

## **FAQs about the Alki Auction---Everything You Wanted To Know and More!**

### **Why is Alki Elementary School holding the "Fiesta" Auction?**

The auction is the school's largest fund-raiser of the year. The auction also involves the largest number of volunteers and brings together parents, staff, friends, and grandparents working toward a common goal, supporting our kids!

### **Where will the money go?**

The money we raise at the auction directly supports the Alki PTA. Collected funds are allocated to enriching our students' at-school experience and to help better support our teachers and administration. All parents are invited to attend PTA meetings and help determine priorities and projects regarding how the raised money is allocated.

### **Where is the auction being held?**

The auction will be held at the Hall at Fautleroy located at 9131 California Ave SW Seattle, WA 98136. The Hall accommodates 200 people and enables us to provide a special evening with our wonderful Alki community.

### **What can I expect on auction night?**

The evening starts at 5:30p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and the Silent Auction. We recommend you get to the auction promptly to have enough time to see it all, as well as talk with your friends. After your registration, you will have time to peruse the many items available in the Silent Auction. At 7:15 we will sit down for dinner and our Live Auction will commence with our professional auctioneer. We are expecting that the event will be over around 10:00 p.m. We will be offering an "Express Checkout" opportunity for those who sign up for it at Registration.

### **I'm not sure if I should come - I hear things go for a lot of money!**

We have a large variety of items that range from the very inexpensive to the more costly. There truly is something for everyone! In addition to auction items we have fun games and raffle items which will help raise money for the kids! Remember we are all participating in a fun event that helps our school and the kids.

### **I'm not sure if I should come - I don't really know that many parents from the school!**

That's more of a reason to join us! This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents and get to know the faces that you see at drop off and pick up! Many people at our school haven't had many opportunities to socialize in a setting outside of our school grounds, and we really hope that many new friendships will be made at our Auction.

### **What should I wear?**

Please wear what you feel comfortable in!

### **Can I still donate an item to be included in the Auction?**

Yes! But hurry, the deadline for procurements is **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please get the item and description into our procurement leads, so that it can be included in our catalog. See procurement contact info below.

### **I don't have access to a physical item, but could donate a service or talent that I have.**

Of course! We have been collecting everything from professional services to yard work help. Even cooking or planning/catering a party would make for a great auction item.

### **How can I determine who will be at my table?**

This year we have started to use the idea of Table Captains. You can start asking friends now to join you at your table! Our tables hold 10 so ask friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to come. Or fill out the order form we sent home in the invitation or on our website and we will place you at a fun filled table with other Alki parents.

### **Can I help work on the auction?**

YES!!! We need table servers, live auction help, as well as opening and closing volunteers! Call Kathy Maggiora at 206-937-8968 to be a volunteer on Auction Day Friday, November 20. Or contact our procurement co-leads, Linda Braddock at [lindareifel@hotmail.com](mailto:lindareifel@hotmail.com) or at 206-390-8413 **or** Linda Keegan at [lyndakeegan@comcast.net](mailto:lyndakeegan@comcast.net) or 206-938-3155. Working at the auction is a great way to meet new people, have fun and help support your child's school.

### **Check-In:**

Welcome to the Studio at the Hall of Fauntleroy where you will receive your bid number, table assignment and catalog. At this time you will be finishing the registration process by leaving your credit card or check for express check-out. Or if you prefer you can return to the check-in room at the end of the evening for standard check out procedures.

### **Silent Auction:**

Submit your bid in writing on our bid sheets for all kinds of great items. Gift cards, pedicures, theater tickets, class baskets, etc. At the close of the silent auction tables the highest bidder takes home the prize.

### **Balloon Pop:**

You can buy a balloon for \$25.00. Pop the balloon to find out what you've won. Every balloon will have a prize in it worth at least \$25.00 or more! YOU CAN'T LOSE! Every time you hear a balloon pop at the event you'll know that \$25.00 has just been donated to the Alki Elementary PTA!

### **Wine Surprise:**

Please bring a bottle of wine to the auction and see the magic trick we can do with it!

### **Parties (buy-ins):**

Some of our wonderful Alki families' have offered to host a themed party or fun event in honor of our Fiesta. At the auction you can buy a ticket to attend one of these events but space is limited!!! Be quick!

### **Matador Margarita Bar:**

Get your margarita on all night long!

### **Heads or Tails:**

For \$20 you can buy a chance to play Heads or Tails at the start of the Live Auction. Before the auctioneer flips a coin, all contestants pick heads or tails. If you pick the right one, you go on to the next round. The last person standing will win half of the money collected!!

### **Live Auction:**

Raise your paddle and if you're the highest bidder you could walk away with a 7 day Holland America Cruise to Mexico or the Caribbean, a weekend get-away, a classroom art project, a day at the spa, or a special night out.

### **Kid Art:**

Art projects made by every class and grade level. These will be unique pieces made by your child and his/her classmates. We consider these works of art "PRICELESS."

### **Dessert Dash:**

Desserts have been donated by local bakeries, restaurants and some of our very talented Alki families. Desserts will be on display in the live auction hall prior to bidding. There is one dessert per table. The table that donates the most money will be able to choose their dessert first.

**IPOD Raffle:** Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The winner receives an Ipod Touch valued at \$350.00

**Fund a Need:** This year we'll be raising our paddles to fund Writer's Workshop- an exciting national teaching program. This program promotes writing fundamentals for our students. Raise your paddle at a level of donation that you are most comfortable with. Every raise of the paddle is for all Alki Students!