

Celebrate Spring; Celebrate our Children; Celebrate Westmont

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! After what seems like an interminable winter and a particularly trying month of March Nor'easters, we are eagerly awaiting spring and all that it entails for our community. We will be happy to shed our winter gear and our children equally happy to come to school unfettered by extra bags and get onto the playground to run with abandon.

What better way for us (grown-ups) to celebrate spring and celebrate our school than to look ahead to our much-anticipated Celebration of Children event? Scheduled for April 21, we are excited to invite our community to join fellow parents, faculty, staff and board members to this very popular, long established tradition, planned and executed by fellow community members. Amazingly, this is our 29th annual Celebration of Children, and for almost three decades, it has allowed Westmont to continue to thrive as a strong organization, dedicated to the education of young minds and development of capable people.

This event already has everyone's support, from your generous contributions to the class baskets, furniture, and ceramic pieces, to your donations through Sign-Up Genius, to the fun and special teacher experiences. It is truly a community event. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing from committee chairs and various volunteers as they wrap up the final details. Be on the look out for your 50/50 tickets, preview dates, and a peek at the great offerings.

Of course, events like this do not happen by magic. As mentioned above, lots of hours of preparation on behalf of an amazing core of volunteers will bring it to full fruition. The thank-you list is long: when you see the one of a kind hand decorated furniture and ceramics pieces which represent every child in the school, the themed class baskets, the art pieces made by the children and Ms. Vicki, the spectacular live and silent auction, and the much in-demand Wine Pull, you will see that indeed, "it took a village."

Now in final stages, "the village" is looking forward to seeing all of you to share the success of the evening. Our beautiful venue, provided by parents Blake and Tracy Silverman, is the ideal setting for a community event such as this. BEX catering will provide great food and refreshments. Our auctioneer, James Zemaitis, alum parent, and museum curator whose reputation precedes him, is sure to make the night memorable.

If you have not yet RSVP'd, I would like to personally invite you to join fellow friends for a night to remember. Regardless of the weather we will bring our own sunshine, camaraderie, and bright spirits.

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