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What is the Grand Ridge Auction?

The Grand Ridge Auction is a fun-filled evening complete with gourmet appetizers, music and dancing, games, fabulous raffles, a live auction, and a silent auction.

Who can attend?

The auction event is for adults only - family, friends, neighbors, faculty, and co-workers are all welcome, but no children please.

When and where is the auction?

The Grand Ridge Auction is being held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 6:30pm to 10:00pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Issaquah.

What is the dress code?

Festive attire is recommended. This year's theme is **Mardi Gras!** Come prepared to mingle with friends, meet your neighbors, and shop ... and don't forget your dancing shoes!

Does the school hire staff to run the auction?



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The Grand Ridge PTSA is sponsoring the auction, and it is 100% volunteer driven. The Grand Ridge PTSA Auction Committee is composed entirely of volunteers including parents, grandparents, friends, faculty, students, and alumnae.

What is the purpose of the auction?

The auction is a biennial (every 2 years) fundraiser that helps build our community by bringing families and friends of Grand Ridge together. Now, more than ever, it is critical to supplement our children's education due to severe state and district budget cuts. Funds raised by the Grand Ridge PTSA enrich every child's learning opportunities and provide crucial support to the district curriculum. Grand Ridge PTSA's fundraising efforts directly impact **every** child at Grand Ridge Elementary. The auction is also a wonderful way for new and existing families to get to know one another. Our hope is that the Grand Ridge Auction will become a long-standing tradition that all Grand Ridge families will take pride in supporting.

Where will the money go that is raised by the auction?

All proceeds from the auction will go directly to Grand Ridge Elementary students to cover science, art, music curriculums as well as other PTSA programs between the spring of 2012 through 2014. The funds raised will be used to bridge the gap between state funding and the actual cost of educating each student to meet today's state standards. Our goal is to raise a net of **\$50,000** for Grand Ridge Elementary students.

Where do the auction items come from?

Generous businesses, families, friends, faculty, and alumnae of Grand Ridge Elementary will donate all of the items for the auction. Even our Grand Ridge students can donate. Handcrafted items are the most precious, especially the ones created by our very own students.

Will all the items be expensive?

No, there are items for everyone's budget. Items will reflect our community and its wonderful diversity. The auction has items starting as low as \$10 (Silent Auction) up to a few thousand dollars (Live Auction). Visa or MasterCard will be the request method of payment for both the Online Auction and Live/Silent Auction event.

If I don't plan to spend a lot of money, should I still attend?



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Absolutely! Everyone in the Grand Ridge community is encouraged to attend. It will be a fun evening with old friends and a great time to make new ones whether you spend a lot of money or not. This is a perfect opportunity to build our Highlands community and to show support for our school.

I would really like to attend. How do I purchase tickets?

Regular ticket prices are \$75 each, but we are offering discounted early-reservation tickets at a cost of \$60 each if purchased by January 1, 2012. Ticket price includes heavy appetizers, two drink tickets, and a delicious dessert. Registration and payment can be done online **only** by going to [Grand Ridge Auction Website](#) starting November 1, 2011. Ticket quantities are limited (300) and will be sold on a first-come first-served basis.

Can I purchase admission ticket(s) at the event?

Our auction is a well-planned, sophisticated evening. To ensure everyone has a great time you must register by February 3, 2012 to attend. Register early because ticket quantities are limited and may be sold out ahead of time. Online ticket registration starts November 1, 2011. Invitations with the registration link will be sent home with every Grand Ridge student the first week of November. The online registration link will also be emailed to every PTSA Member, as well as included in the school Enews. Again, only 300 tickets will be sold, so register early! If the event sells out, notification will be sent through a school-wide email.

How do I pay for auction items that I win?

All auction items are paid for at time of the auction (or at the close of the online auction) as applicable. You will need a Visa or MasterCard at the time of purchase for both the Online Auction and Live/Silent Auction event.

How do I get an auction catalog?

The complete Event Catalog will be available online starting the week of January 30, 2012. A printed list of the auction items will also be posted on the PTSA Bulletin Boards for viewing.

Starting January 9, you may preview the 1-Week Online Auction (January 22 – January 29) items online. Sneak peeks at the items already donated online will be listed on the [Grand Ridge PTSA Auction Website](#) starting November 1, 2011.

How do I donate an item to be auctioned?

You can donate items and services by filling out our [online procurement form](#) on the [PTSA Auction Website](#), or hard copy procurement forms can be found on the PTSA Bulletin Board.



