

Elysian Charter School Weekly Newsletter

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► News From the Friends of Elysian

We'd like to send out a big thank you to the entire Elysian Charter School community for helping us make the 2010 Friends of Elysian Charter School's Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction a HUGE Success. The dinner and auction raised over **\$22,000 for the Elysian Facilities Fund** and we thank the 171 people who attended for their spirited generosity and all the sponsors, donors and patrons who contributed to our auctions.

It was great evening for our school -- lots of great food and drink, lively conversation, and of course dancing and bidding! The Westin Hotel served as a terrific backdrop, providing top notch service and hospitality, and we thank Gary Bailey, the Westin's catering manager for welcoming our school's event to the Westin.

We also want to thank the Elysian students and the class parents who donated the nine class baskets. These amazing baskets were a HUGE hit among our party-goers, and in total raised over \$3,100 in the silent auction. The **Third Grade's Cookware Basket** was the highest seller going for \$925! Second prize goes to the **First Grade** whose **Kindle Basket** sold for \$550 and third prize went to the **Sixth Grade, with the I-Pod basket**, which raised \$425. These baskets made a significant contribution to our sales and we thank everyone for their enthusiastic support of our new Elysian tradition. For the efforts, the winning classes will be awarded a pizza party (3rd grade), an ice cream party (1st grade) and a collection of board games for the class (6th grade).

Speaking of winners, congratulations to Hillary and Kevin Quist, Bob and Amy, Hand, Eileen Griffin & Doug O'Brien and Wendy Oswald Kinney & Todd Kinney, for choosing the SUPER mystery bags. The mystery bags sold out almost immediately and these folks walked away with the bags valued over \$150!

Thanks to our great set up and take down crew: Dan & Joseph Sexton, Gene Steinhart, Jay Imus, Adam Levy, Todd Leong and Laurent & Jennifer Lisimachio. They provided muscle and hauling expertise that got us in and out of the Westin in record time!

We have so many more people, companies and friends to thank and we will continue to do so in this newsletter and on the Friends of Elysian web site www.friendsofelysian.org. In the meantime, we wanted to share the good news. Stay tuned for more!

Thanks again,

The Friends of Elysian 2010 Event Committee
John Bauers, Diane Imus, Frances Jennings, Grace Leong, Deb Lewis, Donna Olah-Reiken, and Kathy Prussack

▶ **New Victory tickets for Thursday, March 18 4:30 performance, 46 Circus Acts in 45 Minutes.** Parents who wish to travel with their children, should call Lynne Shapiro 201 876-0102 or e-mail her at lynneshapiro@rocketmail.com to reserve space. If you wish your child to travel with After School, please complete the attached form. *With hoops, tight-wires and a giant stopwatch, four acrobats race the clock to complete 46 circus acts in 45 minutes. This animal-free show is set to a pop music soundtrack mixed live and includes time for generous applause. 70 minutes, no intermission.*

▶ **Absentee Voting Information for Board of Trustees Election.** Though we prefer families to vote in person (we need a quorum), tomorrow is the last chance you have to vote absentee 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM in the Rue Building.

▶ Tuesday, March 9th is Elysian's Annual Meeting, Rue Building, 6:00 PM. Please RSVP for childcare (\$5 for family) to either school office.

▶ **Square 1 Art Update.** The PTSO would like to thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser. We received over 135 orders! If you missed the opportunity to participate please contact Square1 independently at www.square1art.com. Please note that prices may be different than what was offered to Elysian. Again, a great big thank you and you will be notified when the shipment arrives in April. – The PTSO

▶ **Friends of Elysian Fundraising Dinner-Dance & Auction**

▶ **News from the Art Room** New Art Show at CVS located on 14th Street and Park Avenue: 5th Graders Hoboken Architecture Ink Drawings and Action Figures/7th and 8th Grade Drawing Seminar Students' work. On display at Rue: 6th Grade Action Figures. Enjoy the beautiful art!
Art Wish List: Baby Wipes, Sponges, and Liquid Hand Soap

Sincerely,
Jessica

▶ **Sports**

- Check team results www.hobokenyouthbasketball.com

▶ **Reminder: We Want Your Photos of Elysian Kids**

Photos from recent Elysian events? Please send them to Carol.

► **Igive.com** is year round! Send flowers, gifts, purchase what you need for your home and family and a percentage of your purchase goes to Elysian.

