

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Parent Family Association at Mills College Children's School, the Auction committee welcomes you to the 2010 Annual Auction & Raffle. The proceeds raised tonight will support the Mills College Children's School scholarship fund and enrichment programs at MCCA. Your support will enable the school to continue with its mission of supporting the socio-economic diversity of our student body, along with creating a rich learning environment for all students at the Children's School.

This catalog is full of many wonderful items, including luxurious vacations, specially prepared baskets, beautiful jewelry, baby gifts, tickets to sporting events, gift certificates to top restaurants, museum tickets and memberships, home cooked meals, unique classes and outings hosted by MCCA families, priceless treasures created by the children in our classes, and much, much more.

Please read through the catalog with your family, friends, neighbors and associates. Encourage others to attend! If you cannot attend, ask another attendee to proxy bid for you. Your proxy can use your designated "starting bid" and "highest bid" – the maximum amount you are willing to spend on the item – to participate and perhaps win the item! If you need help finding a proxy, contact us at mccsauction@gmail.com. You can also proxy bid for your friends and relatives!

This year, a Champagne reception from 6:00-6:30 pm kicks off the Silent Auction, followed by specialty cocktails, beer, wine, and sparkling water. Plus, the fabulous food: A gourmet catered buffet of delectable and contemporary selection, prepared by Greenleaf Platters, a Hugh Groman company that is a certified "green" business from Alameda county; an assortment of fine cheeses and Semifreddi's bread; and homemade desserts provided by the MCCA community. Live music will be provided by The Ultras, a surf-pop band headed by our own Eric Lenchner (father of Buckeye in the Green Room)!

For only \$25 in advance (\$35 at the door) you can enjoy a fun evening of great food, drink, and live music! As you enjoy yourselves, we hope you will be inspired to bid, bid, and bid some more! Your support of this Auction provides our unique and wonderful school with the vital resources it needs to fulfill its mission. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Ida Shahfari (mother of Shayda, K/1, and Aryon, Infant/Toddler)
Whitney Walker (mother of Gabriel, 4th Grade)
Your Auction Co-Chairs

P.S. Please bring this catalog with you to the Auction.

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Champagne Reception, 6:00-6:30 pm

The Ultras, 6:00-8:15 pm

Tables begin to close at 8:15 pm

8:15 House & Garden

8:20 Body & Soul

8:25 Art

8:30 Food & Wine

8:35 Kids

8:40 Services

8:45 Getaways & Sports

8:50 Pay-to-Plays

9:00 pm Raffle

9:15-10:00 pm Live Auction

Check out begins after the Live Auction and can only take cash or check. We encourage everyone to enjoy dessert and coffee and stay for the Live Auction & Raffle—one of the most spirited and exciting parts of the evening! For your convenience, we will also be holding a satellite check-out next week in the MCCS library on Tuesday afternoon (11/16/10) from 3:15-5 pm and on Wednesday morning (11/17/10) from 8:30-10 am. If you need to leave before Check Out is ready, please sign up for a time slot next week when you can pay and pick up your winnings. Thank you!

Auction Committee

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Insert your name here. We need your help after the Auction tonight or tomorrow morning! ☺

Dear Mills College Children's School Community and Supporters:

This evening would not have been possible without the help of a multitude of volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to express our immense gratitude to all those who donated their time and talents to make this evening a success. We also want to thank our wonderful teachers for their generous time working with our children to create magnificent class donations for this evening.

Special thanks goes to Maisha Wilson for carefully tracking the inventory and organizing the plethora of donations for a fourth straight year! To Ramon Williams for stepping into the database job in the 11th hour and running with it so smoothly, despite our many requests for changes. To Fabian Banga and Lisie Harlow (who came back to bail us out again!) for technical assistance on the database. To Shawn Salazar for once again tackling the solicitations job with gusto, enthusiastically following up with phone calls and emails to companies and thus ensuring a full catalog. To Suki Mozenter, Peter Kim, Kim Austin, Dionne Short, and Yakpasua Zazaboi for helping with solicitations and picking up items. To Jueli Garfinkle and Kim Sellon for reaching out to parents to brainstorm donation ideas. Also to Jueli for proofing this catalog, despite a terrible illness. To Steve Meyer for coordinating the logistics of both set up and tear down and providing many necessary tools. To Debbie Glass for the beautiful new posters, postcards, banners, and catalog cover, all designed especially for this event. To Alison Moncrieff for trekking all over campus to make sure the posters and postcards were visible, and for distributing personal invitations to campus faculty, with the help of Racquel Armandpour. To Lisa Erickson for always being so flexible and accommodating in every role she fills, this year stepping up to take over the decorations job and ensure that our room looks lovely and festive. To Serena Coorey for establishing such a beautiful décor scheme in the first place, and coming back time and again to help us set it up. To Marie Shell for sharing her event planning expertise to help with the entire layout and management of tonight's Auction. To Ann Kim for taking charge of the Live Auction from start to finish. To Jane Alexiadis from Michaan's Auctions for donating her time and expertise to serve as our Auctioneer. To Joel Garfinkle for serving as our skilled and lively Master of Ceremonies. To Eric Lenchner for getting The Ultras back on our stage again tonight! To Bakty Barnett for coordinating a superb buffet of foods, coffee, and tea, and coordinating our serving crew. To Candida Banti for adding some pizzazz to our usual beverage selections, procuring Champagne and liquor donations, and managing the bar. To LaLane Coaxum for using her knowledge of how things work on campus to help with invitations, publicity, and hiring servers. To Andrew Brooks for putting out press releases to newspapers and handling off-campus publicity. To Ramon Williams and David Siopack for coordinating the raffle ticket sales, and to Rani Batra for setting up the online ticketing website. To Bonnie Peyton and Doug Earp for once again expertly coordinating the check out and bagging of items. To Ada Lee and Anne Hartford for serving as our trustworthy cashiers. To David Siopack, our PFA Treasurer, for processing all the Auction proceeds and expenses. To Cheryl Davila for keeping us funded and reimbursed, as well as for her help facilitating communications with the college. To Debra Brown for always embracing the Auction and allowing us time and space to do so many Auction tasks. We also want to thank previous Auction chairs, Melissa Benham and Mary Dalsin, for patiently walking us through the process and answering all of our harried, last-minute questions. To all the table closers, balloon pop sellers, bartenders, baggers, check-in and check-out crews, and set-up and tear-down crews. To all the MCCS families who donated items, desserts, and their precious time to this Auction, as well as to all those who sold and bought raffle tickets. And finally, to our families and all the families of our volunteers, who tolerated the many hours we all put towards tonight's Auction.

We hope you have a wonderful evening!

Ida Shahfari & Whitney Walker

2010 Auction Co-Chairs

General Procedures

Registration

You will receive your bid number as you check-in at the auction. Use only the bid number assigned to you for bidding on silent and live auction items.

Silent Auction

1. The Silent Auction opens at 6:00 pm and categories close on a staggered basis beginning at 8:15 pm. Once an item is closed, no further bids will be honored.
2. **Minimum bids and increases shown on the bid sheets must be observed for bid to be valid. Bid sheets are not to be altered other than by the Auction Chairs and confirmed by their signature**
3. To place a bid, sign your name, bid number, and the amount of your bid in legible form on the uppermost available line on the bid sheet. Doing so constitutes a legal contract to purchase that silent auction item at the price you stated if your bid is the winning bid. The last (highest) valid bid entered prior to the section closing will be the winning bid.
4. An Auction Committee member will certify winning bids and make this information available at the cashier's table.
5. The Auction Committee reserves the right to withdraw any item at any time without notice before the actual sale. In the event of a dispute, the Auction Committee shall act as final authority in determining the winning bid.
6. Check Out begins after the Live Auction and can only take cash or check. We encourage everyone to enjoy dessert and coffee and stay for the Live Auction & Raffle—one of the best parts of the evening! For your convenience, we will also be holding a satellite check-out next week in the MCCS library on Tuesday afternoon (11/16/10) from 3:15-5 pm and on Wednesday morning (11/17/10) from 8:30-10 am. If you need to leave before Check Out is ready, please sign up for a time slot next week when you can pay and pick up your winnings.

Pay-to-Play Items

The “pay to play” services and events (#750-799) have limited spaces, which are offered first come, first served at fixed prices. These items may sell out quickly so make them your first stop! Note that you will be charged for your pay-to-play items tonight and the PFA cannot provide a refund if you cancel prior to the event; however, each item has a waiting list so that someone can take your spot and buy the item directly from you. If you sign up on the waiting list, you will be contacted in the event that someone cancels; you will not be charged unless you agree to buy the item.

Raffle

Raffle prizes will be drawn following the Live Auction. Please be sure your name and phone number is clearly written on your ticket stub.

Live Auction

1. The Live Auction bidding will begin at 9:15 pm. To enter a bid, raise your bid number toward the auctioneer. The Live Auction will continue until all items are sold.
2. A bid is recognized only when formally acknowledged and called by the auctioneer.
3. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the purchaser. In the event of any dispute, the auctioneer will have sole and final discretion to determine the successful bidder or to re-offer and re-sell the item in dispute.
4. A bid acknowledged by the auctioneer is a legal contract to purchase the item at the stated bid. In addition, the buyer assumes full risk and responsibility for the item.

Auction Rules

Conditions of Sale

1. All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds on items are permitted except where specified.
2. All items are sold “as is.”
3. All items must be paid for in full before the buyer may take them. Payment may be made by cash or check. We cannot bill your account nor do we accept credit cards. All items must be paid for no later than Friday, November 19, 2010. Unclaimed items will be posted after this date in an open bid format.
4. It is the buyer’s responsibility to arrange for delivery or pick up, if required.
5. Unless otherwise indicated, all items and services must be used one year from the auction date. Specific dates and times are to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the donor and the buyer.
6. Please call restaurants for reservations. Tax, gratuity, or alcoholic beverages are not included unless otherwise stated on the donor form or gift certificate.
7. Monetary values indicated on donation forms have been established by donors, or are only estimates, and are not warranted by the Mills College Children’s School or Mills College for tax purposes or for general use.
8. Mills College Children’s School or Mills College makes no warranties or representations of any kind with respect to any item or service sold.
9. The buyer waives any claim for liability against the Mills College Children’s School or Mills College of the item or service for any personal injury or damage resulting from the use of the item or service sold.
10. Neither Mills College Children’s School nor the Auction Committee is responsible for the correct description or authenticity of any item.
11. In determining tax deductibility of items purchased at the auction, Revenue Ruling No. 67246 issued August 4, 1988, reminds buyers that no deduction is allowable except to the extent that the taxpayer can show that the payment exceeds the fair market value of the item or services received. Winning bidders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding applicable tax laws.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.
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Live Auction Items

