

Mardi Gras Madness Update 1-4-10

Happy New Year! Here is some information regarding OLM's largest fundraiser of the year, Mardi Gras Madness to be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. at the St. Patrick's Parish Center.

Invitations and Ticket Sales

Sell, sell, sell to your family and friends!

This is one party they won't want to miss!

Attached to this informational packet you will find an invitational flyer and response card for tickets for the event. **In the past, invitations have mailed home to OLM families but in order to reduce mailing costs, we are now sending them home in the family envelope.**

We need your help with ticket sales! Reviewing our attendance figures for last year, we found that over 50% of our tickets sold were not sold via invitations but from people selling tickets by word of mouth. How can you help? Simply ask friends and acquaintances outside of OLM to attend the event. If you can take care of getting tickets to them and money from them, that would be great. Additional tickets are available in the **OLM office.**

Sponsorships

We are still in need of sponsors for the event. Please take the time to review the attached sheet for sponsorship opportunities that are still available.

Raffle Tickets-Who Can't Use Some Extra Cash?

Each family has received their four raffle tickets for this year's raffle of \$1000 cash. More information can be found in the raffle ticket envelope. We appreciate your support in selling the tickets.

Auction Basket Donations

We are still in need of auction donations for the casino baskets. Each OLM family is asked to help with these donations. Items for the baskets can simply be dropped off at the OLM front office. Remember, our theme baskets are as follows:

Best of Wine Country

Date Night Basket

Theatre Basket

Family Night Basket

Yosemite Themed Basket

Men's Basket

Central Valley Basket

Disney Basket

For more information, please contact Danielle Wood at #726-3624.

T-Shirts, Masks and Mystere

Mardi Gras attire is highly recommended for our event. Masks can be purchased at the event itself or pre-purchased. Please check the Mardi Gras Madnes link on the OLM Website and the OLM office for masks and t-shirts that can be pre-bought. The T-Shirts commemorate the event and are a lot of fun for those that like to collect them.

King's Cake Donations

By popular demand, our King's Cake, 50/50 raffle station this year will consist of Mrs. Keeler's Infamous Cinnamon Cake. In the past, OLM families have been asked to supply appetizers for the auction. **In lieu of this, we are now asking each OLM family to donate \$3.00 cash to help defray the costs of the ingredients of the cinnamon cakes.** Money can simply be put into an envelope with Mrs. Keeler's name on it. Please have your child turn the envelope into their teacher. Thank you!

Next Committee Meeting-

Our next meeting is this Thursday, January 7th in the OLM Library at 7:00 PM. All room mothers and OLM Parent Club members are required to attend. **This is CRUNCH TIME for our event so we need as many parents there as possible.**

Work Parties!

Come help us spruce up our Mardi Gras decorations. These are fun events, where we work, eat, and socialize as we get things ready for the auction. Children who are old enough to complete tasks are welcome—we have jobs for them as well!

Tuesday, January 12th-6:00-8:30 PM.—Our first work party. Dinner will be provided.

Other Work Party Dates to put on your calendar

Monday, January 18th-3:00 PM

Thursday, January 28th, Time:TBA

All Work Parties are held at

Maxwell Construction, 141 Hawk Drive (Thorton Road to Heron to Hawk Drive).