



February 1, 2015

Dear Cascade View Elementary School Parents,

We are very excited to announce our **Color the Rain Benefit Auction** to be held this Saturday, February 7th at 5:30pm at the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge. This year we have set a lofty goal to raise over \$100,000 to enable us to continue providing art education to your students, to grant money for new technology and fitness equipment, and to continue to provide enrichment and support for the students, staff and parents of CVES.

In order to reach our goal, our auction committee has been working for months to procure exciting vacations, unique experiences and delicious meals, to name just a few of the types of items up for bid. We understand that not everybody is able to attend the auction, but every family IS able to make a meaningful contribution to the success of the event! Many of you have donated items to your child's classroom to create unique baskets (e.g. Seahawks Tailgating Basket or Chocoholics Basket), or you've volunteered to provide a yummy dessert for the Dessert Dash, or you may have donated your time to help a classroom create amazing artwork to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. THANK YOU ALL for your hard work. This auction wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support we've received from all of you!

Even if you're not attending on Saturday, you're still able to get your hands on some incredible stuff! Beginning **Monday, February 2nd**, you will be able to visit our auction website and view the online portion of the auction, which includes Teacher Experiences, Teacher/Staff Book Picks, and Classroom Art Projects. Visit www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/ColorthetheRainAuction to register as a bidder and browse the catalog of items available for bid and/or purchase.

Teacher Experiences

The teachers have collaborated to create some exciting experiences that you and your child won't want to miss out on! How would your child like to have a pizza lunch with their favorite teacher? What would you give for two highly coveted front row seats to your child's next music concert? There's even a 6-hour rock climbing adventure for a group of four! What a fun way to spend time together as a family on a sunny Saturday afternoon! Some of these items are available for purchase, others are up for bid.

Bidding closes on Monday, 2/9/15 at 5pm.

Teacher Staff/Book Picks

In the fall, we asked teachers and staff to select a book that is meaningful to them as their "Teacher Book Pick". Some chose a favorite book from their childhood, while others chose books that they've shared in class with your students. These book picks are available for purchase (\$20 - \$25 each) and your child's teacher (past or present) will personalize the book to your student. What a great way to build your child's library and foster their love of reading! Be sure and specify your child's name in the notes section at checkout if you would like personalization. Books will be ordered after the auction and delivered to your child after midwinter break. Items are available for purchase thru Monday, 2/9/15 at 5pm.

Classroom Art Projects

Through the help of our new art program and countless parent volunteers, each class* has created an artistic masterpiece that will turn the best of neighbors into the Hatfields and the McCoys as they fight to outbid each other. Every family will have the opportunity to place the winning bid on these beautiful pieces. Online bidding will be available through Friday, 2/6/15 at 5pm, at which point these items will go offline and become part of our silent item offerings at the event. If you are the current winning bidder at 5pm on Friday, we will contact you to receive your proxy maximum bid. We will have a volunteer who will manage the proxy bids at the event. Winners will be notified on Monday, 2/9/15.

*Mrs. Boysen's class created individual self portraits, which are available for purchase for \$20 each (please allow the artists' families to purchase these).

If you have any questions about registering or bidding, please email treasurer@cvesptsa.org. If you have general questions about the auction, please email auction@cvesptsa.org.

Thank you for your support,

Cascade View Elementary School PTSA



Ms.Larson's Art Project:



Ms.Larson's Book Pick:

