

The Graffiti GAZETTE

Your Rockin' Auction Update...



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The Cheerleaders

By Brian Gladden,
Graffiti Character Spotter

The Cheerleaders are another foundation of Graffiti-era America. Boundless school spirit personify The Cheerleaders. Convinced that any team on the field or on the court could not possibly win without their presence, they always keep their pom-poms and megaphones at the ready. The team can count on riding their boundless optimism and fixed smiles all the way to the state championship.

Fashion: Cheerleader uniforms, pom-poms

Often Found: On the sidelines, pep rallies

Modes of Transport: The quarterback's car

Associates With: Other cheerleaders, quarterbacks, the highest-scoring basketball players

Listens To: The roar of the crowd

Kindergarten Teacher, Karla Hudson, and Second-Grade Teacher, Torrey Bennisson, are getting the crowd pumped up for Alameda Graffiti! Are you ready for some
AUC-TIOON?!

What's Buzzin', Cuzzin'? | It's hip to help at the auction!



By Jenny Stadler, Volunteer Lead auctionvolunteers@alamedaschool.org

Hey, Daddy-O! If you're still looking for a way to contribute at the auction but aren't sure what you have to give, consider volunteering! The auction is a volunteer-run event, and we sure could use a few more guys and gals to help make the night go ape, Gidget.

"Day-of" Set-Up: We need a lot of Jets and Pinks to help us get the event space looking fly. We especially need 6-8 folks with nimble fingers to help blow up nearly 1000 balloons. Plus, there's the fun of having an early preview of all those silent auction items you might have your eye on. Man, it's gonna be radioactive!

Packager/Runner: In order to guarantee that our auction is made in the shade, we need some folks behind the scenes making it all happen. It would kill if we had a few more Clydes to package all of the silent auction items and get them ready for pick up. Don't be a freem... get with it! Come help us get our silent auction into orbit!

Jobs for the Young'uns: It would razz our berries to have some high school students who are on the stick to help us out. If you have a teenager who will put the fizz in our soda, please sign him or her up too, or send an email to us to let us know what she or he can do to help. Write us at:

auctionvolunteers@alamedaschool.org
and we'll find your cutie a job.

So get in gear! If you don't see something here to your liking, well, don't be a cube. You could snap some pics, be an egghead, or help us finish the night in style. Get on the auction website and see how you can make the scene!

alamedaschool.org/auction/volunteers.php

Volunteering at the auction is a kick!



Dear Wolfman,

So where's this catalog I've been hearing about? When's it coming out? Can I still donate something to the auction and get it in the catalog?

Signed, Curious as a Cat(alog)

Dear CaaC,

Now dat's a lot of questions! Let's start at da beginning. Da printed catalog (it only lists Live Auction items, Classroom Projects, Board Items, and Donations from da Teach, plus da auction rules and regs) is comin' out next week some time. Da Team's gonna get it in backpacks or deliver door-to-door. Make sure ya take notes and bring yours to da big game!

Da online catalog is still being prettified. When da Team thinks it's up t'snuff, dey'll put a link on da website dat leads ya right to it. And dey'll continue updating and prettying up (with pictures and all!) clear up to Graffiti! Expect dat link to go up some time dis week.

In da meantime, Team Graffiti's still takin' donations (drop 'em off in da office wit' yer form), but dey won't get in da printed one. Ya dig?

— WJ



Auction Night Timeline

- * 5:30-7:15 pm: Doors Open, Cocktail Hour with passed Hors D'oeuvres, Silent Auction
- * 6:45 pm: Silent Auction: First Closing
- * 7:00 pm: Silent Auction: Second Closing
- * 7:15 pm: Silent Auction: Third Closing
- * 7:15-8:10 pm: Dinner
- * 8:00 pm: Checkout/Will Call Opens
- * 8:10-8:30 pm*: Dessert Dash
- * 8:30-9:45 pm*: Golden Ticket Raffle Drawing and Live Auction
- * 10:00 pm*: Super Silent Closing (Classroom Projects)
- * 10:00-11:30 pm*: Dancing
- * 10:45 pm: Checkout Last Call
- * 11:00 pm: Last Call Bar
- * 11:30 pm: Doors Close
- * 11:30 pm-2:00 am: Continue the Fun at Flirts Lounge, located in the Holiday Inn. (No Cover Charge)

All times marked with an asterisk (*) are approximate. The Super Silent Closing will close 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Live Auction; the exact time will be announced at the auction and will be a FIRM closing time.

Dear Wolfman,

I was in Los Angeles and I didn't make it to Preview Night. Can I still buy tickets for a table of ten?

