

Let's Get Excited About the Auction Today!

# *An Evening in Tuscany*

..... is the theme of our annual auction and there are many new and exciting features in store! Each spring we come together for a fabulous evening of food, drink, music, community and most importantly, to support our school. **On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, we will return to the Emerson Center for the festivities.** Special thanks to Tanya Cunningham-Baker and her crew of helpers, we already have some amazing donations! These include: A behind the scenes tour of the paleontology labs at The Museum of the Rockies with Dr. Jack Horner, a day of beauty at Hush Salon, delectable food from some of Bozeman's finest restaurants, a weekend escape to West Yellowstone, and other one-of-a-kind opportunities. The auction is an important part of Anderson School's fundraising and as always, 100% of the proceeds go to benefit the children, including classroom enrichments such as art classes, science excursions, and technology. To make the evening a success, we need everyone's help.

What can you do? A letter with information, ideas and a donation form should have come home with your oldest Anderson child this past week. If you run your own business, consider becoming a corporate sponsor. Think about your special talents and connections. Perhaps you can volunteer to help your child's teacher with their classroom project. We need parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends to donate items for the auction and then to come enjoy this wonderful event!

**Another exciting addition this year: OUR ONLINE AUCTION website!**

**Please check it out at: <http://www.andersonschool.myevent.com/>**

Items will be able to be viewed starting next week, with new items added weekly. Bidding will begin March 8th and close Sunday, April 8th. We're counting on you all to pass this website on to grandparents, relatives and other long-distance friends, so they can join the fun and support Anderson school. Special thanks to Gretchen Bauder, who is managing this website for us.

Also important: **Please become a member of our new Anderson School Parent Council Facebook page!** We'll post exciting new donations, and would love to stay in touch this way, rather than by sending out too many e-mails. Tell your friends and neighbors that Anderson School Parent Council is now on Facebook! "Like" us for up-to-date news on how you can get involved to make your child's school even better!

Thank you to all who already have made a donation. Thank you in advance to everyone else, because we know from past years' experience that you will make amazing contributions to help these young people. That's a part of what makes Anderson special. It truly does "take a village", and we are blessed to be here in this village together. We are hoping to collect all donated items for the auction by March 1<sup>st</sup>, although your donations are always welcome. Donations and donation slips can be dropped off at the office, or you can call one of us for a pick-up.

Official invitations (with an RSVP card) will be mailed at the beginning of March, but tickets will be available next week in the office, as well as online. Place your ticket order information and check in the ticket box, and we'll get you your tickets within the week.

So, mark your calendars for **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> !!!** We hope you'll join us when we come together to raise money to support the arts, science, and technology at Anderson School.....and have a wonderful taste of Italy at the same time! ***Ciao!***

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