



October 4, 2011

Dear PS 163 Families:

Get ready to boogie at **** FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER****, the PS 163 Annual Winter Party & Auction! Save December 2, 2011. You'll be at The Bromley on West 83rd St. that night, dressed in your 1970s attire and bidding on awesome deals at our Auction!

But of course we can't have an Auction without your help. **Every family at PS 163 has something to contribute.** The Auction is our school's biggest fundraiser. Please consider the ways your family can help. And remember that almost all of the businesses in NYC give to all the school auctions. They've all done this routine before. The owners of local businesses know they get new customers and a tax write-off. It's win/win! So, ask around at your favorite restaurants, stores, salons, businesses... and think of what YOU can offer, as well! Some examples include:

- Cook a meal for a group. One of our previous best sellers was a Traditional Mexican Meal for four people – it was such a hot item, we sold it twice!
- Knit a sweater for a baby, a scarf for an adult
- Extra air miles? Send them our way!
- Expertise in computers? Architecture? Donate a few hours of your hours!
- Are you a handyman? Room painter? Have a teenage dog walker? Pet sitter or caregiver?
- Six Flags, Playland, and Victorian Gardens all donate to school auctions routinely. So does the Gap, American Girl Doll, etc. Look on websites for Corporate or Community Giving.
- Absolutely every business you patronize has something to offer our community. Just ask!

Turn in the most donations by 11/11 and win a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant!

Extra donations forms are available in the AUCTION mailbox in the school office and on the PTA website at www.ps163pta.org. Return completed forms to the AUCTION mailbox or email to ps163auction@gmail.com.

Thank you for your donation and your support, and remember:

The deadline for donations is 11/11/11! But don't wait! Get those auction items in October if you can.

We will run an Online Auction beginning Nov. 15. Look for details to follow—and help us get those donations!!!

Best wishes for a great semester,

The PS 163 Annual Winter Party & Auction Committee, ps163auction@gmail.com