Thanks to Paula Mey, Suzan Samuels and the rest of the Auction Committee, we have many items available for auction. These items include fabulous trips, dining at some of Houston’s favorite restaurants, one-of-a-kind experiences for children, sports memorabilia and many wonderful items donated by Post Oak teachers and staff. New at the Gala this year are Big Board and Mystery Boxes.

Students in each class have prepared a project for the Live Auction at the Gala.

Big Board is a smaller version of our Live Auction. We will have several exclusive items sure to tempt any auction bidder. These include an extraordinary trip donated by the Post Oak Dad’s Club to Pebble Beach, an afternoon at an Astros’ game including an inning in the Fox Sports Booth listening to Jim Deshalies and Bill Brown call the game, and a round of golf for four at the exclusive Lochinvar.
Golf Club. These items and more will be listed on our Big Board in the Silent Auction area and can be bid on for most of the evening. The Big Board will open at 6:00 pm and will close shortly after the conclusion of the Live Auction.

Everyone will want to take a chance on buying a Mystery Box. These beautifully decorated boxes will sell for $50. You might be the lucky winner of a night at the Houstonian Hotel, brunch for four at Shade, a makeup application, and blow-dry and hairstyle at Sensia Studio and Japanese Day Spa, or a special bottle of wine. These boxes contain a minimum fair market value of $50 and many are worth quite a bit more. Boxes are available at both check-in and throughout the evening until they are gone. Don’t wait, they will go quickly!

Events returning from prior galas are the Silent and Live Auction. There is something in the silent auction for everyone. Stroll through tempting items such as sign-up parties, jewelry, home accessories, wine and more categories than can possibly be listed here. Many items are provided by our own Post Oak faculty and staff. Be sure to get there early because the sign-up parties have a limited number of participants and sell out quickly. Silent Auction opens promptly at 6:00 pm and closes upon commencement of the Live Auction.

The pinnacle of the night is the Live Auction featuring the masterpieces handcrafted by our children. These most enticing items are sold live in an exciting style by a professional auctioneer. You will remember the school year forever with a treasure handcrafted by students in your child’s class. Projects to be auctioned include beautiful quilts, magnificent wall hangings, elaborate paintings, embellished furniture and other creative and personalized works of art. The Live Auction begins around 9:00 pm.

—Annette Gregory, 2011 Gala Chair

Response card below: respond by January 31

Purchasing individual tickets as part of a group of 10 (Please list names on reverse of this card)

Unable to attend, but would like to make a donation of $ _________

Would like to help underwrite faculty/staff tickets with a donation of $ _________

Enclosed is my check for $ _________ payable to The Post Oak School

Please charge $ _________ to my: [ ] AmEx  [ ] Discover  [ ] MasterCard  [ ] Visa

Account Number

Expiration Date  CSV (Security Code)

Name as it appears on card

Authorizing Signature

*** FMV is $100 per seat or $1,000 for a table of ten ***

On a separate sheet, list the names of people with whom you would like to sit.
Gala invitations were mailed—rsvp by Jan. 31

Tickets are $150 each and can be purchased by returning the reply card in your invitation.

If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please contact the development office, pick one up at the front desk, or download one from our website.

Questions? Call the Development Office 713-661-6688.

special meals

Please let us know if you would like a vegetarian or kosher meal by emailing christinacantu@postoakschool.org

reserve a hotel room

Reserve your room early for $169 at the Houstonian Hotel. Call 800-231-2759.

volunteers in demand

Gala volunteers are in high demand!

Day-of help is needed for setup. Contact Gala Chair Annette Gregory at [email]

Dear Teachers & Assistants,

Thank you for the extraordinary work you have put into the Gala art projects this year.

They turned out beautifully!

The Post Oak Parents Association
Students in all classes are finishing their Gala art projects.
Silent Auction Highlights
Be ready to place your bid stickers on these sought-after auction items!

