



FRIENDS OF MOUNT WASHINGTON SCHOOL
3981 San Rafael Ave, Los Angeles, California 90065

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The Friends of Mt. Washington School (FOMWS) will be hosting its **5th Annual Auction** themed “**A Night in New Orleans**” on April 17th, from 6:00 -11:00 p.m. at the Women’s 20th Century Club in Eagle Rock. The event will feature a silent and live auction, live band “Bonne Musique Zyedco”, as well as Cajun cuisine, full no-host bar and wonderful items to bid at our “Bayou Boutique.” Tickets will be sold for \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door.

This is the primary fundraiser for Mt. Washington Elementary, one of LA’s top public K-6 schools, and we need your help this year more than ever. The stakes are even higher and the success of this specific event will determine whether or not Mt. Washington Elementary will have funding for adequate staff, programs and resources.

Due to the recent LAUSD budget crisis most public schools are in financial crisis and Mt. Washington Elementary is no exception. While experiencing increased class sizes, we’ve had cuts in teacher head count, teaching aides, library aides, supplies, equipment and programs such as Physical Education and the Performing Arts. The funds we are able to raise with this auction event will determine the future for the 345+ children who attend this school.

To make this fundraiser successful, we are requesting donations from the families, community members, businesses and other organizations in our surrounding communities. Donations can be financial contributions or items such as artwork, gift certificates, tickets, or vacation rentals for the auction. To incentivize our patrons, we have included sponsorship packages (see reverse). You will also receive a tax ID follow-up receipt after the auction.

On behalf of the students, teachers and families of Mt. Washington, we would like to thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity in making a donation to our fundraising efforts. Every year the community has stepped up and our fundraising goals increase. Our fundraising events benefit students by funding the Focus Fish P.E. program, classroom aides and helping offset mandatory needs no longer covered by the school’s dwindling budget.

There are four easy ways you can make an enormous difference in the lives of our 345+ students:

- 1.) Sponsor our event
- 2.) Donate goods or services
- 3.) Make a cash contribution
- 4.) Buy tickets

Just fill out the attached Donor/Sponsor Form and return it to us via e-mail or mail. All of the above is tax deductible (our tax ID is 95-4451734). You will be sent a receipt post-event. If you have any questions, please contact your designated Parent Rep on the attached Donor/Sponsor Form. General donation inquiries can be addressed to Anvi Kevany at joeanvi@yahoo.com or (323) 501-4373. Donations can be mailed to the school or dropped off in the Parent Center M-F from 8:15 – 10:00 a.m. by **March 26th**.

Again, we thank you for thinking of the students, families, and the hardworking staff of Mt. Washington Elementary.

Sincerely,

Ariella Roberts
Auction Committee Chairperson, FOMWS