

THE BLUE MARBLE BALL



The Blue Note

Calendar

Dec

Dad's Night & Raffle
Kickoff

Date TBD

Kid's Holiday Cookie
Party

Date TBD

Feb 10

Wine Party

Apr 23

Blue Marble Ball

Gala 2010 - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The annual Children's House gala is a night of great food, fun and friendship. Held in April of each year, it is also the school's most important fundraiser. In the past, it has raised over 10% of the schools operating budget! There is always a group of parents willing to pitch in and make this amazing night happen; once again we need your help!

The gala raises funds that enrich the entire school community through tuition assistance and special programs like Della Terra and Music on Mondays to name a few. Many don't realize the effort that goes into this event. It takes over **100 dedicated volunteers** working together, **\$80,000 in donations** for the Live and Silent Auction and many sponsors, underwriters and program advertisers. The silent auction alone requires donations of nearly **400 items valued from \$10 to \$500 each**. Attendees can expect the opportunity to bid on wonderful and unique items that they don't see every day.

Please help us reach our goals by gathering items for the silent auction. Specifically, this year's auction committee is looking for 400 new items including:

- **unique or handmade art objects**
- **restaurant and service gift certificates**
- **wine**
- **health & beauty items**
- **gourmet food**
- **children's toys and educational items**
- **family, sport and entertainment activities (theatre, museums, tubing, bowling, skiing, swimming, miniature golf)**
- **home and garden items**

We are confident that everyone at our school has a special talent, owns a business, supports local businesses, or has friends or families that can make donations. Next time you are at one of your favorite stores making a purchase, ask them to make a donation. Every item counts! All donations are 100% tax deductible.

ACCEPT THE GALA CHALLENGE!

This year we have issued a challenge to get everyone fired up. The person with the most gala donations turned in each time period, will win a fabulous prize. The time periods are below.

- **November 30th** - Montessori fleece of winner's choice
- **January 25th** - Pizza lunch for one child for rest of school year
- **March 31st** - Two tickets to the gala!

Every donation will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing - to be announced later.

How else can you help? We have opportunities to be an event sponsor, underwrite part of the event, buy or sell ads and raffle tickets, serve on a committee or just come and enjoy the best party in Northern Michigan!

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