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   (5:30pm-8:30pm), March 11
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311 Southampton Dinner & Dancing,
   September 10

Post Oak Employee Donations

313 Dinner with Maya & Errol Pinto
615 Custom Art by John Long
712 Pajama Movie Night
   Orly Kluk & Jamie Ward
715 Primary Spring Tea Party
   Miriam Winton
716 French Time—Dinah Chetrit
717 Parents' Night Out—Lilia Garza
718 Fine Arts Museum with
   Luiza Grandchamp
721 Museum Tour with Tamara Basham
   & Erin Smith
722 Victorian Cottage Dollhouse
   Barbara Hacker
901 Book Nook—James Moudry &
   The Post Oak School
903 Child's Tea Set—Luiza Grandchamp
   & Christina Kopanidis-Cantu
904,905,906 Custom Made Children's
   Furniture—Darwin Matusek
1001 Autographed Matt Schaub Football
   Nikhil Schneider, son of Jeff Schneider
1003 Rice V. University of Memphis
   Basketball—Andrea Dilger, Sherricka
   Gray & Mark Tucker
612 Mirani Smith’s World-Famous Cake

Family Donations

50 Deer Valley—Wawro/Gray Family
51 San Migue—Hetherington Family
53 Day at the Doctor—Dr. Wayne Franklin
DANCING across CULTURES
The 2011 Biennial Gala of The Post Oak School | Feb. 4, 2011

54 Astros Sportscaster—Martin Family
55 Houston Texans Up Close
Loya Family
56 Lochinvar Golf—Colter Family
106 Design Thinking
Yoel Kluk, Piensa, LLC
108 Night at the Ballet—Jian & Mike Short
200 Party at Beck’s Prime Memorial Park
Vorhees Family
201 Colorado River Canoe Trip
Golub Family
400 House on Lake Conroe—Mey Family
404 Dinner Reservations & Private Driver
in New York—Loya Family
405 Taos—Chandler Family
406 Belize—Walji Family
503 The Vein Treatment Center
Kapusta Family
506, 508 509 Nepalese and Tibetan Necklaces—Hanif Family
601 Pamper your pet—Dr. Amy Garrou
713 Fashion Diva Party—Stéphanie Amett
800 Day as a Vet—Dr. Amy Garrou
801 Lights, Camera, Action at KPRC
Rachel McNeill
803 Beginner Photography Class—Terry Vine
900 Plan Toy Dollhouse—Gee Family,
Imagination Toys, and the Mey Family
1000 Texans Football, Vonta Leach #44, with the help of little Rudy Haddad
1007 Texans V. Titans—Panchbhaya Family
1009 Rockets V. Mavericks—Parker Family
1112 Israeli Wine
Ofer & Sonia Molad-Einstein
1114 Oregon Wine Tasting Event
Eddleman Family
519 Bullet Girl Custom Jewelry
Jessica Meyer
519a Bullet Girl Men’s Cuff Links

Jessica Meyer
611 Home & Garden Design
Jenny Marshall
614 Interior Design—Lissa Debes
Wine—Eugen Kim
600,603,606 US & Texas Flags
Mey Family

Travel
50 Deer Valley—Wawro/Gray Family
51 San Miguel—Hetherington Family
400 House on Lake Conroe
Mey Family and Just for Fun
Watercraft Rental
401 Marfa Trip—Garrou Family, The
Hotel Limpia, Hotel Paisano
402 Lake Conroe Resort
La Torretta
Lake Resort & Spa, The County Line
403 A Night On The Riverwalk
The Westin Riverwalk, Boudro’s
404 Big Times In The Big Apple
Loya Family, Eventi Hotel
405 Taos—Chandler Family
406 Belize—Walji Family
407 California Fun—Rancho Valencia,
Legoland California Resort,
Disneyland California

Bid early! • Bid often!
Silent Auction
starts at 6:00 PM
We thank all of the businesses that have supported this year’s event and hope Post Oak parents support them.

Boss & Hughes  
Ceera Investments, LLC  
Charter Roofing  
Complete Women’s Care Center Insroup, Inc.  
Jane Cardwell Tutoring, Inc.  
Kuehn Exterminating Inc.  
Lanson B. Jones & Co. Inc.  
Monarch Landscaping, L.P.

MW Cleaners  
Persys Medical  
Phillip T. Iero MD, DDS, FACS  
Phoneline Technologies Inc.  
PM Realty Group, L.P.  
PostNet  
Quest Personnel Resources  
Rice Epicurean Markets  
Space City T-Shirts  
Speedy Picture Framing  
Strasburger & Price, LLP  
The Mosquito Guy  
Weatherford International  
West U Fitness  
Monica McNeill  
Rita Cammarata

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR GALA EVENING

Cocktails and Silent Auction
6:00 pm

Viewing of Class Art Projects
7:00 pm

Dinner Announcement
7:45 pm

Seated Dinner
8:00 pm

Program and Live Auction
9:00 pm
Silent Auction closes at commencement of Live Auction.
Big Board closes after Live Auction.

