

February 2023

Hello Parents,

The W.H.E.E. Preschool Spring Fundraiser is just a few months away! Please save the date for your whole family now:

April 14th- April 16th, 2023 IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL OPTIONS (see description below)

The auction is W.H.E.E.'s biggest fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds benefit our school and our children's classrooms directly! This event has historically been successful due to the collaborative effort of the parents, volunteers, teachers, and board members. We are excited to announce that after a few years of virtual only auctions, you can participate both in person and virtually.

This year, we will be hosting an adults only kick-off event at The Grange Food Hall. The kick off event will be on Friday, April 14 from 5:30-9pm. At this event, bidding will begin, "buy now" items will be available, and families and friends will be able to come together to support our W.H.E.E community.

Bidding will continue throughout the weekend, all W.H.E.E. families and friends will be able to participate in bidding on items virtually. This will allow families who are not able to attend in person on the 14th to be included in the fun. Bidding will end at 3pm on Sunday, April 16. Following the auction, items will be distributed to the winners.

Each W.H.E.E. family is asked to participate by donating \$60 or auction item(s) valuing that amount. This is one of the four commitments to W.H.E.E. If you choose to donate an auction item, you can request from the businesses you frequent to donate items/services/gift certificates, etc. Items that have done very well in the past include but are not limited to:

- Restaurant gift certificates
- Spa service gift certificates
- Service gift cards
- Vacation home rentals
- Cash donations

We encourage you to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, colleagues, etc., to participate either in person or online throughout the weekend.

Attached you will find a letter that you can distribute to business owners explaining your request, which includes WHEE tax ID, and the Auction Item Donation form.

When you have the item to donate, please put it in your child's tote for drop off and attach an Auction Item Donation form also attached, which provides the information needed for potential bidders. Please give every detail about your item, including expiration dates or any blackout dates.

Please turn in your donation(s) no later than Monday, April 3.

Our ultimate goal is to raise money that will directly benefit all of our children and the W.H.E.E community. Please reach out to the auction co-chairs below if you have any questions at wheepre@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your participation!

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Spring Auction Co-Chairs