

Welcome to the Jungle!

Tanglewood Elementary School Auction 2019

Parent Party Information

What is a Parent Party?

A Parent Party is a party that is hosted by a small group of parents and donated to the school auction where attendees purchase “tickets” to attend the party with the proceeds benefitting school programs. There are two types of Parent Parties – one for students of Tanglewood and one for Tanglewood parents. The auction will be held on March 2, 2019. All proceeds from Parent Parties go directly to Tanglewood programs.

Typically, each grade hosts four parties - one all-girl party, one all-boy party, one co-ed party and one parent (adult) party.

Host Responsibilities:

Parent Party Hosts are responsible for all aspects of planning, funding and executing a party. First, decide on a theme for the party along with who will co-host, the date, location, number of attendees, entertainment, food/beverage, favors, host costs, etc. The Hosts are responsible for sending an email (evite) invitation to each winner of their party after the auction.

What Makes a Party Successful?

Remember, the purpose of these parties is to raise money for the school.

- Choose a theme with broad appeal - creativity sells!
- A location that will safely accommodate the largest number of attendees
- Limiting a party to a particular subset of people such as ‘moms who play golf’ will drastically limit the number of people who will pay to attend.
- Providing food, drinks and a party favor
- Taking safety precautions with children – providing lifeguards for swim parties, etc.

Some parties that have become Tanglewood Traditions:

- Incoming Kindergarten Tie Dye held in August
- Incoming Kinder Ice Cream Truck Party held in August
- Mother Son Dance (all grades) held in April/May
- Father Daughter Dance (all grades) held in April/May
- Third Grade Kickball Party
- Parent Roving Party
- Parent Sip It To Win It
- Fifth Grade Movin’ On to McLean Party
- Welcome to McLean Parent Party

Party Ideas for Kids:

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| ● Swim with a theme | ● Tumble & Cheer | ● Karate |
| ● Skating with a theme | ● Laser Tag | ● Obstacle Course |
| ● Jewelry Making | ● Game Truck | ● Sports Related |
| ● Art Studio | ● Paintball | ● Bowling |
| | ● Ninja | ● Flight Deck |

Party Rules:

1. All parties must take place on or before September 28, 2019.
2. The date of the party must be finalized by February 5, 2019 for publication in the Auction Catalog. Potential purchasers must know if they are available the day of the party before they purchase it as no refunds are given. Without this information, a party will not sell.
3. As a general rule of thumb, party hosts and/or their children should not make up more than 20 percent (20%) of the party attendee allotment for parties that are limited in space. However, there may a party theme that might not fit into this general formula.

Example: If a party is limited to 10 children but has 5 Parent Hosts and one Parent Host have twins and the remaining 4 Hosts have one child each in the grade, that would leave only 4 open spots for purchase which would not make for a profitable party. In this scenario, a theme or venue change might help in reducing costs and opening up attendance to more children.

4. Auction Party Chairmen and Event Chairmen are available to work with you on ideas and have final approval.
5. All party attendees must purchase their admission in advance on auction night or through after-event sales as offered by the PTA.
6. Hosts promise to limit party attendance to only those that purchased a "ticket."
7. Parties are listed in the Auction Catalog by current grade (2018-19 school year) even though many will take place over the Summer when children have advanced a grade. This is to keep it consistent with the School Experience and other listings in the Auction Catalog.
8. In the event there are multiple groups wanting to throw a party on the same day, the group who submits their party contract first, receives priority for the requested date. In addition, if there are multiple groups wanting to host the same grade level party, for instance, two groups wanting to throw a 1st grade girl's party, the hosts who submits the party contract first, receives priority for the requested date. We ask that the second group of hosts then arrange the date of their party to be during the different season. For instance, if one is end of year, the other can be a back to school party.
9. We recommend establishing a budget and guidelines for the party when deciding a date so all hosts are comfortable and in agreement before the festivities begin. ☺

Are you ready to throw a party?!

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