



## Battle Creek Parent Club

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Hello Battle Creek Elementary Families,

Your Parent Club has been working hard on creating an exciting and fun online event for you. In years past we have done an in person silent auction, but this year we can not do that in person, so we have moved it online and we are utilizing Facebook for the event. Here is the link, you can also find it by visiting the Battle Creek Parent Club Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4901820766525135/?ref=share>

Your Parent Club has been busy collecting donations from local businesses to make this event successful. How to participate: the silent auction will start on December 4th and end on the 5th. We have started highlighting the different businesses in the Facebook group event, so you can see who has donated and what items are available. There are lots of awesome things already!

We have made payment options very easy for you, by securing Venmo and Paypal accounts. We will still have cash and check options available for you upon pick up of your winnings. If you pay by credit card, a 3% fee will be added to cover the processing costs. If you have family out of our district who would like to participate, we are offering a shipping option. Each winner will have to pay the cost of shipping, this way all of the money collected will go directly to the Parent Club for our students and teacher budgets.

You may be wondering why we are doing fundraisers when kids are not physically in school. This is a great question and the answer is, costs don't stop even with a pandemic. Our teachers still need supplies in their classrooms as always to help teach our students. The Parent Club has covered the cost of the Scholastic Newsletter so that our kids have access to that during Distance Learning. We also need funds so that when we can go back in person, we can put on the events we always have. Parent Club covers multiple things including school improvements, classroom supplies, field trips, school events as well as bringing in different learning experiences such as OMSI and owl pellets for the students to enjoy and learn from. We have also been looking into building a covered area for the car pick up line so our kids do not have to stand out in the rain after school waiting to be picked up and this is quite an expensive project that we are funding through the Parent Club budget.

We would love for you to join us in lifting up our school and students by participating in this event. There are many items that would make great gift options for family and friends. Please join the Facebook event and invite as many participants as you can so that we can make this event successful together.

Thank you parents for all that you are doing right now, we know this year has been full of surprises. We hope this event can bring you a little joy while helping our school. You are so appreciated here at the Parent Club. If you ever want to join us, please reach out, we would love to have you. You can email us at [battlecreekparentclub@gmail.com](mailto:battlecreekparentclub@gmail.com) to get involved.

Respectfully Yours, The Battle Creek Parent Club