A World of Dancing Begins!
10:15 pm

Auction Checkout
10:15 pm

Goodnight
midnight

MYSTERY GIFTS

Not sure what to bid on? Don’t leave empty handed!
Pick up a perfect surprise with the purchase of a Mystery Gift. For $50, you will walk away with a gift worth more than $50 that is sure to please everyone.

BIG BOARD!

There will be a fabulous assortment of popular items listed on the Auction Big Board! The Big Board will be up during Silent Auction and will remain open until after Live Auction closes. Mark out the last person who bid, and put your winning bid in on the board!

FOR THE CLASSROOM

This special auction offering allows you to contribute directly to your child’s classroom. Funds raised in this donation-only section will be divided equally among all classrooms. Teachers use these funds to purchase “extras” for the class. Examples of previous purchases include: garden benches, a trellis, a globe, a special colored pencil set, an infant sofa, and a video camera. Your teacher decides how the funds will be used for class benefit. Using your bid sticker, donations can be made at the display in the silent auction area, or at your table to be picked up during dinner.
A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

**ASTROS SPORTSCASTER**
Ever wonder what it’s like in the broadcast booth? Well, for one inning your child can find out. Get a first hand look sitting alongside Astros announcers Jim Deshaies and Bill Brown. Includes four third row tickets and a chance to tour the Fox Sports Houston TV truck.

**NEWSCASTER**
Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the KPRC Local 2 Studios. Fifteen guests will meet Local 2 personalities and watch a live news broadcast!

**CHILDREN’S TEA PARTY**
Move over Mad Hatter, Miriam Winton is having a splendid Tea Party of her own! The first 12 Primary children to sign up will be invited to The Post Oak School grounds for a delightful outdoor end of year tea.

**HANDCRAFTED CHILDREN’S FURNITURE**
Montessori-styled furniture sized for your child. Crafted by James Moudry and Darwin Matusek. Darwin’s handiwork can be seen all over the school.

**RESERVED SEATING FOR CINCO DE MAYO**
Be front and center when the curtain rises! Front row seating for Post Oak’s Cinco de Mayo event, April 29.

**VET FOR A DAY**
Your child can watch ultrasounds, radiographs, surgeries and examinations of animals up close and personal with Post Oak parent, Dr. Amy Garrou.

**EMPyREAN Wines**
Wow your friends with a private wine tasting and talk hosted by Post Oak parents and vintners, Lisa & Christian Eddleman. Your group of 15 wine enthusiasts will enjoy a night at Nos Cave Vin, a private, members-only wine venue in West University. At the end of the evening, take home a case of their own private label Empyrean from 2002 with a mix of Eridanus and Draco to enjoy at home. Mutually agreed upon date.
Auction Items: Sleep-Away Camp!

Camp Olympia

Ages 7–16

New camper (family) only

Siblings of current campers not eligible:

3 week session

Located on Lake Livingston, in Trinity, Texas

Term 2 June 19–July 9 or Term 3 July 10–July 30

Blackwood Land Institute

Ages 8–13

One week session

Session 1 6/26–7/2

Session 2 July 3–9

or Session 3 July 10–16
CALENDAR

For more, visit www.postoakschool.org

JANUARY 23–29

Sun 01/23
NAMTA Conference in Houston

Thu 01/27
Primary Parent/Child Night
6:00–7:00 pm

JANUARY 30–FEBRUARY 5

Wed 02/02
POP A Coffee / Work Day
8:45 am–1:00 pm
Parent / Employee Basketball
8:00 pm

Thu 02/03
Lunar New Year

FEBRUARY 6–12

Fri 02/04
Gala

FEBRUARY 6–12

Tue 02/08
Mardi Gras

Wed 02/09
Coffee with the Elementary Director (Topic: Parenting Book Chapter Discussion)
9:00 am
Ash Wednesday

Fri 02/11
Registration Deadline for Returning Students

Check out our online calendar—or download a copy of the printed calendar at www.postoakschool.org

NOTICE BOARD

You can receive a printed copy from your oldest child, or a PDF version online.

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