we had from MCS families who signed up for at least one task to help with the planning of this event. You have or will all be contacted in the near future regarding the tasks you signed up for and if you haven't heard from your Committee Chair then please give them a jingle I am sure this is just an oversight. I will be in contact with those of you who weren't able to make the meetings in the next couple of weeks to get you assigned to a task or two.

We have started the planning process and have most of the Committee Chairs in place. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work going on at the moment but after the Christmas break there will be a lot more going on in the classrooms.

Each month you will be seeing this newsletter come out with updates on the progress and any requests from the Committees for additional help they may need.

We are looking forward to a great Event this year and with the generous willingness of all of you this year I am sure it will be a huge success.

Thank you again for your support.

Debbie Menzies

Gala Chair

Committee Chairs

Committee Chairs:

Still open

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Angie Johnson

Debbie Menzies

Dawn Helvig

Tiff Petronack

Bobbi Hanson & Julie Ledvina

Kris Anderson

Jonathan Behnken & Kevin Pratt

Cathy Kaufman

Laura Anderson/Kelly Monson/Juan Cortes

Sponsorship Committee

Live Auction Committee

Silent Auction Committee

Event Operations

Class Baskets

Children's Projects

Wine Wall Committee

PJ Party Committee

Set Up/Tear Down

Packaging Party Coordinator

Marketing &

Communciations