



May 24, 2007

Dear P.S. 261 Community:

It's almost that time again—Spring Auction!

Scheduled for June 8 this year, the evening (did we mention that it's kids-free?) promises us all a well-deserved respite, complete with wonderful company (your friends in the P.S. 261 community!), yummy food and drinks, and best of all, amazing things to buy! All for a cause that we care deeply about.

What's there to buy? Think spa days, haircuts, meals at tony area restaurants, beautiful jewelry and crafts, gift certificates for everything from children's clothes to pet food, and opportunities to enjoy a wide array of entertainment and artistic venues from a membership to the Whitney to the Colbert Report.

So...here's where you guys come in. To get the individual grades in on the auction donations, the auction committee will assemble gift baskets filled with items put together by theme:

- Kindergarten: **dog basket** (suggested items: dog books or DVDs, dog toys, coupons, bathing supplies, etc.)
- First Grade: **young reader basket** (suggested: K-2 age picture books and toys)
- Second Grade: **movie basket** (suggested: DVDs, movie books, movie tickets, popcorn—for grownups)
- Third Grade: **cook's basket** (suggested: recipe books, apron, cooking gadgets, spices)
- Fourth Grade: **new baby basket** (suggested: child care books, stuffed animals, snuglis, onesies, etc.)
- Fifth Grade: **spa basket** (lotions, soaps, loofah, spa day certificate, etc.)

What we're asking you to do is donate new items for your grade's theme—enough to fill a large basket. Perhaps you can coordinate so we don't get any one basket full of the same one item.

If you can do this by June 5th, and bring the items to the main office, we'll be so, so grateful. [there will be a basket for basket donations]

Remember: Your donations are for a good cause! Your effort is dedicated to a fun evening (did we mention it's kid-free?) What's more, it's dedicated to *you*—and to all the great items and possibly deals you'll find at the auction.

Happy basket-filling, and see you on June 8!

Best regards,

The P.S. 261 Auction Committee

