

Nativity Gala Update

As you may have heard, this year's auction was a huge success! In addition to the money brought in to meet our fundraising goals, we asked Gala attendees to consider donating to a special fund that would be earmarked for our teachers. We asked the teachers to come up with a wish list of special items that they would like in their classrooms. Items that are more than what their regular budget allows, but that the teachers feel would enhance the curriculum they are using to teach our children. This special "Wish List Fund" will help bring these wonderful new items into the classrooms at Nativity.

We did the same thing 3 years ago, and your contributions bought our Nativity cougar mascot costume, heart monitors for health and Physical education classes, Math and History Jeopardy game for 4th grade, phonics games for the younger grades, new tables for the art room, and so much more - from which our kids have benefitted.

Some of this year's wish list items include materials for the school's new Earth Science program including a stream table kit, fossils, and minerals. Other requests include Bookmaking Bonanza, Social Decision making game, math rug, digital cameras, positive character book sets, 12 x 12 scooters for gym, lacrosse sets, individual student dry erase boards, Ellis Island DVD's, rhyming bingo games, laminating machine and much more.

At the Gala, the auctioneer asked for donations to fund these items, and through the generosity of people at the auction, (including many parishioners and even non-Nativity guests) we raised \$6100 for this fund! If you were not at the Gala but would still like to contribute to the Teachers' Wish List Fund, please send in your donation to the office marked "Wish List Fund" by Wednesday, November 23rd. If you are sending a check, please make it payable to Nativity of Mary. We would love to be able to purchase as many of these items as possible.

On behalf of the teachers, thank you for your generosity!

God Bless you and your family this Thanksgiving.
The Nativity Gala Committee

