Dear Strandwood Families,

**The Strandwood Dinner, Dance & Auction provides 40-50% of our annual PTA revenue and without it we would not be able to provide the level of support the school currently enjoys.** During times of diminished funding for education, the Strandwood PTA has been able to supplement the academic experience for all Strandwood students by providing instructional assistants, a computer site tech, a science teacher, art docent, the Nutcracker, FAME and much more. We are only able to do this through your generous support. **Our Annual Dinner Dance Auction event will be held on Saturday March 23, 2019. An online auction will be held in the weeks preceding the live event.** **We need your help to make it a success. Even if you can’t attend the event you can still support the auction with a donation.**  We have reached out to over 600 local and national businesses and have already gotten a great response. We have found however, that the best donations are the ones that come from our community. Below are examples of some of the many ways you can contribute – the possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

**\*Ready to make a donation – or have more questions, contact Jill Freeman and Courtney Di Pretoro at auction@strandwoodpta.org.**

**Special Access**

Do you or someone you know have “behind the scenes” access to a local company or entertainment venue? Can you help us put together a “priceless” experience that isn’t available to the general public?

**Famous Friends**

Do you have a famous friend or relative (local or national) that would be willing to have breakfast, lunch or dinner with a lucky auction winner?

**Season Tickets**

Do you have season tickets to the Giants, A’s, 49ers, Raiders, Warriors or Cal that you would be willing to share?

**Timeshare Donation**

Do you have a timeshare you aren’t able to use? Let us turn it into an auction package to benefit Strandwood.

**Vacation Home**

Are you willing to share your vacation home for a week, or a long weekend? We’d love to send a Strandwood family there.

**Southwest (or other airline) Points**

Got points? We’d love to have some to send some Strandwood parents on a high flying adventure.

**Professional Services**

Do you offer a professional service that would be of value to the Strandwood community? Are you an estate lawyer, a plumber or handyman? Are you willing to donate a few hours of your time to the highest bidder?

**Parent owned businesses**

Do you own a business? Can you make a donation of products, services or cash to support the Auction?

**Special Talent**

Do you have a special talent? Knitting, yoga, painting etc. Can you donate your time to share your talent with others?

**Do you bake or cook?**

**Participate in one or more of the following:**

**Cookie, Muffin or Pie of the Month Club (or any other tasty treat)**

Deliver a dozen homemade cookies, muffins or a pie etc. a month to the auction winner. May be shared by several volunteers as long as they coordinate to avoid duplicates.

**Dessert Dash**

Make a fabulous cake or other dessert for our Dessert Dash at the live auction event.

**Gift Cards**

Do you have gift cards hanging around that you are never going to use. As long as they are not expired (or about to) we’d love to have them for the auction.

**Wine**

Do you have a favorite wine you can donate or do you have insider connections that can provide wine for our tables or wine toss?

**Gift Baskets**

Put together a gift basket of some of your favorite things to share with the Strandwood community. The possibilities are endless. Some of the baskets we’d like to have include: Family Game Night, Book Collections at each grade level, Coffee Lovers, Ice Cream Fanatic, Exercise Essentials, Baker’s Tools, Scrapbooking/Craft Supplies. You could also create baskets that play off the “Boogie Nights” theme.