Signed, Late in La-La Land

Dear LiLLL,

Now dat's a toughie! Team Graffiti has some tix left, but t'ain't many! Ya might not get a whole table, but dey'll sure try t' fix ya up wit' yer pals. All ya do is email Titia Quinton at auction-tickets@alamedaschool.org. And drop da tix forms (with entrée selections!) in da envelope in da office at school or to da Team direct on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in da lobby/ playground. (And if ya see da Team, make sure to swipe your credit card. It'll save ya time on Auction Night!) If ya need more forms, ya can get 'em on da b-board in da lobby or on da web.

Note: Tickets must be purchased by **Wednesday, February 10.**

— WJ

Sponsor Snippets

By Graffiti Gazette Staff
gazette@alamedaschool.org

We are the proud parents of Carson and Evan Grosse! Our family business is honored to support the kids and staff of Alameda for the 3rd year in a row.



Proud to Support Alameda Elementary



2010 is the start of our 4th year renting photo booths for event entertainment in Portland and Seattle. We also continue to photograph weddings and family portraits. We have two photography-related class projects that will be in the 2010 Auction; one for our son Emmett's 3rd-grade class (Miller), and one for Zoe's 1st-grade class (Masunaga). With our littlest Margaux only 2 years old, we look forward to many more years supporting Alameda!

WANTED

Bottles of Wine (750 ml)

Red or white. Either typical \$10-\$20 bottle or an elite bottle (or both). Contributions are tax-deductible. Drop off in the main office or contact auction@alamedaschool.org to donate.

Vinyl Records

Any size, shape, or condition accepted. Scratched and unplayable preferred. All quantities, large or small, requested. Email auction@alamedaschool.org to donate.

Extension Cords

Indoor, longish, three-prong-plug-accepting preferred. Power surge protection not required. If labeled with name of owner, will be returned after auction. Contact auction@alamedaschool.org to lend.

Auction Gophers

Drivers requested to pick up various goods at various locations and deliver to auction site on morning/early afternoon of **Saturday, February 20**. Maps/directions provided. Contact auction@alamedaschool.org.

Balloon Blower-Uppers (& Tiers)

Balloons, helium tanks, and ribbons provided. No puffy cheeks or immense lung capacity required. Nimble fingers preferable. Contact auctionvolunteers@alamedaschool.org.

Work-Party Worker Bees

Volunteers requested for Work Parties. Must be able to do important tasks such as count to 400, stick on sticky notes, or glue as directed. Various times including Feb. 8 (9 am Cafeteria, 7pm Library) and Feb. 16 (9 am, location TBD). Others as necessary. Contact auction@alamedaschool.org to help.



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Where will you be?

alamedaschool.org/auction

Chris's Corner

TWO WEEKS 'TIL



Alameda Goofball

Wow, two weeks! (Well, technically 16 days, close enough.) This is where it REALLY starts getting

fun. (Okay, I have been having fun the whole time; I admit it.)

So here's the scoop...

- * **Tickets:** You will not receive a paper ticket. You WILL receive an email from Titia Quinton specifying the details of your party's tickets. If you do not get an email and think you should, please contact Titia at auctiontickets@alamedaschool.org to verify that you are in our system.
- * **Catalogs:** Hardcopy late next week; online hopefully this weekend. Check out our website for the link to the catalog.
- * **Work Parties:** Check out News-Notes and the website for up-to-date info. We need help for lots of little tasks and chores and many hands make light work.

Are ya diggin' it?



Chris Wiegand,
Head Cheerleader



Did Ya Know?

What is a Dessert Dash?



The **Dessert Dash** is one of the most exciting and fun parts of our evening! 40 tables of guests, 40 desserts: some of the desserts are those provided by the hotel or the infamous Hostess® Platter[®]; others are **unbelievable** desserts donated from a variety of merchants, such as the **Foster and Dobbs Cheese Plate** paired with **Dessert Wine**, the **Jumbo Cupcakes** from **Saint Cupcake**, and the **Devil's Food Cake** from **Mother's Bistro**. Who gets what? We bid to decide!

Each table will have a menu featuring all of the desserts and a small bid sheet with your table number and space for up to 10 bidder numbers/amounts. We will pick a "runner" for each table. He/she gets each guest at the table to bid as much or as little as the guest wishes; the guest, in turn, coaxes the runner to pick his/her favorite dessert! We sum the totals of the tables. The runner of the table with the highest total gets to start first in the dash. But better make your decision quick; the runner from the next table will be hot on your heels just 10 seconds later!^{**}

[®]Hostess® Platter – an assortment of treats from the Hostess® company; Twinkies, Ho-Hos, and other fine (and long-lasting!) goodies. When's the last time you had one?

^{**} As a courtesy to our fantastic Alameda staff, we will allow the staff tables to select desserts about halfway through the list of tables.

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