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Washington Middle School PTSA Newsletter

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Wonders of The World— 2009 Spring Fling Auction and Dinner

Socialize with your friends, eat gourmet food, listen to amazing music, and spend your money—all to benefit Washington Middle School! The 2008 Washington Middle School Spring Auction is set for Saturday, March 14, at St. Demetrios in the Montlake neighborhood.



The theme is *“Wonders Of The World! Celebrating the Wonders of our WMS Community.”* You can bid on wondrous items and support WMS at the same time. Watch for invitations in the mail in late January. The hall holds only 350 people, so return your reservations soon.

The deadline for all reservations is February 21.

Your Support is Fundamental to Washington

Auction proceeds go toward improving and enriching the educational experience for all students at Washington.

Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000
—no small sum!

The PTSA needs your help more than ever this year...

Your support, along with the generous donations of our extended school community—including WMS families, friends, neighbors, business associates, and the businesses they patronize—will help us to meet this fundraising goal, which is a crucial source of funding for the school. Money raised at the auction is allocated by the PTSA to a variety of uses, including:

- ♥ Communication with WMS families through *Paw Prints*, *Jr. Husky Happenings*, the student directory, and the school's website.
- ♥ Saturday School and parent-teacher conferences.
- ♥ Bite of Washington, ice cream social for incoming sixth graders, and eighth grade graduation.
- ♥ Grants to every classroom teacher for supplies and other items not covered by the school district budget.
- ♥ Program support for programs such as Experts-in-Residence, Writers in the Schools, field trips, special assemblies, and funding for science, foreign languages, music, art, and PE.

What to Expect on Auction Night

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Silent Auction with drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

When you arrive, you will **receive your table number**, a bid card, and the opportunity to register your credit card with the auctioneer to make your checkout quick.

Raffle Buy a raffle ticket; the person with the winning ticket gets to pick any item from the live auction for free.

Wine Toss Pay just \$5 for the chance to win a bottle of wine. Throw a ring, land on a bottle, and take the wine. Even if you miss, you receive a bottle of table wine.

8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Gourmet Dinner planned by Thierry Rautureau of Rover's and John Platt of St. Clouds and prepared by Washington parents and supporters.

Entertainment by WMS musicians.

Live Auction—includes items such as:

RESTAURANT FRENZY A collection of gift certificates to some of Seattle's finest restaurants.

WINE FRENZY An instant wine cellar! Many fine wines are auctioned in one collection.

VACATION HOMES Spend a weekend, or even a week, at a vacation home.

RAISE YOUR PADDLE Watch a video that will enhance the importance of donating money to help make education even better for all WMS students. The areas that have been identified for raising funds are: **new band chairs, mobile computer lab, 'Just Right' reading library.**





Watch for Your Invitation to This FUN Event!

Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail in early February! Each admission includes one drink, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner. Admission options:

- ☐ **World Travelers:** (includes special recognition for each guest) \$680 reserved table or \$85 per seat (for eight guests). Early Bird: \$600 or \$75 per seat.
- ☐ **Explorers:** \$480 reserved table or \$60 per seat (for eight guests). Early Bird: \$400 or \$50 per seat. You may choose to respond and be seated individually.
- ☐ **Navigators:** \$40 each/teachers and staff (you may sponsor a table of WMS staff for \$320).

BE THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR TABLE

Be the most popular person at your table—be the table captain! Sign up now to captain a table and gather a group of eight to fill a table. Responsibilities include:

- ☐ **CALL** enough friends to fill the table (need eight, but can be up to ten);
- ☐ **TELL** them to fill in your name as table captain on the registration card when they get their invitation in the mail in early February;
- ☐ **FOLLOW UP** with them to ensure that everyone has registered and mailed registration fees, and
- ☐ **SHOW UP** the night of the auction and have a great time!

To sign up, email: wmsauction2009@yahoo.com



Save Room for Dessert!

After dinner you'll want to "dash" to the dessert table filled with an outstanding selection of desserts. But wait. First, your table will want to contribute generously, ensuring a prime position in the bid for the delicious desserts. Here's how it works:

1. Fantastic desserts are procured from the finest bakeries/restaurants or homemade with loving hands.
2. Everyone checks out the dessert table before dinner.
3. During dinner, each table is given the opportunity to write the dollar amount they are willing to pay for a dessert.
4. The table with the highest total bid earns the right to make the first dessert selection.
5. The second highest table bid will be set loose thirty seconds later and so on, until every table has selected a dessert.

To donate a procured or homemade dessert, please contact Linda and Molly wmsauction2009@yahoo.com.



Food, Glorious Food

Once again our auction dinner features the talents of chefs Thierry Rautureau—The Chef in the Hat—of Rover's in Madison Valley and John Platt of St. Clouds in Madrona. To pull off this culinary tour de force, the dinner committee is seeking the following:

- ☐ donated hors d'oeuvres;
- ☐ restaurants or parents to donate 50-100 pieces of an appetizer, which we will arrange to make mixed platters to pass;
- ☐ volunteer prep cooks;
- ☐ volunteers to prep and cook food the week of the auction under the supervision of our chefs (specific dates, times, and locations are to be announced);
- ☐ auction-night kitchen help; and
- ☐ volunteers to plate dinners in the kitchen the evening of the auction.

Contact: Jenni Wilson at jenni.wilson@hotmail.com.