- 1 Looking for Your Next Family Getaway? Beautiful Monterey!**
Enjoy two night's accommodations in an ocean-view guestroom at the new InterContinental the Clement Monterey. Head right next door with four tickets to the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium, where it's easy to while away a fun-filled day with your family. But save time to enjoy the spa, health club, pool, whirlpool, Kids Club, and the oceanfront patio, as well as historic Cannery Row's fashionable boutiques, delectable eateries, upscale galleries and vibrant street scene. You'll also get complimentary breakfast in the hotel at The C Restaurant & Bar and a \$50 gift certificate for Rosine's Family Restaurant in downtown Monterey.
Our thanks to: The InterContinental the Clement Monterey & Rosine's Value: \$860.00
- 2 Yellow Room Stepstool #1**
MCCS's littlest tots have personally decorated this stepstool with mementos of their own early steps. Enthusiastically painted by the Infant/Toddler Room's students, and colorfully decorated with their footprints, this stool is sure to be an adorable and practical addition to your home. Each stool features artwork from half the students in the class, so look for your child's name and tootsies!
Our thanks to: Amy Houston, Janelle Rohl & Infant/Toddler children Value: Priceless!
- 3 Yellow Room Stepstool #2**
MCCS's littlest tots have personally decorated this stepstool with mementos of their own early steps. Enthusiastically painted by the Infant/Toddler Room's students, and colorfully decorated with their footprints, this stool is sure to be an adorable and practical addition to your home. Each stool features artwork from half the students in the class, so look for your child's name and tootsies!
Our thanks to: Amy Houston, Janelle Rohl & Infant/Toddler children Value: Priceless!
- 4 Blue Room/Afternoon Preschool "Hungry Caterpillar" Quilt**
Based on Eric Carle's classic, children in the Younger Preschool painted the butterfly with help from Anita Smiley (Dylan) and children in the Afternoon Preschool painted the caterpillars and food. Shapes were applied onto a cotton background and sewn together by Fran Houston (Carter's grandma). A photograph of the quilt can hang in the classroom for all of the students to enjoy for the rest of the year.
Our thanks to: Christine Kaes, Paula Buel, and preschoolers Value: Priceless!
- 5 Napa Valley Wine Excursion**
Join MCCS Head of School Debra Brown for a delightful excursion to Napa Valley. She will lead you and two of your friends on a tour through the Domaine Carneros winery, where you will enjoy a lovely wine-tasting experience, followed by lunch. Debbie says: "Domaine Carneros is one of my favorite wineries. I go there to relax and enjoy table service in the elegant salon or on the terrace overlooking exquisite views of endless vineyard-covered hills." Caviar and artisan cheese plates matched to their wines contribute to a lovely Saturday or Sunday rejuvenation.
Our thanks to: Debra Brown Value: Priceless!

- 6 Green Room Wooden Toy Chest**
 Little collectors will want to store all of their treasures in this adorable wooden toy chest featuring self-portraits by the children in the Older Preschool. The kids chose where to place their own artwork and then painted the chest with multi-colored acrylic paint. Approximately 14x14x36, a great size for a kid's room, the chest has a backrest so it doubles as a bench big enough to seat 2-3 small children. It might even inspire them to put away their toys! Thanks to Craig Erickson (Cali's dad) for priming and varnishing the toy chest, to Alison Moncrieff (Nora's mom) for donating supplies and pasting the self-portraits on the chest. Special thanks to alumni family CJ, Genny, Susan, and Chuck Bowes for donating the chest to us in the first place.
 Our thanks to: Nanu Clark & Green Room preschoolers Value: Priceless!
- 7 Afternoon Preschool Bookcase**
 Children in the Afternoon Preschool used heart-shaped cookie cutters to decorate this lovely bookcase, donated by Kim and Larry Walters (Juliana). Anita Smiley (Dylan) helped with painting and Sarah Hirneisen (Ahmory) did the finishing.
 Our thanks to: Paula Buel & the Afternoon Preschoolers Value: Priceless!
- 8 Geranium "Under the Sea" Quilt**
 This adorable under-the-sea quilt (approximately 6'x4.5') was inspired by Leo Leoni's beautiful book *Swimmy*. The children made a list of the creatures they wanted included, and the afternoon resters drew them, using photos as guides. The resters then traced their drawings and cut them out. Every child chose one creature to dip-dye, and when they were dry, chose where to place them on the quilt. Many thanks to Kay Emerson (Colten Coombs' grandma) for helping so much with the sewing! A photograph of the quilt can hang in the classroom for all of the students to enjoy for the rest of the year.
 Our thanks to: Jane Simon, Sara Sutherland & Geranium preschoolers Value: Priceless!
- 9 Bear Hollow: Elegant Mountain Retreat in South Lake Tahoe**
 Get away to Bear Hollow this season! From the moment you enter the secluded and gated Glenbrook community, you know you have entered a tranquil hideaway. Bear Hollow is situated on 1 1/2 acres in the forest overlooking the meadow and historic Glenbrook Bay, and every window has a view of natural beauty... the lake, the forest and even the cliffs of Shakespeare Mountain. Bear Hollow has 5,800 square feet of living space with five master suites (all with King or Queen size beds) that can comfortably sleep 12 people. This luxurious vacation home is an excellent retreat for multiple families to enjoy together. Other amenities include: gourmet kitchen, game room with pool table, private hot tub and sauna, and private golf cart. All furnishings are top quality. Minutes from Heavenly Ski Resort and South Lake attractions. Available for three nights during the winter and spring seasons, subject to availability; redeem by 5/30/11. All you pay is the \$250 cleaning fee. For more info, go to www.mytahoehideaway.com.
 Our thanks to: Helena & Rod Weckworth Value: \$2850.00
- 10 K/1 Quilt**
 All the K/1 students drew these adorable self-portraits on muslin and cotton, and then our Elementary School Art Specialist Claudia Goodman-Hough sewed them up into this beautiful quilt, a treasured keepsake of your child's first years of school. A photograph of the quilt can hang in the classroom for all of the students to enjoy for the rest of the year.
 Our thanks to: Claudia Goodman-Hough & the K/1 Class Value: Priceless!

11 2/3/4 Quilt

Take home this beautiful nine-patch quilt in assorted cotton designs chosen by the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students. The kids dedicated several art classes with Claudia Goodman-Hough to sewing all the patches themselves, with the help of parents Bettina Bell (Miles), David Siopack (Sophia), and Kim Sellon (Owen). The finished patches were then sewn and quilted with the expertise of Sue Mary Fox. A photograph of the quilt can hang in the classroom for all of the students to enjoy for the rest of the year.

Our thanks to: Claudia Goodman-Hough & the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders

Value: Priceless!

12 Tahoe Donner Vacation Home

Spend a long weekend at this lovely 2560-square-foot Tahoe Donner home, just three hours north in Truckee. With four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and two large living rooms, this spacious retreat can easily accommodate 2-3 families (sleeps 10). Best of all, kids can romp through the woody backyard or play upstairs in the well-stocked toy room, while adults have the downstairs living room to themselves. Make the trip during ski season and you've got Tahoe Donner resort (check out item #418 for lift tickets) just a mile down the road, not to mention Sugar Bowl, North Star, and Squaw Valley nearby. Or plan around the many warm-weather options, from swimming and biking to horseback riding and river rafting. Comes with guest passes that allow access to the following services for less than \$10 per person (kids 6 and under are free): weight room, pool, hot tubs, sauna, massage, and private beach marina. Available any season this year for three nights, subject to availability and excluding major holidays. All you pay is the \$200 cleaning fee.

Our thanks to: Dale Walker

Value: \$1050.00

Silent Auction Items

ART

- 100 Pearls for Your Pearl**
Get a head start on her birthday, anniversary, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day...any occasion, really. Here is a beautiful set of Japanese Akoya pearl stud earrings from J. Sahadi Jewelers. The hallmark of classic quality and grace, Japanese Akoya pearls are known as the most lustrous of all pearls. These lovely earrings are 7 mm white pearls with 14 kt yellow gold posts and backs.
Our thanks to: J. Sahadi Jewelers Value: \$165.00
- 101 Precious Gems from Pavé**
Pavé is French for cobblestone, where every stone is unique in its own way with one leading to the next. Every piece of jewelry made at Pavé Fine Jewelry Design is similarly unparalleled and of the finest quality. Use this \$300 gift certificate at either location (College Ave. in Oakland or 4th St. in Berkeley) for the purchase of any merchandise in stock or toward a custom design.
Our thanks to: Pavé Fine Jewelry Design Value: \$300.00
- 102 Get Out of Jail Free Cards**
Next time you need a birthday, anniversary, or "I'm Sorry" gift, just pull these two \$25 gift certificates out of your back pocket and send her to Montclair Village to pick out something special at Liza Sonia Jewelry and Montclair Florist. Suddenly, you're in the clear! (Montclair Florist offer not valid February 1-15 or May 1-15; expires June 30, 2011).
Our thanks to: Liza Sonia Jewelry & Montclair Florist Value: \$50.00
- 104 Terrific Talent at Berkeley Rep**
Two tickets to a production of your choice at Berkeley Rep, a Tony Award-winner for "Outstanding Regional Theatre." This season includes "Lemony Snicket's The Composer is Dead," "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs," the Pulitzer prize-winning "Ruined" by Lynn Nottage, and Chekov's "The Three Sisters." (To be used Tuesday through Sunday. Please make reservations 10 days in advance.)
Our thanks to: Berkeley Repertory Theater Value: \$106.00
- 105 A Night of Hilarity at Beach Blanket Babylon**
Steve Silver's Beach Blanket Babylon, the longest running musical revue in theatre history, is a zany musical spoof of pop culture with extravagant costumes, and outrageously huge hats. Now in its 35th year of sold-out performances, Beach Blanket Babylon is an internationally acclaimed San Francisco institution. Enjoy two Rear Cabaret or Rear Balcony tickets for performances Wednesday or Thursday at 8 pm, Friday at 6:30 pm, or Sunday at 2 or 5 pm. (Valid Jan-June, 2011)
Our thanks to: Beach Blanket Babylon Value: \$100.00

- 106 Nutcracker Sweet**
 Make Nutcracker part of your holiday tradition with these four orchestra seats to Graham Lustig's ballet at the Paramount Theater, featuring members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony conducted by Michael Morgan. (Not valid for Sweet Dreams Party, though tickets may be purchased separately; expires 12/26/10.)
 Our thanks to: Oakland Ballet Company Value: \$152.00
- 107 Shake it Up Cal Shakes**
 A Cal Shakes performance means boldly imagined and deeply entertaining interpretations of Shakespeare's plays, fresh rediscoveries of important world theater and new works inspired by classic literature. Here are two tickets to an evening performance Tues-Thurs or a Saturday matinee during the summer 2011 season, featuring "The Taming of the Shrew," "The Verona Project," and "Titus Andronicus," plus George Bernard Shaw's "Candida."
 Our thanks to: California Shakespeare Theater Value: \$84.00
- 108 En Pointe with San Francisco Ballet**
 Add a little culture to your next date night with two Orchestra tickets to the San Francisco Ballet during the 2011 Season, featuring Giselle, Coppelia, The Little Mermaid, and much more.
 Our thanks to: San Francisco Ballet Value: \$120.00
- 109 Get in Tune with the Berkeley Symphony**
 Here are two premium tickets to any Berkeley Symphony concert at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Choose from performances like "Musica de Amor," featuring Mexican composer Enrico Chapela (Dec. 2); "Landscapes of Sound," featuring new work for string orchestra by Shanghai-born compose Du Yun (Jan. 20); or "Life's Inspirations," featuring works by Stravinsky and Shostakovich (Mar. 10).
 Our thanks to: Berkeley Symphony Value: \$120.00
- 110 Get Creative at SFMOMA**
 Got an art lover on your list? Here's the perfect gift: Two guest passes for a day of viewing the modern masterpieces at San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. With more than 26,000 artworks, photographs, and design objects, SFMOMA is a place that fuels creativity, ignites minds, and provides inspiration.
 Our thanks to: SFMOMA Value: \$36.00
- 111 Across the Bay at YBCA**
 Bring along another family, a group of friends, or all of your out-of town guests with two Family Gallery Passes (each admits four people) to Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, a multidisciplinary art center featuring exhibitions, performance, film/video, and community engagement programs. To learn about upcoming exhibits, visit www.ybca.org.
 Our thanks to: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Value: \$56.00

- 112 Tour the de Young Museum and/or the Legion of Honor**
 Here are four VIP Guest Passes for same-day admission to both the Legion of Honor and the de Young Museum. These passes will get four adults and their children (under 12 are free) into all of the permanent exhibits at both museums: 4,000 years of European and ancient art at the Legion, plus American painting, African art, textile arts, and oceanic art at the de Young. Present these tickets at the de Young and you can also upgrade to see “Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne, and Beyond: Post-Impressionist Masterpieces from the Musee d’Orsay” for just \$15 each.
 Our thanks to: Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco Value: \$40.00
- 113 Become a Member: The Contemporary Jewish Museum**
 Your household membership to the Contemporary Jewish Museum includes two personalized membership cards with unlimited free admission for two, plus one guest per cardholder; private Member Family Tours; two complimentary guest admission passes; advance notice of family programming and special events; members’ express entry; subscription to CJM’s newsletter; 10% discount at the Museum Store; reduced admission to programs; and discounts at local restaurants and retailers. Since its founding in 1984, the CJM has engaged audiences of all ages and backgrounds through dynamic exhibitions and programs that explore contemporary perspectives on Jewish culture, history, art, and ideas. (Please redeem by 5/31/11.)
 Our thanks to: The Contemporary Jewish Museum Value: \$75.00
- 114 Lights, Camera, Action!**
 Calling all film buffs, here’s a full year membership for a family of four to the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive. Privileges include free admission to BAM galleries, half-price PFA theater tickets, and a 10% discount at Cafe Muse and the museum store.
 Our thanks to: BAM/PFA Value: \$75.00
- 118 Original Chinese Scroll Painting**
 This original 60" x 18" Chinese scroll painting was done in ink by noted artist Jei Sang Lin (great grandma of Sophia Siopack, 2/3). The depiction of a bamboo stalk signifies long friendship and the spreading of happiness.
 Our thanks to: Betty Lin & David Siopack Value: \$100.00
- 119 Studio Time with Artist Stephen Hayes**
 Here’s a rare opportunity for you and three friends (adults or children!) to spend four hours in the studio with artist Stephen Hayes (Augden’s dad in K/1). You’ll learn to make monotypes—one-of-a-kind prints that are made by painting and drawing on a printing plate, placing a blank sheet of print paper onto the plate, and then running that all through a press. The result is a print which cannot be repeated (unlike an etching or a screen print) and so is as unique as a painting. Stephen will provide all of the materials needed for each person to make several monotypes over the course of the day, and everyone will come away with both a portfolio of prints that they made themselves, and a terrific story to tell! In the roughly 20 years that Stephen has spent making and teaching art, he has participated in scores of exhibitions and produced dozens of one-man shows of his paintings, prints, and drawings. His work is well represented in numerous private, public and corporate collections throughout the United States, as well as in Europe, Japan and South America. For more information about Stephen’s artwork, go to www.StephenHayes.net.
 Our thanks to: Stephen Hayes Value: \$300.00

- 122 Dara Ettinger Jewelry from Maribel**
 Take home these super chic 24-karat-gold-plate-and-crystal earrings and necklace from Maribel, the funky designer consignment shop on Lakeshore Avenue. One of LA's hottest jewelry designers, Dara Ettinger's name has come to symbolize the synergy of natural beauty with wearable luxury. Working with natural, raw, semi-precious, and precious stones and luxurious metals, Ettinger travels all over the world to find her materials, and hand picks each and every stone for her one-of-a-kind creations. This labor of love shows in all of her designs, and the jewelry line is quickly becoming a favorite of A-list celebrities and everyday women alike.
 Our thanks to: Anne Hartford & Maribel Value: \$280.00
- 124 Upscale Your Handbag Collection**
 When you choose a Belle Wynne bag, you carry a little bit of the past and embrace the resourceful elegance of the future. Made from upcycled second-hand wool sweaters, this fun messenger bag was handmade by Alison Moncrieff (Nora/Blue Room).
 Our thanks to: Alison Moncrieff Value: \$100.00
- 125 Design Your Own Timbuk2 Messenger Bag**
 Born in a San Francisco garage and bred on the backs of messengers in the city streets more than 20 years ago, Timbuk2 builds bags and accessories for urban adventurers with a simple philosophy: to create good-looking, tough-as-hell bags you can truly make your own. Use this \$125 gift card for a classic messenger bag, a custom design, or any Timbuk2 accessory.
 Our thanks to: Angelique Smith & Ramon Williams Value: \$125.00
- 130 The Benefits of SFCO Membership**
 A family membership to the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra means advanced reservations and priority seating for two adults and an unlimited number of children under 18 for all home concerts, a "Best of Season" highlights CD, post-concert member receptions, special promotions throughout the year, the Maestro's irreverent and informative e-newsletter "Simon Says," and 2-for-1 to Classical at the Freight.
 Our thanks to: San Francisco Chamber Orchestra Value: \$100.00
- 131 Hand-felted Handbag**
 This unique clutch is entirely handmade by Jessica Ortiz (mom of Shepard in K/1 and Xavier in Blue Room) with hand-dyed wool transformed into felt and hand-dyed gauze fabric. A Graphic Arts student, one of Jessica's many hobbies is felting and designing handbags. She even wrote an article about the process that was featured in *Haute Handbags*, and a copy of the magazine goes home with the winner.
 Our thanks to: Jessica Ortiz Value: \$60.00
- 135 Leather Bracelet and Ring Set**
 She'll love this stylish bracelet and matching ring with a burgundy flower made from genuine leather.
 Our thanks to: Ida Shahfari Value: \$40.00
- 141 Seashore Views**
 Perfect for your summer cabin, or any place where you might want to improve upon the view out the window! Here are three canvas wraps: 8x10 with rocks and seashore, 12x12 with sea and mountain views, and 20x24 with beach pail and sand.
 Our thanks to: Bakty Barnett & Snapfish/HP Value: \$180.00

- 151 Fused Glass Pale-Orange-and-White Necklace**
Another fused glass necklace from Sarah Hirneisen, this one rectangular with a white background and a pale orange flower motif.
Our thanks to: Sarah Hirneisen, Mediums to Masses Value: \$36.00
- 152 Fused Glass Cufflinks**
For him or her, these fused glass cufflinks by Sarah Hirneisen feature black dots on a white background in a subtle star motif.
Our thanks to: Sarah Hirneisen, Mediums to Masses Value: \$42.00
- 153 Black-and-White Accessories**
Add a little black dress and you're done! Actually, these black-and-white accessories (handmade beaded necklace with matching earrings and handbag) are the perfect complement to just about any outfit—red, blue, pink...
Our thanks to: Ida Shahfari Value: \$50.00

BODY & SOUL

- 200 Heat Things Up with Funky Door Yoga Classes**
Funky Door Yoga teaches the Bikram method, instilling the belief that anything worthwhile is worth doing in 100-degree heat! Bring your friends along to check it out with four introductory promotion cards good for one month of unlimited yoga classes, plus free mat and towel use. (One card per person; new customers to the Berkeley studio only; expires 2/15/11.)
Our thanks to: Funky Door Yoga Value: \$116.00
- 201 Make it a Month of Martial Arts**
Enjoy one VIP “tour” month at Pitts’ Martial Arts Academy on Lakeshore Boulevard for one child (ages 3 and up) or adult. Take any and all classes you want, including Lil’ ninjas classes for children, capoeira, judo, tae kwon do, cardio kickboxing and Cuban salsa. (Expires 6/30/11.)
Our thanks to: Pitts’ Martial Arts Academy Value: \$90.00
- 202 Get the Whole Family in Shape at the YMCA**
Why not join the Y this winter? Here’s a three-month family membership (two adults, two youth) at the conveniently located Downtown Oakland YMCA. Facilities include indoor pool, basketball gym, racquetball courts, strength training and cardiovascular equipment, steam room, hot tub and dry sauna. (May not be redeemed by current members or anyone who has been a member in the last 12 months; expires 5/13/11.)
Our thanks to: YMCA East Bay Value: \$500.00
- 203 Delight in Books at Diesel on College**
Known for their fascinating selection of new and used titles, stunning author events, enthusiastically diverse staff, and urban California aesthetic, Diesel is the cutting-edge, high octane, community-radiating, independent neighborhood bookstore we all dream of hanging out in. Here’s a \$20 gift certificate to Diesel, A Book Store, plus some popular titles for young readers: *39 Clues* (with game card pack), *Time Warp Trio* (three-pack set), and *Chasing Vermeer*. We’ll even throw in several fun, stretchable book covers.
Our thanks to: Diesel, A Book Store Value: \$50.00
- 204 Rejuvenate at Neighborhood Wellness Center**
Shouldn’t you carve out some time to treat yourself? Rejuvenate with a 30-minute massage and an Ionic Detox Foot Bath at the Neighborhood Wellness Center in San Leandro.
Our thanks to: Neighborhood Wellness Center Value: \$80.00
- 205 Limber Up at 4th Street Yoga**
Get all the kinks out with this gift certificate for four yoga lessons with Barbara Voinar at 4th Street Yoga in Berkeley, specializing in the Iyengar method.
Our thanks to: 4th Street Yoga Value: \$70.00
- 206 Unwind with a Massage at Body, Mind + Spirit**
Treat yourself or someone special to a 90-minute therapeutic massage at Claremont Ave’s Body, Mind & Spirit. Choose from Swedish, deep tissue, acupressure, or sports massage—or upgrade to a Hot Stone, Thai Yoga, or Prenatal massage with a master therapist.

- Our thanks to: Body, Mind & Spirit Massage Therapy Center Value: \$113.00
- 207 Get Groomed with a Brow Wax and Tint**
Tidy up with a brow wax and tint from Bonnie Randall Skin Care at Montclair Beauty Center.
Our thanks to: Bonnie Randall Skin Care Value: \$50.00
- 208 One-on-One Yoga**
Why go to a studio when you can have personalized instruction in your own home? Certified yoga instructor Racquel Armandpour (mom of Lucas in the Blue Room) will guide you through two one-hour private lessons at the location of your choice. (Please schedule weekdays between 9:00-11:30 am or weekends, excluding holidays. Holidays excluded.)
Our thanks to: Racquel Armandpour Value: \$150.00
- 209 Mane Makeover**
Treat yourself to a professional hair cut and color with Z Kennedy at Natural Expressions in Montclair. Well known around the Bay Area as a great hairstylist and colorist, Z Kennedy used to own her own salon in Sonoma and previously worked at Phoenix Rising Salon. Here's what folks on Berkeley Parents Network had to say about her at Natural Expressions: "Going to her salon is a pleasant, relaxing experience.... She works fast, but you don't ever feel rushed." (Expires 6/29/11)
Our thanks to: Z Kennedy/Natural Expressions Value: \$115.00
- 210 Healing Hands**
David Brown (Jasper's dad in Geranium) has been a professional massage therapist since 1997 and practices deep tissue, therapeutic, and Thai massage. Using these techniques and well-developed intuition, David will customize your one-hour massage to fit your every need! Your massage session will be performed at his office on Union Street in San Francisco.
Our thanks to: David Brown, LMT Value: \$90.00
- 212 Feel Kneaded at Piedmont Springs**
Untie all your knots with a one-hour massage at Piedmont Springs, a clean and classy day spa offering high-quality therapeutic services and outdoor hot tubs.
Our thanks to: Julie Kleinman & Mewail Berhe and Piedmont Springs Value: \$70.00
- 213 Polish Off at Entourage Spa, Salon + Cafe**
Know someone who needs a little pampering this holiday season? (Maybe it's you!) At Entourage Spa, Salon + Café in Orinda, you can choose from a renewing 50-minute Citrus/Avocado or Oatmeal/Sage Body Polish treatment to nourish and smooth your skin. (Please use for Monday-Wednesday appointments; expires 5/1/11.)
Our thanks to: Entourage Spa, Salon + Cafe Value: \$95.00
- 214 Autographed Copy: The Winning Family**
If you missed Dr. Louise Hart's parenting talk last month, here's your chance to pick up her message and an **autographed** copy of her book: *The Winning Family: Increasing Self Esteem in your Children and Yourself*. Hart focuses on the role played by communication skills in children's development of self-esteem in this inspiring book that can improve the quality of family life. For more about Dr. Hart and her books, go to www.drlouisehart.com.
Our thanks to: Louise Hart & Hart to Heart Programs Value: Priceless!

- 215 Mills Revolution Immortalized in Cartoons**
Twenty years ago, Mills students protested and successfully persuaded the administration to reverse their decision to admit men to this prestigious women’s college and *Perfectly Revolting: My Glamorous Cartooning Career* captures it all. In this funny, insightful cartoon memoir containing “Inside the Mills Revolution,” former campus cartoonist Kristen Baumgardner Caven has compiled her award-winning (and briefly banned) “cartoon history” with over a hundred of her comics and illustrations. Her narrative illuminates the controversy surrounding her “Men of Mills College Pin-up Calendar” and the origins of her delightfully irreverent “Sammy Sperm and Emily Egg” paper dolls. Offering a fresh take on gender politics, the book comes with two posters and five postcards by Caven (daughter of Louise Hart, see #214). A must-have memento for any Mills student, alum, or faculty, this book keeps selling out at the Mills bookstore, so get your copy tonight!
Our thanks to: Kristen Baumgardner Caven Value: \$30.00
- 216 The Thinking Mom’s Guide**
Here’s a one-year subscription plus two back issues of *Brain, Child*, a literary magazine for thinking mothers. Contributors have included Pulitzer Prize-winning novelists Jane Smiley and Anne Tyler, best-selling author Barbara Ehrenreich, and acclaimed writers Antonya Nelson and Alice Hoffman.
Our thanks to: Brain, Child Magazine Value: \$32.00
- 217 Chiropractor Services**
Bring your aching back to Dr. Sophie N. Blanchard in Alameda for a full chiropractic exam and five office visits, including physiotherapy.
Our thanks to: Dr. Sophie N. Blanchard, Chiropractor Value: \$600.00

FOOD & WINE

- 300 Date Night: Dinner & a Movie**
Your next date night is in the bag! Enjoy dinner for two with this \$25 gift certificate to Vo's Restaurant on Grand Avenue in Oakland, known for authentic and flavorful Vietnamese and Asian-fusion cuisine. Then head around the corner with two movie passes for the historic Grand Lake Theater.
Our thanks to: Vo's Restaurant and Renaissance Rialto, Inc. Value: \$45.00
- 301 Rainy Day Date: Brunch & a Movie**
Homemade doughnuts with roasted figs, poached eggs with chanterelle mushrooms, French toast with fruit, hazelnuts, and crème fraiche—just a few of the mouthwatering meals you can order with this \$40 gift certificate for brunch at Camino on Grand Avenue in Oakland. Then head around the corner with two movie passes for the historic Grand Lake Theater.
Our thanks to: Camino Restaurant and Renaissance Rialto, Inc. Value: \$60.00
- 302 A Loaf of Semifreddi's Every Week!**
Baking is Semifreddi's passion. Providing the freshest and highest quality breads and pastries at a reasonable price is their goal. They search the world for the finest ingredients; fennel from India, flour from Idaho (yes, Idaho is its own country), sesame from India and Central America, poppy seeds from Australia, cinnamon from Indonesia, vanilla from Madagascar. With this pass, you can pick up a free Semifreddi's loaf every week at either East Bay location on Kensington or Claremont Avenues.
Our thanks to: SemiFreddi's Value: \$160.00
- 304 Drink and Dine at Pacific Coast Brewing Co.**
Sample the beers on tap (there are 24!) and delicious food at this award-winning pub and brewery located in historic Old Oakland. Gift certificate for lunch for two.
Our thanks to: Pacific Coast Brewing Value: \$30.00
- 305 Private Wine Tasting for Four at Ledson Vineyards**
Take a short, one hour drive up to this 16,000-square-foot French Normandy winery in the heart of Sonoma Valley. Your private wine tasting for four people will take place in a private suite or, as weather permits, outside on the veranda overlooking the vineyard, or in the Oak Grove. The wines will be personally selected by your knowledgeable wine consultant, based on any requests and preferences you specify when making your reservations.
Our thanks to: Ledson Winery and Vineyards Value: \$140.00
- 307 Brunch, Lunch, or Dinner at Bellanico**
In the heart of Glenview, Bellanico is a family-friendly neighborhood restaurant serving rustic Italian cuisine that changes seasonally. Dedicated to serving the best local, sustainable, and organic products, Bellanico is a gem of a restaurant where you can bring your children and enjoy fine, inventive food.
Our thanks to: Bellanico Restaurant & Wine Bar Value: \$50.00

- 308 We All Scream for Ice Cream!**
 Chubby Hubby, Cherry Garcia, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Mud Pie, Phish Food...pick your favorite Ben & Jerry's flavor or try them all with 20 free pints, enough for any sweet tooth, pregnancy craving, birthday party, or summertime soiree. (Valid until July, 2011)
 Our thanks to: Anuradha Mittal and Ben & Jerry's Value: \$100.00
- 313 Colorful Cuisine at Italian Colors Restaurant**
 Located in a comfortable contemporary setting in the Montclair Hills off Highway 13, Italian Colors specializes in traditional Italian food and California cuisine. Enjoy lunch for two. (Expires 5/2011)
 Our thanks to: Italian Colors Restaurant Value: \$45.00
- 314 Fill Up Your Cart at Village Market**
 Enjoy your weekly grocery shopping for a change with this \$50 gift certificate to Village Market, an upscale, family-run grocery store on Broadway Terrace in Montclair. Check out their wonderful selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, fish, cheeses, wine and specialty prepared foods, and a grocery department with a wealth of choices to meet everyone's needs. Plus, three store coupons for 4-link packs of astounding Aidells Sausages, blended with all-natural chicken & turkey, real fruits & vegetables, herbs and lively spices—real ingredients you can see and taste in every bite.
 Our thanks to: Village Market & Aidells Sausages Value: \$69.00
- 316 Wine Tasting for Six at J.C. Cellars**
 Enjoy a unique night out with six friends at your own private wine tasting event at J.C. Cellars, an urban artisan winery right here in Oakland that is renowned for Rhône style wines and hailed as one of the masters of Zinfandel. Founder Jeff Cohn marries his passion for classic French style winemaking with a spirited Californian sense of innovation to craft elegant wines.
 Our thanks to: JC Cellars Value: \$100.00
- 317 Dinner at El Charro**
 Head through the tunnel to El Charro in Lafayette, a restaurant that offers a great variety of dishes with something for everyone. Your choice: Two complete dinners for two (soup, salad, entrée, and dessert). (Beverage and tip not included; expires 4/30/11)
 Our thanks to: El Charro Value: \$50.00
- 318 Take a Bite! Zachary's Pizza & Aidells Sausages**
 Zachary's pizza and Aidells sausages are always in good taste. Here's a \$30 gift certificate good for one large, stuffed three-ingredient pizza, plus three store coupons for 4-link packs of Astounding Aidells Sausages, blended with all-natural chicken & turkey, real fruits & vegetables, herbs and lively spices—real ingredients you can see and taste in every bite.
 Our thanks to: Zachary's Chicago Pizza & Aidells Sausages Value: \$49.00
- 320 Table for Two at Coi Restaurant**
 Daniel Patterson, the innovative chef/owner of SF's renowned Coi Restaurant and father of Julian in the Yellow Room, is offering gift certificates to all three of his superb restaurants. Enjoy dinner for two at Coi in North Beach, where Northern California cuisine is made with the best, local ingredients: cultivated plants grown from heirloom seeds; wild-harvested leaves, flowers, barks, and roots; local fish, seaweeds, and coastal grasses; pastured meat, poultry, and eggs from small farmers. (Dinner for two, service charge included)
 Our thanks to: Daniel Patterson Group . Value: \$270.00

- 323 Persian Cooking Lesson**
 Ida Shahfari will provide a cooking lesson in traditional Persian cooking for four people at her residence, using authentic and traditional spices with all organic ingredients. Vegetarian menu option is available. Best of all, you get to eat the delectable results and take home the leftovers! (Mutually agreeable date to be scheduled with donors, excluding major holidays.)
 Our thanks to: Ida Shahfari Value: \$350.00
- 325 Plum Delicious!**
 Well-known chef (and Yellow Room parent) Daniel Patterson opened his newest restaurant, Plum, earlier this year in Oakland’s Franklin Square, just at the edge of the red-hot Uptown neighborhood near Broadway and Grand. This casual, neighborhood restaurant satisfies vegans with potato “chicharrones” and braised cauliflower with almond and dandelion salsa verde, but also appeases carnivores with a pork trotter burger or lamb stew with sunchokes. (Dinner for two.)
 Our thanks to: Daniel Patterson Group Value: \$150.00
- 326 Prix Fixe for Four at Il Cane Rosso**
 Don’t just come for the outstanding sandwiches at lunchtime! This SF Ferry Building favorite serves a fabulous prix fixe four-course dinner with a different menu nightly, including vegetarian options. Enjoy dinner for four (excluding beverages/wine) with this gift certificate to Il Cane Rosso.
 Our thanks to: Daniel Patterson Group Value: \$100.00
- 327 Love, Chaos, and Dinner!**
 Set along San Francisco’s historic waterfront, Teatro ZinZanni is a bewitching evening of European cabaret and cirque, divas and madmen, spectacle and sensuality with live music and a gourmet 5-course dinner – set in the nightclub of your dreams! The winner of this bid will watch the three-hour show in an intimate “jewel box” venue and enjoy a complimentary bottle of Champagne and after-dinner coffees. You don’t even have to pay the service charge! Here are four tickets to the fun, which includes the show and meal, for any Thursday or Friday nights (subject to availability).
 Our thanks to: JD Thomas and Teatro ZinZanni Value: \$690.00
- 328 Seasonal Persian Soups**
 A delicious fall/winter Persian soup for four prepared once a month for three months (December, January, and February) by MCCS parent Ida Shahfari (Shayda, K/1, and Aryon, Yellow Room). Soups will be made with organic products and authentic Persian spices and can be vegetarian if requested.
 Our thanks to: Ida & Kaivon Shahfari Value: \$180.00
- 329 Treat Your Taste Buds at Café Fanny**
 Breakfast or lunch for two at this touch of Europe in Berkeley. Treat yourself to French-style café au lait and toast in the morning, fresh salads, sandwiches, and a glass of wine in the afternoon.
 Our thanks to: Café Fanny Value: \$40.00
- 330 A Taste of Mexico at Berkeley’s Picante**
 Nestled in the artsy landscape of West Berkeley, Picante offers traditional dishes from Mexico. Enticing visitors by the smell of freshly cooked tortillas and earthy mole sauces, the menu includes an array of Mexican favorites such as tamales, tortas, enchiladas, and burritos, as well as a menu for vegetarians and vegans. Enjoy lunch or dinner for two.
 Our thanks to: Picante Value: \$40.00

GETAWAYS & SPORTS

- 401 Bay Area's Favorite Pastime: Oakland A's**
Two plaza-level outfield vouchers good for an A's home game during the 2011 regular season, excluding special blackouts.
Our thanks to: Oakland A's Community Fund Value: \$36.00
- 402 Paddle Away in a Kayak**
Whether you paddle for fun, exercise, competition, or fishing, California Canoe & Kayak in Oakland has the gear for you. Use these four coupons (each good for a two-hour single Kayak rental) to go out on the water with a bunch of buddies or your whole family.
Our thanks to: California Canoe and Kayak Value: \$120.00
- 411 One month membership to Oakland Hills Tennis Club**
If you've ever thought about joining, here's your chance for a sneak peak at all that Oakland Hills Tennis Club has to offer! Your family's mini-membership includes full use of all facilities, tennis courts, and pool. (Valid through 5/31/11)
Our thanks to: Oakland Hills Tennis Club Value: \$230.00
- 413 Go Climb a Rock!**
Try a new adventure with an old sweetheart, co-worker, or pal. Here are two passes for an introductory climbing class and gear rental for adults and children 14 and up at Berkeley Ironworks and Climbing and Fitness. (Expires 7/30/11)
Our thanks to: Berkeley Ironworks Value: \$58.00
- 418 Ski at Tahoe Donner**
Four all-day passes for Tahoe Donner Downhill, known as "the best place to begin." Located in Truckee, TD is one of the most family-friendly ski resorts in the region, featuring wide-open bowls, uncrowded slopes, great beginner terrain, excellent grooming, and a courteous staff. Children 6 and under always ski for free! Looking for a place to stay? Check out the Live Auction for a vacation cabin just a mile down the road.
Our thanks to: Tahoe Donner Association Value: \$156.00
- 420 Nothin' But Net at a Warriors Game**
Basketball fans will want to be in the cheering section to watch the Golden State Warriors take on the Utah Jazz on January 30, 2011. Two tickets for section 206, Row 4, Seats 1 and 2.
Our thanks to: Behrang Garakani Value: \$120.00
- 421 Tour the Central Coast: Hearst Castle and Harmony Cellars**
Find a babysitter and spend a romantic day together driving scenic Highway 1. First, use these two adult admission tickets to take a leisurely tour of the gardens, pools, and stunning architecture that make Hearst Castle so infamously unique. Then head down the road to aptly-named Harmony Cellars for a tasting of award-winning wines and a remarkable view of the coastal countryside.
Our thanks to: Hearst San Simeon State Historical Museum & Harmony Cellars Value: \$78.00

- 423 Stay, Shop, and Spa! Couple's Getaway to San Francisco**
 Get away from it all (close to home) with an overnight stay in a deluxe room at the Handlery Union Square Hotel, plus a day of shopping/pampering at Bloomingdale's with these extra perks: A complimentary facial by SK-II and makeover by Dior; 15% off all-day certificate; free personal shopping appointment and signature gift; and personal package delivery to the hotel for purchases of \$250 or more. Plus, enjoy complimentary drinks and valet parking back at the hotel. (Tax not included; other restrictions may apply; must contact the donor in advance and redeem by Feb. 2011.)
 Our thanks to: Ida Shahfari Value: \$400.00
- 424 Two Autographed SF '49ers Footballs**
 Got a bad case of '49er Fever? Take home not one, but two(!) commemorative autographed San Francisco '49ers leather footballs! The 2008 ball is a limited edition (one of only 500) with a laser-printed signature from famed linebacker, Patrick Willis #52. The 2010 ball (one of 1000) has laser-printed signatures from Willis, as well as Andy Lee #4, Vernon Davis #85, Frank Gore #21, and Justin Smith #94. Both come direct from the '49ers, so you know they're authentic. Similar autographed footballs are going for much more online, so get yours tonight!
 Our thanks to: San Francisco '49ers Value: \$200.00
- 426 Get in Shape with a 10-week Cardio Program**
 Performance Max is a 10-week progressive, full-body cardio training rotation, featuring indoor rowing, indoor cycling, stretching, and core training. Open to all fitness levels and proven to deliver outstanding results. Coaches become familiar with you and provide individualized guidance to help you reach your goals. The intensity increases gradually and steadily to improve your fitness systematically over the ten weeks. Sessions run three times per week for 2 hours. This certificate is valid for the winter (starts Jan. 17) or spring (starts early April) training rotations at Club One City Center in downtown Oakland.
 Our thanks to: Marc Sutro & Performance Max Value: \$835.00
- 427 Vegas, Baby! Two nights in Penthouse Condo**
 Do you really need a reason to get out of town and head for Vegas? Bring your buddies, your spouse, or your family for two nights at MGM Signature, a premiere non-smoking, non-gaming resort in Las Vegas. This luxury one bedroom penthouse condo features a gourmet kitchen, two bathrooms, and a King-size bed (sleeps 2-4). Available anytime until 5/31/11, subject to availability, excluding major holidays and the Consumer Electronics Show.
 Our thanks to: Nick & Rani Batra Value: \$700.00

HOME & GARDEN

501 Fused Glass Platter & Plate

Take home this beautiful, light blue fused glass platter and plate set, designed and handcrafted by Sarah Hirneisen (mom of Ahmory in the Blue Room). The 12-inch square platter matches the 7-inch square plate with a black-and-white leaf pattern. Sarah combines her love of glass with that of vintage textile patterns to create Mediums to Masses, her unique line of jewelry and table wares.

Our thanks to: Sarah Hirneisen, Mediums to Masses

Value: \$86.00

502 Bargello Quilt

Our MCCS Elementary School students know Pam Wilson as a wonderful guest teacher and mentor to many of the student teachers who come through our classrooms. But what we didn't know is that she is also a talented quilt maker! The Bargello pattern comes from a traditional needlepoint style, which has movement and impact. Six fabric strips are sewn together, then cut apart and reassembled. Pam's quilt (49-1/2 x 55-1/2 inches) features a country scene with tiny farm animals in blue, purple, brown, and gold—perfect for a baby gift, adding color to a room, or just cuddling up under.

Our thanks to: Pam Wilson

Value: \$60.00

504 Pump Up the Volume

Place the innocent looking cube on any flat surface and be amazed at how the Nimzy Vibro MAX for MP3 players turns hard surfaces like wood, plastic or glass into a speaker with crystal clear sound. Designed to go beyond conventional speaker technology, Nimzy uses an advanced patented electro-acoustic technology and also comes with a handy slim remote control with adjustable bass, treble and volume. Plus a coffee table book any music fan will love: *The Rolling Stones: 365 Days*, bursting with photographs—more than half of them rarely or never seen before.

Our thanks to: Whitney Walker

Value: \$180.00

506 Feed Fluffy or Fido at Pet Food Express

Stock up on Natural Balance Pet Food, used and respected worldwide by top trainers, breeders, and veterinarians. Choose what you need for your dog or cat: one bag of dry kibble or one case of canned dog food.

Our thanks to: Pet Food Express

Value: \$50.00

507 French Tunisian Wrought Iron

Bring an Old World touch into your home with this unique 2' x 3' French Tunisian wrought iron wall décor. Salvaged from the French colonial section of the city of Tunis in Northern Africa, this security grille is around 150 years old and can be used as an art piece or architectural feature.

Our thanks to: Steve Meyer & Ohmega Salvage

Value: \$450.00

- 508 Green Remodeling Installation: Solar Fan or Water-Efficient Toilet**
 Here are two easy ways to “go green” and improve the energy-efficiency of your home, with the help of parts and installation from Dejan Obradovic, Lara’s daddy (Infant/Toddler room) and a licensed contractor/owner of Adriatic Builders. Your choice: A new solar attic fan in your home, using solar energy to pull hot, damp air out of your attic to reduce cooling costs in the summer and reduce excess moisture in the winter; OR a new brand-name water-efficient toilet, saving water each time you flush and reducing your bills. This project includes all planning, parts, supplies, and installation costs.
 Our thanks to: Dejan Obradovic & Adriatic Builders Value: \$750.00
- 509 Got Gifts?**
 Now you do, with this \$50 certificate from Terrace Gifts & Coffee, just in time for the holidays. For those of you unfamiliar with this Broadway Terrace neighborhood store carrying unique gift items, here’s a review from an anonymous fan online: “I love it in this tiny quaint gift shop. It seems you can find anything you want in a tiny very well decorated shop filled with gifts for the season. It even has a coffee bar and you can sit in or out to enjoy the good cap!”
 Our thanks to: Terrace Gifts & Coffee Value: \$50.00
- 510 Tools for the Scribe**
 Here are three exquisite writing tools, plus the stationary to use with it. Three handcrafted pens, each in their own case: one is red polished acrylic with gold titanium fittings and uses Cross pen refills; another is “Polaris” style, made of ebony wood with satin silver fittings and uses Parker ballpoint refills; and the third is made of curly Koa wood with gold titanium fittings and a beautiful sheen like a tiger-eye stone.
 Our thanks to: Susan Montague Value: \$115
- 511 Two Hours of Cabinet Design Consultation**
 The Kleid Design Group designs, fabricates, and installs custom, quality cabinetry for all your needs, including kitchens, libraries, home theaters, entertainment centers, offices, and more. Cabinetry built by Kleid’s master craftspeople has been featured in "Sunset Magazine" and "Architectural Digest." They use a variety of materials and finishes to build their furniture, including those that are “green certified.” With this certificate, Jonathan Kleid will personally consult with you on any of your cabinetry needs. (Valid through 6/30/11)
 Our thanks to: The Kleid Design Group Value: \$350.00

KIDS

- 600 Have a Magical Time at Fairyland and Old Faithful**
Watch their little eyes light up when you take your child on these two awe-inspiring field trips. First, four passes to Children’s Fairyland, a ten-acre park on the shores of Lake Merritt where children’s literature comes to life with whimsical storybook sets, gentle rides, friendly animals, wonder-filled puppet shows, and inspired live entertainment. Next, head up to Calistoga with family admission (2 adults/3 kids) to witness Old Faithful Geyser, one of only three in the world, erupting every 20 minutes. Just 90 minutes away, this educational experience also features a geothermal exhibit hall, video room, large picnic area, snack bar, and petting zoo.
Our thanks to: Children’s Fairyland & Old Faithful Geyser of CA Value: \$58.00
- 601 Play the Day Away at Boomers!**
Race to victory on the go carts, become a golf legend on the mini golf course, have a demolition derby on the high seas in the bumper boats, discover your inner warrior with laser tag, and more with 10 attraction tickets to Boomers! Livermore. (Expires 5/11)
Our thanks to: Boomers! Livermore Value: \$90.00
- 602 Family Membership to MOCHA**
A one-year membership to downtown Oakland’s fabulous Museum of Children’s Art. Privileges include unlimited free admission to drop-in art programs; early bird registration for MOCHA camps; two guest passes for your friends; 10% discount on camp, art parties, and merchandise; members-only sale days at MOCHA store; discounts at local restaurants and retailers; and MOCHA eco-bag with art kit. .
Our thanks to: MOCHA, Museum of Children’s Art Value: \$85.00
- 603 Get in the Swim with Aquarium of the Bay and Sea-life Toys**
Two general admission tickets to Aquarium of the Bay at Pier 39, the only nature center focused specifically on the diverse aquatic life of San Francisco’s surrounding waters. Ride a moving conveyor through crystal clear tunnels and come face-to-face with seven-gill sharks, colorful sea stars, and the giant Pacific octopus. Don’t miss the manta ray touch pool or the new land animal exhibits upstairs. Plus, take home this plush shark (sings “Crazy” by Gnarl Barkley) and Triops science kit.
Our thanks to: Aquarium of the Bay Value: \$64.00
- 604 Blind Them with Science at the Tech Museum & Lawrence Hall of Science**
Build on your child’s love of science with these Bay Area family field trips. First, a pass for two adults and their children to Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, offering hands-on science exhibits, a discovery lab with live animals, planetarium shows, family workshops, and special events that encourage visitors to learn about science. Next, head down to the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose with four general admission passes to this hands-on technology and science museum for people of all ages and backgrounds.
Our thanks to: The Tech Museum of Innovation & Lawrence Hall of Science Value: \$78.00

- 607 Make a Discovery in San Jose**
 Use this Family Pack of tour tickets to take your whole clan to the fascinating Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose. Test, crank, listen, prod, and tinker with 150 interactive exhibits at one of the largest museums of its kind in the nation.
 Our thanks to: Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose Value: \$40.00
- 608 Make a Discovery in Sausalito**
 The amazing Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito is a great destination full of hands-on, educational fun for kids ages 10 and under. Situated on seven acres of National Park land in the Marin headlands, BADM is nestled in a spectacular spot at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge. This pass will admit five children or adults.
 Our thanks to: Bay Area Discovery Museum Value: \$50.00
- 609 Get your Fill of Thrills at Great America**
 Ride the coasters all day long at Great America in Santa Clara with two free admissions during the 2010-11 public operating days. (Not valid July 1-4 for special ticketed events.)
 Our thanks to: Great America Value: \$110.00
- 611 Family Field Trips for the Budding Scientist to Lawrence Hall of Science and Old Faithful**
 Got a science fiend at home? Show ‘em the sites with these two exciting field trips. First, a pass for two adults and their children to Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, offering hands-on science exhibits, a discovery lab with live animals, planetarium shows, family workshops, and special events that encourage visitors to learn about science. Next, head up to Calistoga for family admission to witness Old Faithful, one of only three old faithful geysers in the world, erupting approximately every 20-30 minutes. This exciting and educational experience for the whole family is just 90 minutes away. A great place to spend the day as you enjoy the geothermal exhibit hall, video room, large picnic area, snack bar, petting zoo and the rare all-natural spectacle of the geyser.
 Our thanks to: Lawrence Hall of Science & Old Faithful Geyser of CA Value: \$68.00
- 613 All Aboard! Railroad Museum and Mini-Golf**
 A must-see for all young train enthusiasts, here are four passes to the Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento, packed with old puffer bellies and more modern choo-choos that kids can climb on and explore. Plus, they’ll love the extensive train tables and exciting steam train rides. Break up the drive by stopping along the way for mini-golf with four passes from Scandia Family Fun Center in Fairfield.
 Our thanks to: California Railroad Museum & Scandia Family Fun Center Value: \$68.00
- 615 Rainy Day Destination: Studio Grow**
 Rainy days are coming—where will you take your little ones? Studio Grow Children’s Play Space in Berkeley is designed just for ages 0-6, providing experiences that inspire and delight children’s curiosity, creativity, and intrinsic desire to learn. Use this Studio Grow Green Card for admission, food, drinks, and/or discount purchases.
 Our thanks to: Studio Grow Children’s Play Space Value: \$30.00

- 616 Go Wild at Lindsay Museum and Old Faithful**
 Got an animal lover at home? Here are two exciting field trips full of four-legged friends. First, four guest passes to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation centers in the country, treating over 5,000 injured and orphaned animals each year. You'll also see artwork by Daniel San Souci (special guest author/illustrator at MCCS book fairs) on display at the museum through January 15, 2011. Next, head up to Calistoga to visit a petting zoo with llamas, Fainting Goats, and Four-Horn Sheep. This family pass will admit two adults and three kids (children under 6 are free) into Old Faithful Geyser, a rare all-natural spectacle that is one of only three in the world, erupting every 20 minutes.
 Our thanks to: Lindsay Wildlife Museum & Old Faithful Geyser of CA Value: \$58.00
- 618 Take an SF Art Outing with the Whole Family**
 Don't leave the kids at home when you visit these art museums! First, four passes to the Cartoon Art Museum, displaying the finest representations of original cartoon art. Then, just a block away, visit Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, a multidisciplinary art center featuring exhibitions, performance, film/video, and community engagement programs.
 Our thanks to: Cartoon Art Museum & Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Value: \$56.00
- 621 Amusement Park or Ornamental Garden?**
 Decide for yourself with these two single-day admission passes to Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park! Ideal for families with young children and garden lovers, Gilroy Gardens features 21 rides, 27 attractions, 6 majestic gardens and the world famous Circus Trees. (Passes not valid during Holiday Lights in December.)
 Our thanks to: Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park Value: \$90.00
- 622 Ribbit Ribbit**
 Handmade by Whitney Walker (Gabriel, 4th grade), this Frog hat is made of organic cotton and fits ages 6-24 months.
 Our thanks to: Whitney Walker Value: \$50.00
- 623 Grrr Grrr**
 Another handmade hat, this one in Whitney's Baby Bear style. Made of soft, natural alpaca blend, it fits ages 6-24 months.
 Our thanks to: Whitney Walker Value: \$50.00
- 624 Express Your Creativity at Brushstrokes**
 Create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece with five visits to this ceramics studio in Berkeley. Choose a pre-made ceramic vessel, paint it with your own unique design and pick up the glazed, finished piece after it's fired! (Certificate for studio time only, not for pottery.)
 Our thanks to: Brushstrokes Studio Value: \$38.00
- 625 Rainy Day Crayola Activity Items**
 Your kids will be glad to stay inside when you pull out this fun basket of crafts and games, including a doodle pad, three coloring books, crayons, Play Doh, card games, a puzzle, paints and brushes, colored pencils, and scissors.
 Our thanks to: Charles and Anita Smiley Value: \$25.00
- 627 Adventures with Figaro**

Plan a party or visit with Figaro, the magical miniature horse! MCCS 2/3 teacher Julie Duff will bring Figaro to your home or nearby park for a special event. Children under 40 pounds can ride him in his little Western saddle. Although he is very little, he has a BIG personality and is adorable with children. Children love braiding his hair, dressing him up, and telling him secrets. He is always a big hit!

Our thanks to: Julie Duff

Value: Priceless!

636 Children's Gymnastics Classes at Kids In Motion

Got a little monkey at home? Here are two free gymnastics classes at Kids In Motion in Oakland. Play and learn in this exciting, friendly, and developmentally-appropriate setting. (Gift certificate good for two consecutive gymnastics classes, not valid towards standard tuition.)

Our thanks to: Kids In Motion Gymnastics

Value: \$29.00

637 See the New Cal Academy of Science

Here are four admission tickets to this Golden Gate Park treasure. The new California Academy of Sciences is redefining what it means to be a science museum: A single building that evokes the interdependence of earth, ocean, and space; that houses an aquarium, a planetarium and a natural history museum; that's filled with hundreds of innovative and engaging exhibits and thousands of animals. (Valid for six months)

Our thanks to: California Academy of Sciences

Value: \$120.00

639 Blast Off with Chabot Tickets and Space Goodies

Spend a family day together with two adult and two child tickets to Chabot Space & Science Center, the Bay Area's go-to destination for visitors of all ages who want to discover and learn about space and earth sciences. Then, take the fun home with a glow-in-the-dark 100-piece puzzle and a 3D replica of the solar system replica.

Our thanks to: Charles and Anita Smiley

Value: \$80.00

640 Get a Head Start on Summer with Blue Camp

Blue Camp (a Cal Youth Camp held at UC Berkeley's Golden Bear Rec Center) is an outdoor, very active, schedule-packed summer camp with a sports emphasis, where campers (ages 7-13) try a variety of activities that range from swimming and soccer to lacrosse and volleyball. Each group of campers has a fun and energetic group leader who cares for the individual needs of campers and supports them in learning new skills and making friends. This pass is good for a two-week Blue Camp session, 9 am-4 pm. (Any remaining balances can be converted to SCRA/Cal Adventure credit; not applicable towards Athletic camps.)

Our thanks to: Cal Department of Recreational Sports

Value: \$450.00

647 Tumble on Over to Head Over Heels

Got a little acrobat at home? Then you'll need this gift certificate for four consecutive gymnastics, circus, or dance classes at Head Over Heels Gymnastics and Circus Arts in Emeryville.

Our thanks to: Head over Heels Athletic Arts

Value: \$80.00

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Jasmine 1/2 Size Acoustic Guitar

Perfect for young guitar players, this Jasmine 1/2 size nylon string guitar comes with a gig bag, electric tuner, strap, and picks, courtesy of Eric Lenchner (Buckeye, Green Room), the Elementary School's guitar teacher and singer with tonight's band, the Ultras.

Our thanks to: Professor Sludge Guitar Academy

Value: \$175.00

SERVICES

- 701 Get a *Better* Job!**
Consider what a whole month of job coaching might mean for your career, your family, and your future! Our energetic MC this evening, Joel Garfinkle, is not only the father of Ariella (K/1) and Haydn (Blue Room); he is also recognized as one of the top 50 job coaches in America. He has over 17 years of experience in the job search and career transition field, authored six books, and uncovered the best practices and secrets that can actually help you find a job faster and easier! Whether you need help finding an entry-level or senior executive career position, Joel will provide you with the tools to land the best job quickly.
Our thanks to: Dream Job Coaching Value: \$750.00
- 704 Vroom Vroom for your Volvo**
Get your next minor service on the house at Ackerman's Volvo, a Berkeley institution since 1983. Minor service includes changing your oil and filter, lubricating the chassis and body, topping off all fluid levels, checking tires, and much more.
Our thanks to: Ackerman's Servicing Volvos, Inc Value: \$180.00
- 707 Night-Time Doula or Day-Time Nanny**
The perfect gift for anyone with a new baby at home? Rest! Here's how to give it: As a postpartum night doula, Theresa Lopes takes care of the baby during the night with any changings, helps the mother breastfeed, or just lets the parents sleep. As a nanny, she runs errands, plays with older kids, cooks delicious meals, or whatever mom needs. Theresa—who comes highly recommended by Kim Sellon (Owen, 2/3)—offers five hours of her time; just schedule in advance and she will come to the client's home right after childbirth or any time they need extra help.
Our thanks to: Theresa Lopes Value: \$125.00
- 714 Digital Scrap Booking Services**
Get your favorite photographs off of your camera and into a frame or scrapbook with this digital scrap booking service. Send 2-8 digital pictures to Jessica Ortiz (Shepard, K/1, and Xavier, Blue Room) and she will transform them into a 2-page layout suitable for framing or adding to a scrapbook (you choose the size). A Graphic Arts student, one of Jessica's many hobbies is creating stunning pictorial mementos.
Our thanks to: Jessica Ortiz Value: \$80.00
- 715 You Oughta Be in Pictures!**
Isn't it about time you scheduled a family portrait or got some professional shots of your child? Kim Sellon (mom of Owen, 2/3) used to be a professional photographer and is offering a one-hour photo session plus a CD of the high-resolution images. She will come to your home or schedule an outdoor location for the photo shoot and will travel up to 20 miles from Oakland, subject to availability.
Our thanks to: Kim Sellon Value: \$200.00
- 716 College Admissions Consulting**
Applying to college can be a daunting and stressful task for parents and students alike. In this 90-minute consultation meeting with a student and his or her parents/guardians, Momo Chang (mom of Thay/Geranium and an admissions reader at a top California university for the last five years) will

debunk some myths around the college application process from grades, course selection, and extracurriculars to test scores and the personal statement. After the consultation, she will give a written evaluation. She focuses on the student's personal voice, uniqueness, and strengths and will give suggestions on how to highlight these aspects on the application. Momo is a former high school English and Social Studies teacher and a professional writer, as well. Suggested for middle school aged students and up, including high school seniors applying to college this year.
Our thanks to: Momo Chang Value: \$300.00

717 Quick Books Setup

Do you need professional help managing your household finances? Hoss Garakani, accountant, Certified Pro-Advisor and grandpa to Shayda (K/1) and Aryon (Infant/Toddler) will set up your entire accounting system with QuickBooks. Set up will be coordinated with donor for a convenient time, excluding Feb-April, 2011. Limited to households with no more than two working adults.
Our thanks to: Hoss Garakani, MBA & Ascend Business Consulting Value: \$800.00

718 Audition/Monologue Coaching

Whether you're a budding thespian or a seasoned pro, Marie Shell (mom of Buckeye, Green Room) can help you choose, rehearse, and/or polish a theatrical monologue in any style: comedy, drama, or classical (Shakespeare). Marie coaches individual clients in theatre and public speaking and has taught acting for Pacific Union College, California Shakespeare Theatre, Marin Shakespeare Company, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, and others. A professional actress since 1986, Marie has worked extensively in film, television, voice-over, and regional theatre. This one-hour audition/monologue coaching session is open to all ages and levels; beginners welcome!
Our thanks to: Marie Shell Value: \$75.00

719 Apple Computer Support

Katie Topper, mom of Ruby (K/1) and Nicky (2/3) offers two hours of training on your Apple computer (iMac, MacBook, etc). Make your computer safe for your kids and learn how to maintain and protect your computer from damage.
Our thanks to: Katie Topper Value: \$200.00

720 Music Night with Eric & Marie

Invite up to five couples (10 adults) to the Lenchner/Shell home for a Saturday evening sing-and-strum along. Bring your voices, instruments, and ideas for songs you'd like to sing to this living room hootenanny. Eric & Marie (Buckeye, Green Room) will provide a simple dinner, beverages, lyrics, and chord sheets for hundreds of songs, and musical leadership. (50s and 60s rock-n-roll is Eric's specialty.
Our thanks to: Eric Lenchner & Marie Shell Value: Priceless!

721 Rock On with Private Music Lessons

Kick-start your study of the electric or acoustic guitar, electric bass, or drums with a series of six half-hour private music lesson from Professor Sludge (aka. Eric Lenchner, a professional musician and instructor who is a member of The Ultras, performing at tonight's auction, and is also dad to Buckeye in the Green Room). Good for **adults or children** ages 3 and up, including students taking group lessons at MCCS (excluding those already taking private lessons). Private lessons will be held at Professor Sludge's Guitar Academy in the Redwood Heights neighborhood of Oakland.
Our thanks to: Professor Sludge Guitar Academy Value: \$300.00

PAY-TO-PLAYS

These “pay-to-play” services and events have limited spaces, which offered first come, first served at fixed prices. These items may sell out quickly, so make them your first stop! Don’t worry if you are unsure whether you will be able to attend an event on a particular date—there is a waiting list for each item so that someone can take your place if you have to cancel.

750 Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Run, run, run as fast as you can to this gingerbread house party, where your budding chef can have all the fun of decorating without any of the mess for you to clean up. MCCA parent Whitney Walker and former parent Mary Dalsin will provide all the gingerbread and accessories at this party for 10 lucky children in each time slot. Party is Saturday, December 4: 10:30 am to 12 noon for ages 3-6 (parent participation required); 12:30-2 pm for ages 7 and up (drop off ok). To be held in the SAC room in the MCCA Elementary School.

Our thanks to: Mary Dalsin & Whitney Walker

Cost: \$25.00 per child

751 Style Makeover & Champagne Brunch for Four

Sign up for an exclusive style makeover over Champagne brunch hosted by Ida Shahfari (mom to Shayda in K/1 and Aryon in Infant/Toddler) with her sister-in-law Shafi, a licensed hair stylist and colorist, on Sunday, December 5 at 10 am. You can be one of four lucky ladies to receive eyebrow threading (a Persian method of precise brow shaping that you can’t get with just tweezers alone), hair styling (blow-out, curl, or up-do), and color consultation from Shafi. These services would easily run you over \$200 in the salon. Shafi has over 12 years of experience as a hair colorist and stylist and has worked at Toni & Guy in Orange County and other high-end salons, and currently works at Marsha Tobias Hair Salon in Walnut Creek. Shafi has trained at Vidal Sassoon and has certifications in Cinderella Hair Extension, Scruples, and Brazilian Blowout. She is also a professional make-up artist and is licensed to provide threading services.

Our thanks to: Shafi & Ida Shahfari

Cost: \$50.00 each

752 Jump-start your Child’s Verbal Skills with Baby Sign Language

Baby Sign Language gives parents the opportunity to communicate with their children long before they can verbalize their wants and needs. Signing with babies has been proven to help accelerate language development, reduce frustration, enhance a child’s self esteem and deepen the bond between parent and child. Erin Carper (mom of Jasper in Geranium) is entering her third year studying American Sign Language and Deaf Culture at Berkeley City College and offers this 90-minute Introductory Baby Sign Language Workshop, which would normally cost \$40 per person. You will learn more than 40 baby signs based on American Sign Language (ASL) through fun activities and songs that will show you how easy it can be to integrate simple signs into your everyday routine. Designed for parents-to-be and parents with babies ranging in age from birth to 18 months. Older babies may attend at the discretion of the instructor. You are welcome to bring your baby, but it is not required. Workshop to be held in the home of Ida & Kaivon Shahfari in San Leandro on January 8, 2011, from 9:00-10:30 am. Room for six adults. Sign up for as many spots as you want and bring your friends!

Our thanks to: Erin Carper and Ida & Kaivon Shahfari Cost: \$30.00 per person; \$40 per couple

- 753 Glass Fusion Workshop**
 Glass artist Sarah Hirneisen (mom of Ahmory, Blue Room) will lead a glass fusion workshop where children will work with cut pieces of glass and make their own plate design. Sarah will fire them and return them in two weeks so children can take them home. An MFA student in the Sculpture department at Mills, Sarah has worked with glass for over ten years and creates kiln-formed glass jewelry (see item #s 150-152) and table wares (see item #501) under her company name, Mediums to Masses. Room for 10 children to participate in this pay-to-play, slated to be held Sunday, January 9, from 10 am -12 noon at the Mills College Sculpture Department. Appropriate for ages 4 and up with parent participation, 8 and up without.
 Our thanks to: Sarah Hirneisen, Mediums to Masses Cost: \$25.00 per child
- 754 Felt Making Workshop**
 Handbag designer Jessica Ortiz (see item #131) will lead a felting workshop where children will learn how to make felt from wool and turn it into a flower that they can take home that day, just in time for Valentine's Day! All supplies will be provided. Room for 10 children to participate in this pay-to-play, slated to be held after school at MCCS on Friday, February 4, from 3:15-5:15 pm. Appropriate for ages 5 and up with parent participation, 8 and up without. .
 Our thanks to: Jessica Ortiz Cost: \$25.00 per child
- 755 Parent's Night Out & Kid's Night in the Blue Room**
 On Saturday, February 5, from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Blue Room Head Teacher Christine Kaes will open the classroom for 10 lucky kids! The evening will include a kid-friendly dinner and lots of activities with Christine and a student teacher. Enjoy a romantic date night or a night out with friends while the kids have a festive time in Christine's expert care. Open to 10 children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 9 years of age. \$50 for one child and \$25 each for siblings.
 Our thanks to: Christine Kaes Value: \$50.00
- 756 Learn the Latest Moves with Koryography Dance Class**
 Sign your tiny dancer up for a class with Kory Watkins, a professional hip hop dance instructor. Kory will teach two after-school dance classes in the Elementary School, slated to be held on Friday, March 4 (in time to help students prepare for our annual Talent Share!): 2:30-3:15 pm for ages 5-6 and 3:30-4:15 pm for ages 7-10. Room for up to 10 children in each time slot.
 Our thanks to: Kory Watkins Cost: \$20 per child
- 757 Moms Only: Tahoe Getaway**
 Leave the kids at home and join us for a weekend getaway this spring. Just three hours' drive north in Truckee, this big house sleeps 10 (three shared Queen beds and four single bunk beds). We might go for a hike in the woods overlooking Donner Lake, poke through the boutiques downtown, lounge with a magazine on the deck, or just soak in the hot tub. We can carpool up on Friday night and return Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes lodging and meals Saturday and Sunday (BYOB or chip in for cocktails). Hosted by MCCS parents Whitney Walker and Kim Sellon. Scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011.
 Our thanks to: Whitney Walker & Kim Sellon Cost: \$100.00 per person

- 758 Have a Custom-Made Hand-Knit Hat Created for Someone Special**
 Give your wee one warm fuzzies with a custom-made hand-knit hat in any of these whimsical designs: Baby Bear, Monkey, Frog, Flower Top, Pumpkinhead, Seussian, and more. MCCS parent Whitney Walker sells her hats for up to \$50, but the first three people to sign up tonight get one for \$25 each. You choose the yarn and style from Whitney's stash of options. (Please give one month's notice and place your order between Jan-October, 2011.)
 Our thanks to: Whitney Walker Cost: \$25.00 each
- 759 Child Development Screening**
 Are you concerned about your child's development or behavior? Would you like to seek out a confidential screening of your child without going through a formal process? Tahereh Garakani, M.A., Ed, (grandmother to Shayda, K/1, and Aryon, Infant/Toddler) has worked in early childhood education for over 35 years as a teacher, professor, lecturer, trainer, consultant, school director and administrator. An Infant/Toddler Specialist and Inclusion Specialist for children with special needs, Tahereh has her own consulting business, Early Childhood Resources, where she provides child screenings for children from birth to 5 years of age. The value of this professional development screening of your child (aged 0 – 5 years) with validated tools and an appropriate referral process is more than \$250, but Tahereh is offering her services to five families within the MCCS community for \$100 per child.
 Our thanks to: Tahereh Garakani & Early Childhood Resources Cost: \$100.00 per child
- 760 Architectural Guidance**
 Got big remodeling plans? Get professional advice before you start, using this consultation for any new construction, remodeling, or earthquake retrofitting of residential, commercial, or industrial projects. Bring your ideas, drawings, and plans to a design and development meeting with Shahab Laal, dad of Shiveh (Geranium) and Azal (K/1), both a certified architect and a licensed contractor with more than 25 years of experience. Shahab offers four opportunities for a one-hour consultation in his West Oakland office, where you will develop your ideas and plan a budget, taking your plans one step closer to reality. Sign up for a single session or all four.
 Our thanks to: Shahab Laal & Form Architects Cost: \$150.00 each
- 761 Listen in and Sing Along with an MCCS Music Class: Blue Room**
 Does your child come home humming songs from music class? Would you like to help her/him sing along and learn the music? Jymn Heathcott (Ruby, Green Room) and Yakpasua Zazaboi (Kollie, K/1) will record a Younger Preschool music class with our Preschool Orff Music Specialist Greacian Goekke and deliver CDs and DVDs to all parents who sign up before Winter Break. Kids will love watching themselves on the DVD and playing the CD in the car, plus it will be a treasured memento that you can keep for a lifetime.
 Our thanks to: Yakpasua Zazaboi, Jymn Heathcott, & Greacian Goekke Cost: \$20.00 each

- 762 Listen in and Sing Along with an MCCS Music Class: Green Room**
 Does your child come home humming songs from music class? Would you like to help her/him sing along and learn the music? Jymn Heathcott (Ruby, Green Room) and Yakpasua Zazaboi (Kollie, K/1) will record an Older Preschool music class with our Preschool Orff Music Specialist Greacian Goekke and deliver CDs and DVDs to all parents who sign up before Winter Break. Plus, the Green Room package will also feature a classroom circle time and a sing-along with Professor Sludge (aka. Eric Lenchner, Buckeye's dad). Kids will love watching themselves on the DVD and playing the CD in the car, plus it will be a treasured memento that you can keep for a lifetime.
 Our thanks to: Yakpasua Zazaboi, Jymn Heathcott, & Greacian Goekke Cost: \$25.00 each
- 763 Listen in and Sing Along with an MCCS Music Class: Geranium**
 Does your child come home humming songs from music class? Would you like to help her/him sing along and learn the music? Jymn Heathcott (Ruby, Green Room) and Yakpasua Zazaboi (Kollie, K/1) will record two Geranium music classes (Mon. and Thurs.) with our Preschool Orff Music Specialist Greacian Goekke and deliver CDs and DVDs to all parents who sign up before Winter Break. Kids will love watching themselves on the DVD and playing the CD in the car, plus it will be a treasured memento that you can keep for a lifetime.
 Our thanks to: Yakpasua Zazaboi, Jymn Heathcott, & Greacian Goekke Cost: \$20.00 each
- 764 Listen in and Sing Along with an MCCS Music Class: K/1**
 Here's a window into those fun music classes that our kids participate in every week, but we rarely get to see! Yakpasua Zazaboi (Kollie, K/1) has recorded a K/1 music class with our Elementary Music Specialist Eve Decker and will deliver CDs and DVDs to all parents who sign up before Winter Break. Kids will love watching themselves on the DVD and playing the CD in the car, plus it will be a treasured memento that you can keep for a lifetime.
 Our thanks to: Yakpasua Zazaboi & Eve Decker Cost: \$20.00 each
- 765 Listen in and Sing Along with an MCCS Music Class: 2/3/4**
 Here's a window into those fun music classes that our kids participate in every week, but we rarely get to see! Yakpasua Zazaboi (Kollie, K/1) has recorded a 2/3/4 music class with our Elementary Music Specialist Eve Decker and will deliver CDs and DVDs to all parents who sign up before Winter Break. Kids will love watching themselves on the DVD and playing the CD in the car, plus it will be a treasured memento that you can keep for a lifetime.
 Our thanks to: Yakpasua Zazaboi & Eve Decker Cost: \$20.00 each

Raffle Prizes

More prizes may be added as we get them, so keep buying and selling tickets!

Your Own Personal Wine Cellar!

Approximately 100 bottles of excellent wines, including Catalpa Malbec 2008 (\$35), Grieve Sauvignon Blanc 2008 (\$40), Domaine Bernard Defaix Chablis 2008 (\$35), and much more. That's enough to give wine to all your family and friends this holiday season and still have plenty to enjoy for yourself for years to come!

Our thanks to: MCCS Parents

Value: over \$1500.00

Palo Alto Getaway

Cross your fingers that you'll win this quick romantic getaway: Overnight accommodations for two in a Deluxe City View Queen guestroom at the elegant Garden Court Hotel, offering boutique lodging in downtown Palo Alto. With their 2010 remodel completed, there are 62 exceptional guest rooms, each flooded with natural light and featuring several alternatives, from open floor plans and fireplaces to aerated spa tubs and private balconies. (Valid Friday, Saturday, or Sunday night based on availability through 5/1/11. Please book 72 hours in advance.) Plus, enjoy a \$40 gift certificate for lunch or dinner at nearby Max's Opera Café.

Our thanks to: Garden Court Vincci Hotels & Ida Shahfari

Value: \$390.00

Heat Things Up with Funky Door Yoga Classes

Funky Door Yoga teaches the Bikram method, instilling the belief that anything worthwhile is worth doing in 100-degree heat! Bring your friends along to check it out with four introductory promotion cards good for one month of unlimited yoga classes, plus free mat and towel use. (One card per person; new customers to the Berkeley studio only; expires 2/15/11.)

Our thanks to: Funky Door Yoga

Value: \$116.00

Grey Fox Vineyards Wine Gift Basket

This beautiful basket includes something for every type of wine lover: Cabernet, Chardonnay, and Port, plus two wine glasses, wine crackers, and a free wine tasting certificate to visit this premium winery in Butte County. For more about Grey Fox Vineyards, visit www.greyfox.net.

Our thanks to: Grey Fox Vineyards

Value: \$85.00

Become a Member: The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Since its founding in 1984, the CJM has engaged audiences through dynamic exhibitions and programs that explore contemporary perspectives on Jewish culture, history, art, and ideas. Your household membership includes unlimited free admission for two and lots of other perks.

Our thanks to: The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Value: \$75.00

Look to the Stars with Chabot Tickets

Enjoy four guest passes to Chabot Space & Science Center, offering the latest in hands-on, interactive exhibits and Planetarium shows that explore the mysteries of the universe and of life here on earth. Here visitors of all ages can experience for themselves the wonders of the cosmos as they gaze through the telescopes at distant stars and planets.

Our thanks to: Chabot Space & Science Center

Value: \$60.00

Make a Discovery in Sausalito

The amazing Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito is an indoor/outdoor museum full of hands-on, educational fun for kids ages 10 and under. Situated on seven acres of National Park land in the Marin headlands, BADM is nestled in a spectacular spot at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge. This package includes 5 passes for kids or adults.

Our thanks to: Bay Area Discovery Museum

Value: \$50.00

We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Chubby Hubby, Cherry Garcia, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Mud Pie, Phish Food...try all your favorite Ben & Jerry's flavors with 10 free pints.

Our thanks to: Anuradha Mittal and Ben & Jerry's

Value: \$50.00

Across the Bay at YBCA

Enjoy the Bay Area's premiere venue for adventurous art with a Family Gallery Pass for four people to Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, a multidisciplinary art center featuring exhibitions, performance, film/video and community engagement programs. To learn about upcoming exhibits, visit www.ybca.org. Back home and newly inspired, budding artists can make use of these coloring books, crayons, gel pens, modeling clay, and an invisible picture holder.

Our thanks to: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Value: \$45.00

Get Hip to this Timely Trip: Old Faithful Geyser

Head up to Calistoga for family admission to witness one of only three old faithful geysers in the world, erupting approximately every 20-30 minutes. An exciting, educational experience just 90 minutes away, the whole family can enjoy a day visiting the geothermal exhibit hall, video room, large picnic area, snack bar, petting zoo. and the rare all-natural spectacle of the geyser.

Our thanks to: Old Faithful Geyser of CA

Value: \$30.00