The Good Times are coming! The Post Oak Biennial Gala, “Friday Night Fever” is just 17 weeks away. On Friday, February 1, 2013, the Post Oak family and friends will gather at the Houstonian Hotel for a fun evening in support of the school. The gala is a community effort. Staff and faculty contribute their time and talent for special experiences and items in the silent auction. Parent volunteers help with decorations, advertising and soliciting auction items. The children work on class art projects that are auctioned off in the main event of the evening. The class gala coordinators guide the children in the creation of the class art projects. All of these individuals help to make the gala a success.

CLASS ART PROJECTS

Chairs: Aaron Parazette & Susan Leverenz

The highlight of the gala is the live auction of class projects created by the students. Each class decides on the project, and in the past, these have included items such as quilts, paintings, furniture, wall hangings, and customized place settings. The projects provide an opportunity for the students to study a variety of subjects: art forms, specific artists, historical events, plants, animals, space or genealogy, for example. While the teacher guides the children in studies related to the project, the gala coordinators work with the students on an

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individual basis to help each child create his or her portion of the project. Post Oak’s Art Specialist, Diana Muniz, and Post Oak parent Aaron Parazette, provide creative and artistic advice. Art Project co-chair Susan Leverenz keeps everyone on track with the deadlines and helps gather volunteers to work with the students.

POST OAK’S ARTIST EXTRAORDINARE

We are fortunate to have Post Oak parent Aaron Parazette as one of the Art Project Chairs for this year’s gala. Aaron is an established artist, painting professor at the University of Houston, art show curator, and owner of FRONT Gallery with his partner, Sharon Engelstein. He was recently featured in an article in the Houston Chronicle, which talked about his current exhibit at the Art League of Houston where he’s being celebrated as Texas Artist of the Year. (www.29-95.com/art/story/aaron-parazette-edgy-artist-center-it-all)

CLASS GALA COORDINATORS

They need your help!

Contact your child’s class gala coordinator to find out about volunteer opportunities.

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MORE “HOT STUFF”

Tickets, Travel, Dining, Gift Cards, and More

Do you shop? Do you travel? Do you have season tickets? Do you eat out?

We’re fairly confident that you answered “Yes” to one of those questions! Talk to the store, hotel, or restaurant manager. Requests from valued customers are much more likely to result in a donation than cold solicitations.

Tickets: Sporting and theater events are always popular. Texans, Rockets, Astros, Dynamos, Houston Ballet, Houston Symphony, etc.

Gift cards: Ever receive a gift card to a store you don’t patronize? Donate it to the Gala! Gift cards from reward points are also an easy way to contribute to the gala. For example, a $50 gift card through American Express Membership Rewards is only 5,000 miles.

Vacation Homes: Have a vacation home? Many of our families have generously donated time at their vacation homes. Restrictions and exclusions by homeowners are common, so don’t let that hold you back! In the past, we’ve had homes in Deer Valley, San Miguel, Round Top, and Taos.
How Can You Catch Friday Night Fever? Get Involved!

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In addition to the classroom art projects in the Live Auction, the gala also holds a very large silent auction offering an impressive selection of items donated primarily by our parent and faculty/staff communities.

“WE ARE FAMILY” ADVERTISING
Support the gala by purchasing a gala program ad. There is a wide range of price options with ads starting at just $125. In addition to business and commercial ads, individual family ads are welcome! Your ad will be seen by over 500 families and friends of Post Oak both in the program and online on the gala page.

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THE HOST WITH THE MOST!
Do you like to entertain? The gala is looking for people to host events. Events can be for adults, children, or family. Usually, these items are sold on a per-person basis with all proceeds going towards the gala fundraising goal. Your donation will need to include location and cover the cost of the event. You set the number of attendees.

Examples:
- Progressive Dinner – families partner to host a dinner party
- Indian Dinner
- Asian Dinner
- Wine Tastings
- Dinner Parties
UNDERWRITING for Cool Cats
The Post Oak Parent Association’s Biennial Gala
Friday, February 1, 2013

Contact name and title _____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ____________ Zip _____________________________
Phone number __________________________ Fax number _________________________________
Email address _________________________________________________________________

Underwriting Opportunities
Underwriter name(s) as you would like it to appear in printed materials __________________________

☐ Anonymous
☐ $10,000 Disco Inferno
☐ $5,000 Hot Stuff
☐ $3,000 Celebration
☐ $1,000 Funky Town
☐ $500 Good Times
☐ Donation – I/we wish to offer support through a fully tax deductible donation of $ ____________.
☐ Additionally, I/we wish to include a gift of $ _________________ to help underwrite faculty/staff attendance.

Invitations to purchase individual tickets ($150/each) will be mailed in December.
Print deadlines for Gala invitation and program are November 12, 2012 and December 21, 2012 respectively.

Payment Information
Total amount due: $ _______________

☐ Enclosed is my check. (Please make checks payable to The Post Oak School.)
☐ Please charge my: [ ] American Express [ ] MasterCard [ ] Visa [ ] Discover

Card no.: ___________________________________________ Exp: __________________ Sec. Code: _______________
Name on card: ___________________________________________________________________

☐ Please bill me. Payment in full is due by January 7, 2013.

Fair Market Value is $100 per ticket or $1,000 for a table of ten.
As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, all charitable contributions to The Post Oak School are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Return form to:
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