



Adams Elementary School Newsletter

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Auction Goals Met!

What an event we all had at Leif Erickson. You donated, you procured, you came to the Auction, and man, did you raise your paddles for some incredible items. I had such a great time with all of you and it sounds like fun was has by all.

Now the great news: I need a few more days to really go through the records (and catch up on sleep), but we definitely made our overall goal of **\$60,000 gross income for the two auctions, and it looks like more than that.** I know you want to know! So, do!! Give me a few more days and I'll give you the right total.

Raise the Paddle for Outdoor Education—you all demonstrated your love of this project by raising your paddles in a big way. The **SuperNova** is coming for the play structure area before school is out *this year* and we are well on our way to more with the **\$12,350.00 raised Saturday.** Thank you **Improvements Team** for bringing us to this point and now we leap forward with funding to match the grants.

Rm 204: If you accidentally picked up something that you didn't win, bring it here as soon as you can. If you won something but didn't get it yet, check here. If you have any questions send me an email at adams@maestroweb.com. Credit cards will be processed later this week.

THANK YOU volunteers from our group, as well as the other two schools who supported us, Loyal Heights and Salmon Bay. The volunteer swap between the schools is a wonderful thing.

Thank you for the cowgirl rain boots! They fit and I really love them. It was so fun to spend the evening with you. What a great group of parents and friends and family.

-Carolyn Stalter
Auction Chair



Coming Up...

April 14 - May 2
WASL TESTING: GRADES 3-5

May 5 - May 9, Monday -Friday
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 17, Saturday 3-5pm
NORWEGIAN DAY PARADE
Meet at school, details to follow

May 21, Wednesday, 9:30am-12pm
ARTS AND CAREER DAY

May 21, Wednesday, 1:05pm
2-HR EARLY DISMISSAL

May 26, Monday, Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

May 30, Friday
ADAMS SCHOOL CARNIVAL

June 11, Wednesday, TBA
ARTS NIGHT

June 16, Monday
FIELD DAY & AWARDS ASSEMBLY

June 17, Tuesday, 2:05pm Dismissal
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The complete 2007-2008
Adams Calendar of Events
is always online at:
www.seattleschools.org/schools/adams

April Showers Auction Downpours Generosity

By Paul Tumey, paultumey@gmail.com

Over 250 parents, teachers and friends of our school wined, dined, and opened hearts and wallets at the Adams Elementary April Showers auction. Earlier in the day, volunteers transformed the Norwegian decor of Ballard's Leif Erikson Hall into a dazzling display of creativity and inventiveness. Rainbows, clouds, and silvery rain streamers covered the central stage and beverage areas. The front stage was home to giant dragonfly and butterfly metal sculptures that will soon become part of our new playground and grounds improvement. Eight enormous colorful patio umbrellas, each beautifully painted and decorated by our teachers and artists, continued the April Showers theme. Each of the 25 tables featured a child's rain boot and a unique theme, with special centerpieces and an array of fun adornments. Some themes included beautiful spring flower arrangements, a Margarita table, Swan Lake, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (in honor of our recent hit production), a fondue table, a Japanese rock garden, and a magician's table. Later in the evening, the patio umbrellas and table decorations were auctioned as part of the evening's fundraising.

At 5pm, our kind and capable volunteers manned computers, registration files, and serving trays as people streamed in, dressed in their finest clothing. Serenaded by the sweet strains of live music from *The Smokin' Hotties*, bidders browsed the array of treasures along the walls that made up the "Super" Silent Auction.

At 6:30, the program kicked off with a warm welcome by PTA President **Mary Jereczek**, who recognized **Carolyn Stalter** for her invaluable leadership as Auction Chair with a special pair of cowboy style rain boots. Carolyn then recognized **Thalia Pearce** for her many amazing contributions to Adams with a pair of beautiful poster prints from school events, designed by **Donna Izenas**.

In a moment of hilarity, several Adams PTA members appeared, singing a revised Adams Family theme song (see lyrics pg 3) and dressed as the characters from the classic TV show. Then, **Alison Krupnick** took the stage as our witty host, slapped on a sombrero, auctioned off of Mexican vacation, and the live auction was off and running.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious salmon dinner prepared by **Nell's Restaurant**, who generously donated the dinner for 250 for the 3rd year in a row. Mid-way through the auction, bidding was closed on the delicious, elaborate deserts donated and mostly prepared by Adams parents. In order, from high bid to low, each table got to "dash" for a sweet treasure.

Among the highlights of the live auction were several acts of inspiring, spontaneous generosity in which donors of several high-dollar items such as vacation packages, a sailboat cruise, a picnic drive in a vintage automobile, and "Principal For The Day" offered a 2nd and sometimes 3rd package for sale, making a significant impact on the amount of money raised during the evening. The winner of the amazing Golden Boot raffle re-donated the boot, filled with gift certificates, cash, and goods to help boost the money raised for the **Joseph Skillings Fund**. To everyone's happiness, the "Fund A Need" part of the auction exceeded the goal set for the evening, giving our playground and grounds improvement project meaningful support.

Round after round of delighted applause ensued throughout the evening as people radiated bright caring and appreciation of our school by bidding on the amazing array of over 40 offerings, including several stunning art projects by our talented students and teachers. As the evening wound down, attendees danced to the infectious music of *Mid-Wife Crisis*, and all agreed the 2008 April Showers Adams School Auction was a huge success.



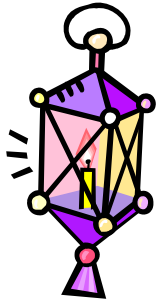
Art sold at auction created by Mr. Louis Allard's class in room 106

Got News?

Send all news for the next newsletter to:
adamsnewsletter@hotmail.com

Next issue April 29
 Deadline: Thursday, April 24

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Parent Training for Lantern Making Workshop



The Nature Consortium will be coming to our school in early May to put on a Lantern Making workshop for 2nd-5th graders.

Like last year's kite making workshops, teachers and parents will be trained to assist in individual classroom workshops.

If you love to be creative and enjoy working with children this is for you! A training session for parents will be held Tuesday, April 29th from 3:30-5:30pm.

Please contact Ms. Friend mfriend@seattleschools.org or Jennifer Burke jenandjerry@blarg.net for more information.

Program on Middle School Education

"What's Up With Middle School Education in Seattle?"

Wednesday, April 30, 7-8:30pm
Meany Middle School Library, 301
21st Ave. E., Capitol Hill

Child care available, RSVP by
April 28 to
stephaniej@cpps ofseattle.org

Presented by Ruth Medsker - Seattle Public Schools' Middle School Director, Bob Vaughn - Director for Advanced Learning, & Parent involvement advocates.

Adams Family Lyrics (as song by PTA during auction)



We're artsy and creative
Our program's innovative
We all have something to give
To the Adams family

Our teachers are enticing
They make learning exciting
We all say no to fighting
In the Adams family

Our parents are amazing
Terrific kids they're raising
"Even though supporting public
Schools with inadequate funding can
be dazing"
To the Adams family

So raise your paddle tonight
Support our school with your light
The future's looking so bright
For the Adams family

Crown Hill Cooperative Preschool has openings for fall '08 pre-K class

Tuesdays - Fridays, 12:30 - 3:30pm

Located on the corner of 25th NW and 77th
(across from Loyal Heights Elem)

For more information call Alison Cohon at
706-1556.

To learn more about the preschool, please
check out the website

<http://coops.northseattle.edu/coops/crownhill/crownhill3to5.html>