

Co-Chair Greetings

It is the time of year when we are thinking of spring, change, and new beginnings. The BCS team and BCS families once again have united to make our 2010 fundraiser for the school an amazing family event.

We hope you plan on attending the ***Blast Preview: Friday, March 18th 3:30 – 5:00 PM*** so that you may view all of the Silent Auction items, and maybe snatch one of the prized donations early – a reserved bid option, or for the anticipated fun-filled ***BCS "BLASTASTIC 2011". Sunday, March 20th 3:30 – 7:30 PM.***

Reserve some quiet time to review these informational pages, and most importantly – fill out your Order Summary Sheet – for those discounted wristbands, punch cards and delicious chicken dinners! The Auction Booklet this year will be posted on the Blast tab of the BCS website (under PTSA) for viewing, printing or downloading. We are looking forward to this year's fundraiser, "***BLASTASTIC 2011***", and hope you are too!

The Silent Auction

You will have a "bidder number" in your Blast Registration Envelope. That number allows you to bid on items in the Silent Auction – held in the Media Center. There are several vacation getaways, spa baskets, and some great sports tickets. This year the auction booklet will be available online at www.bcsonline.info. The staff and teachers have offered up some unique items!

We have our Silent Auction Preview on the Friday before the big event. The purpose of this Preview is to allow parents to get a first-hand look at the items listed in the Auction Booklet. There will be several items marked as "closed bid," meaning that if you meet the listed reserve price you can purchase the item right then! Some of those items are: first-in-line-for-lunch, parking spaces, spectacular sports tickets, and more...

Spirit Week

In early March, look for emails and in-school posters announcing activities from the BCS Spirit Team that are fun for all of the kids, and it builds team spirit. This is a creative way they can be a part of "***BLASTASTIC 2011***" spirit!

Deadlines

There are two key dates that require your attention:

- ***Friday, March 14th*** – Deadline for Family Patrons and Corporate Sponsors with T-Shirts.
- ***Wednesday, March 16th*** - Pre-sale wristbands and punch cards, family meal orders, and raffle ticket sales are all due by this date. The Order Summary Sheet found at the back of this packet serves as a checklist of all the items that need your attention.

Volunteering

The Blast requires *many* volunteers – working at carnival games, helping in the food court, or greeting families coming to the event. Room Parents have taken on the responsibility of recruiting volunteers to fill these positions. Please look for email communications from them, and be sure to schedule some time to make this Blast a great one! If you have a high school student that needs community service hours, there are many opportunities for this during Spirit Week, the Auction Preview, and the day of the Blast – the Room Parents have all of the details.

We want to thank all of the Family Patrons, Corporate and Platinum Sponsors who have already donated this year, and everyone that has made this year's Blast something special, unique, and exciting. We continue to be amazed by the expertise and generosity of the parents, staff, and the BCS community. It is incredibly rewarding to be part of such an effort. We look forward to seeing you at the **Auction Preview on Friday, March 18th** and at the **BCS "BLASTASTIC 2011" event on Sunday, March 20th!**

Sincerely,
Karen Best and Ken Gilbert
BCS Blast 2011 Co-Chairs