Calling All Sponsors

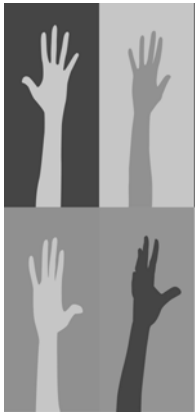
Want to help in a really **BIG** way? Become an auction sponsor—at the level that best fits you—and help cover the costs of putting on the auction. If you would like to support the auction as a sponsor and be recognized as such in the auction catalog, please contact Linda Kim at lindakim@johnlscott.com.



Music, Dessert, and Flowers

Friends of Washington Music is looking for donations of desserts, flowers, and music CDs for "a-month" auction items. Contact Leslie Ashbaugh french_ashbaugh@msn.com to donate these items and others such as music lessons, instrument service, music, and music merchandise.





Make a Difference: Volunteer and/or Donate

Donate hors d'oeuvres and/or help with meal preparations. Contact: Jenni Wilson, jenni.wilson@hotmail.com

Below are some other areas where we could use your help:

Decorations	Raffle
Bar	Copywriter
Procurement for Auction Items	Videographer
Silent Auction	Set Up/Clean Up
Live Auction	Table Captain Coordinator
Wine Toss	Student Volunteer Coordinator

To donate items, volunteer on auction night, or help in any way contact: Linda Kim (206.715.6580) or Molly Ray Callaghan (206.340.6679), or email wmsauction2009@yahoo.com.



Your Donations Are the Key!

We have received many silent and live auction donations, but we need more. Please submit items now! Use the enclosed donor form and mail it in. Donor forms also may be downloaded from: www.seattleschools.org/schools/washingtonms.

Submit donor forms by:

- ▶ mailing to the school, WMS, 2101 S. Jackson, Seattle, WA 98144 (be sure to write "AUCTION" on the envelope);
- ▶ returning to the WMS main office; or
- ▶ emailing to wmsauction2009@yahoo.com.

To arrange pick up of your auction item(s), contact Linda Kim (206.715.6580) or Molly Ray Callaghan, (206.340.6679), or email wmsauction2009@yahoo.com.

What we need:

- ▶ **HOSTS FOR THEME PARTIES.** Donate the use of your home for an evening. Or, prepare and present a meal or cocktail party at someone else's home.
- ▶ **CABINS AND VACATION HOMES.** Donate a week or weekend's worth of time at your vacation home. Is your home rustic? Is it divine? Either works! These are some of the best selling items at the auction.
- ▶ **GIFT CERTIFICATES** for restaurants, gourmet shops, salons, etc. Ask your massage therapist or your favorite coffee shop for a gift certificate. Ask your local nursery to donate...you get the idea.
- ▶ **EXPERIENCES.** Do you speak French? You could donate one-on-one French lessons! Are you a gourmet cook? Give a few hours of your time to tutor a beginner. Do you bike to work? Spend a few hours with a beginning bike commuter and help him or her map the route.
- ▶ **WINE, WINE, AND MORE WINE.** Dig into your wine stash or pick up a couple of extra bottles on your regular trips to the wine shop. High-end wine is gathered and sold as instant wine cellars during the **Live Auction**. Table wine becomes part of the wine toss, in which partygoers pay \$5 to toss three rings onto bottles. You win whatever bottle your ring lands on. Contact Linda or Molly, wmsauction2009@yahoo.com to donate wine from \$15 a bottle to \$100, or more.

Other ideas:

- ▶ Tickets to events
- ▶ Frequent flyer miles
- ▶ Private tours of interesting places
- ▶ Best of the Northwest (food, music, wine, outdoor gear, books)
- ▶ Excellent adventures (e.g., sunset cruises, walk-on parts in a plays, barista for a day, tour a bakery)

Need more ideas? Check out last year's catalog at www.seattleschools.org/schools/washingtonms.



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Next Paw Prints Deadline
January 15, 2009



Sweets for Everyone

If you're a baker (or know someone who is) or frequent a store, restaurant, or local bakery, **you can support the**

auction by donating a gourmet dessert(s) and/or procuring dessert donations.

The average bid for the DESSERT DASH is \$250, so the dessert you create or procure must be delectable and serve at least eight adults. After you procure your dessert(s), submit the donor form. Make arrangements to pick-up and deliver the dessert(s) to St. Demetrios by 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14.

GOAL—JANUARY IS DESSERT DASH PROCUREMENT MONTH!

Together, we can procure the gourmet desserts needed to make the Dessert Dash a success (see Page 2 for Dessert Dash details).

To volunteer, email Linda or Molly at wmsauction2009@yahoo.com. In your message, include your procurement item, name, and contact information. Then, you will receive an electronic version of the solicitation letter and procurement form.

AUCTION QUESTIONS?

WMS Auction Co-Chairs

Molly Ray Callaghan, 206.340.6679

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January Calendar



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| Jan 6 | Olweus (anti-bullying training)
APP Advisory Committee Meeting,
Garfield High School, 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan 10 | Saturday School, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,
WMS Library |
| Jan 12 | FOWM Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Room 8 |
| Jan 14 | PTSA Board Mtg., 6:45 p.m., Room 103 |
| Jan 15 | All-School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly |
| Jan 16 | National Geographic Geography Bee |
| Jan 19 | NO SCHOOL—
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday |
| Jan 21 | WMS Open House for prospective families,
6:30-8:00 p.m.
PTSA General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| Jan 26 | NO SCHOOL—Day between semesters |

SCHOOL TOURS WILL BE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH.