



September 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

Something amazing is happening here at IVE. Under the phenomenal leadership of Principal Diane Holt, now in her third year at IVE, and an extremely talented pool of teachers, our students are thriving at unprecedented levels, as evidenced by our recent MSP test results. Students are enriched daily by the boundless efforts, talents and care of our amazing team of teachers, specialists and staff here at IVE.

This excellence is not easily achieved, given that our district is ranked 42nd in terms of per student funding in the nation. Couple this with over a million dollars in recent state funding cuts and you realize we are going the distance with a very small tank of gas. It's up to us, IVE families, to make sure nothing stands in the way of our children's educational journey. What our school needs now is funding.

Luckily, this is an auction year for IVE. Our PTA auction will take place March 9th, 2012 at Pickering Barn. Mark the date for a fun filled evening! Our goal is to raise \$85,000 to fund critical programs such as art docents, science fair, garden docents, educational field trips, our multi-level book room and equipment like the rock wall installed in the gym last year. *It's up to us to help make up the funding shortfall in our children's education. We are asking each family to procure at least one item to sell in the auction.* Attached you will find an idea brainstorming sheet along with two other tools:

1. One is a procurement letter that you can share with family, friends and businesses that describes our auction. The IVE PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so donors can claim their donation as a tax deduction.
2. The other tool is the procurement form. Once you have your item, simply fill out this form, tape it to your item, and drop it off at school. You can also use the online form at https://ivepta.schoolauction.net/auction2012/donate_items/new.

You are welcome to drop off your items and completed forms to Wendy Fowler in the IVE office any time before November 23, 2011, our procurement deadline.

Thank you so much for being an active member in our school community and for helping to raise the critical funds our school needs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact procurement chair Debbie Kuntz at dsteinberg_kuntz@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Lynnette Bradbury and Debbie Kuntz
Auction Chair and Procurement Chair
IVE PTA Auction 2012