► **March Calendar**

Monday, March 8

- You may vote by absentee ballot today, 8:30 – 4:14, and tomorrow if you are unable to attend the Members' Meeting. Stop by the Rue office to pick fill out a ballot and place it in ballot box.

Tuesday, March 9

- 5:30 PM, 12th Annual Members' Meeting and Election of Board of Trustees, Rue Building gym
- Vote absentee before the meeting, if you must, until 5:00 PM, Rue Building.
- 6:00 PM Bidy Basketball (JV), Elysian vs. Stevens Red, at Wallace.

Wednesday, March 10

- Half Day of School, 12:30 dismissal, for staff development. The Afterschool program is available.
- 6:00 PM, Varsity Basketball, Elysian vs. Hudson Gold Charter, at Wallace

Friday, March 12

- 6:00 PM, Varsity Basketball, Elysian vs. Hudson Black Charter, at Wallace
- 7:30 PM, Girls Basketball, Elysian Charter vs. Mustard Seed, Multi

Saturday, March 13

- Girls Basketball playoffs, Multi
- 10:10 AM Small Fry Basketball, Elysian Charter, Wallace
- 11:00 AM Small Fry Basketball, Elysian Eagles, Wallace

Monday, March 15

- Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 PM, Rue Building.

Thursday, March 18

- 4:30 Performance of **46 Circus Acts in 45 Minutes** at the New Victory. Parents who wish to travel with their children, should call Lynne Shapiro 201 876-0102 or e-mail her at lynneshapiro@rocketmail.com to reserve space. If your child will attend with Elysian's After School Program, please complete the attached form (see below).

Saturday, March 20

- Girls semi-finals, Multi
- 10:10 AM Small Fry Basketball, Elysian Charter, Wallace
- 11:00 AM Small Fry Basketball, Elysian Eagles, Wallace

Wednesday, March 24

- PTSO Meeting, 6:30 Rue Building, Pizza and childcare available.

Friday, March 26

- 8:30 AM, Community Meeting, OLG. All students should be dropped off at OLG in the morning.
- Spring Fling for 6th – 8th graders, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Monday, March 29

- Half day of school, 12:30 dismissal, for Passover. The Afterschool program is available.

Tuesday, March 30

- Half day of school, 12:30 dismissal, for Passover. The Afterschool program is available.

AFTER SCHOOL TRIP,

4:30 Performance

Thursday, March 18

New Victory Theater,

New York City

46 Circus Acts in

45 Minutes

“Dazzling. Ideal...entertainment.” The name says it all. With their beeline approach to high-flying fun, the cheeky Aussies of Cira push their own limits as they barrel, bolt and balance at breakneck speed. From awesome acrobatics to fantastic free-falls, the competitive camaraderie of four unbelievably skilled performers fuels awe and adoration in this “breathless barrage and banquet of cirus pandemonium.” Warning: All laughter, applause and cheering must take place off the clock!

Return this form to Lynne Shapiro/ Francine Ladson ASAP!

I give permission for my child, _____, in _____’s class, to attend the 4:30 PM, Thursday, March 18 performance of 46 Circus Acts in 45 Minutes (a 70 minute performance at The New Victory Theater on 42nd Street. I understand that he/she will be leaving school at 3:00 PM, with the Afterschool Program, and traveling to and from New York via public transportation. I will be at Elysian’s entrance by 6:45 for pick up.

_____ *parent/guardian name*

_____ *signature*

_____ I’ve enclosed \$7 fee for bus and tickets.



▶ The Elysian **Green** Tee Shirt Order Form, \$10 a shirt

All proceeds go the Friends of Elysian's building fund.

I would like to order ___ Elysian tee-shirt(s)!
(enter total # of shirts)

I've enclosed ____ (circle one) cash/check
(made out to Friends of Elysian)

I have checked off the size(s) I need, and the quantities:

Children's sizes

small ___
medium ___
large ___
extra large ___

Adult sizes

small ___
medium ___
large ___
extra large ___
extra extra large ___

My name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of child/class/teacher _____
(indicates where tee-shirts will be picked up)

Tee shirts grades K, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 go to the Rue office.
Tee shirts grades 3, 4, 5 go to the OLG office.

Please note: Shirts should be available 7 working days after order is placed. If out of stock, 14 working days after order is placed.