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- Indicate on the form if the item is to be picked up, dropped off at the school, or is a gift certificate.
- Request promotional materials and/or a photo, logo, or any digital images of a donation for use on the website. Those images can be emailed to [Karla Olson](#).
- Be sure items are safely wrapped, bagged or boxed to protect them while they are being stored.
- Turn your items in early – don't wait until the last minute. This will guarantee that the items are included in the catalog and the donors will be properly recognized.

Please email [Karla Olson](#) to schedule delivery. If you'd rather not fill out a traditional donation form, Karla can help handle the details with you directly at 425-985-2254, kolson21@ihmail.com.

I want to bid on items, but I can't attend the auction. What do I do?

Great news – there are actually 2 auctions!

1. The 1-week Online Auction, January 22 – January 29, which will showcase all the outstanding Teacher/Staff Experiences. These items will not be available at the event on February 11.
2. The Live/Silent Auction at the Hilton Garden Inn on February 11, 2012.

What if there are items in the Live/Silent Auction on February 11th that you are interested in but you are not able to attend or it is sold out? Consider asking a friend who is attending to bid on your behalf and stay within your parameters. The catalog will be available online for your review starting Monday, January 30, 2012. This gives everyone a chance to review items that will be available on auction night.

We Need Your Donations!

We are now collecting donations for both the Silent and Live Auctions. We are asking each family to consider donating an auction item. We need all kinds of items from \$10 gifts up to larger Live Auction items. For a list of auction donation ideas, please go to the [Grand Ridge PTSA Auction Website](#)

For any other questions, please contact our Procurement Lead, [Karla Olson](#).

Donation Ideas:

- All kinds of unique items and artwork: paintings, sculptures, pictures, pottery, ceramics, linens, jewelry, etc.
- Electronics and household appliances are great: Wii, iPod Touch, Plasma TV, etc.
- Do you know a player on a professional sports team?: autographed items would be great!
- The Auction Committee is happy to create a gift certificate for any services, trips, experiences, or adventures you would like to donate.

Here are some other ways you can help!

- Have lots of airline miles? We can use them!
- Have a vacation home in a great get-a-way place? We'll take it!
- Have \$\$\$? Write a check to The Grand Ridge PTSA Auction, and we will buy your auction donation item for you.

The Solicitation forms, Procurement forms, and FAQ's can be found on the [Grand Ridge PTSA Auction Website](#)



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[Click here](#) to arrange donation item delivery or pick-up. Questions? Please email our Procurement Lead, [Karla Olson](#). Donations are non-refundable.

Raffles

There will be two fabulous raffles offered throughout the auction. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5.

The big cash 50/50 raffle will be available from November 1 through the night of the event. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, and as the tickets are sold the cash balance builds. 50% of the cash collected goes to the winner; the other 50% are proceeds towards the auction. To stay within the law, only 999 tickets will be sold. Fun stuff! Sell tickets to everyone you know! Let's grow that pot!

More information about the other raffle is coming soon! Raffle tickets will be sold up until the numbers are drawn at the event. Keep your eyes open for more information in the Grand Ridge Enews, Grand Ridge PTSA Facebook, and Grand Ridge PTSA Website.

If you have any questions about the raffle, please contact our Raffle Lead, [Kim Foster](#).

Corporate Sponsorships

If you own a business, want to say thanks to some of our wonderful faculty and staff members, or say congratulations to your children, then consider having a presence in our Auction. It is a great way to get noticed in our Grand Ridge community. For more information on Corporate Sponsorships please contact [Dan Wilson](#)

Online Auction

The Online Auction will be one week starting on **January 22** and ending on **January 29 at 9:00pm**. Remember to check the site often as new items will be added daily. The Online Auction will showcase fabulous Teacher and Staff Experience. Your child could be Principal for a Day!

The online Auction's website is: [Grand Ridge Auction Website](#)

Donation and Sales Guidelines *(small print)*

- All donations are non-refundable.
- Items sold during any of the auctions come with no warranty, or guarantee, either expressed or implied.
- Grand Ridge PTSA will not assume any responsibility for any unforeseen damage.
- All sales are final; there is no return policy.



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Important Dates

- November 1 Early Registration Begins
- January 1 *Early discount* deadline (\$60 ticket deal ends!)
- January 9 **Preview** Online Auction [Grand Ridge Auction Website](#)
- January 22 – January 29 at 9pm **1-week** Online Auction [Grand Ridge Auction Website](#)
- January 30 **Main Event Live/Silent** Auction Catalog available online
- February 3..... Register deadline (tickets \$75)
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 6:30pm** **Main Event!** Live/Silent Auction at Hilton Gardens Inn

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