

# **MCS Mini-Online Auction**

**\* March 24 - 31, 2018 \***

*MCS is growing and so is our fundraising! We are asking donors, parents AND students to help contribute toward our year end goals by reaching out into the community and asking for contributions to auction off during the last week of March. This a wonderful opportunity for your child to practice public speaking skills, and learn about how individuals and businesses in the community can support each other in a broader way. Students can present the MCS brochure to the business; they can talk about their success in the science fair and how each donation that the business makes (and we auction off) goes to support our year-end SPARK projects to help the environment and our outdoor education trip.*

Auction Site: <https://www.32auctions.com/MCSAuction2018>

## **Important Dates:**

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| <b>March 19, 2018</b>      | <b>Deadline: All donation items, donor forms, and images due to MCS</b> |
| <b>March 21, 2018</b>      | <b>Approximate date the auction link will be sent out to families</b>   |
| <b>March 24 - 31, 2018</b> | <b>Online Auction Week!</b>   |

## **Donations for the Auction:**

- *Suggested items include*
  - Restaurant gift certificates
  - Bakery gift certificates
  - Boutique shop gift certificates
  - Spa certificates
  - Kids' classes
  - Museum passes
  - Show tickets
  - Sports event tickets
  - Music event tickets
  - Movie tickets
  - Specialty items: cheeses, chocolates, tea sets **(NO ALCOHOL)**

- Homegrown or MCS Community items are appreciated. Think about skills or talents you and your children may have to offer. Below are some ideas:
  - Food! (Everyone loves cookies and cakes!)
  - Art
  - High quality hand-crafted items
  - Sewn items
  - Woodworking items
  - Pottery

### **Benefit to Vendor**

- Donations may be claimed as charitable donation on taxes (the donation form includes our non-profit tax ID code, which you can give to business owners.) The form should *come back to MCS* along with the donation so we can keep track of donor and donation.
- Free advertising! The name of their business will be included in our online auction catalog

### **Collecting Items:**

- Each family is responsible for providing two items for the auction.
- **DO NOT purchase these items!**
- Involve your children in the process.
  - Brainstorm possible donors.
  - Practice a pitch with them.
  - Encourage their public speaking confidence.
  - Praise them for specific things they do well during a pitch. Keep it positive! High fives and hugs are good!
- Get photos of the items you secure and send them to [annathenahuber@gmail.com](mailto:annathenahuber@gmail.com) for the online auction page.
- As soon as the items have been uploaded to the auction site, you will be sent a link to share with your friends, family, and communities.

## **Suggested Student Sentence Stems (if needed)...**

Hello, I am....(name) and I attend My City School

We are asking for donations from our favorite places for our first school auction.

These donated items will be entered into an online auction during March \_\_\_\_\_.

All the money raised will go toward our year end projects that support the environment and our year end camping trip.

(Optional) For my year end project, I'm hoping to develop/create \_\_\_\_\_, and this will help the environment in the following ways.

Would you like to help My City School by donating a gift certificate.

Your donations are tax deductible and you will receive free advertising by having your company listed in our online auction catalog.