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Welcome to the Live Auction line-up! This year our community members have really outdone themselves in offering some of the most creative, inspired and generous donations we've ever seen (thank you!). In addition to a suite of great items, we are lucky to have Andy Forrest back as our long-time Auctioneer, to be ably assisted again by our very own Mikel Kovach-Long.

With this duo on stage it's sure to be a festive night in the Auction tent! As you review our line-up, please consider the many ways your family can enjoy the items in the Auction and put them to use throughout the year—why not buy a dinner party to celebrate a special occasion, an adventure donated by a staff member for your child's birthday party, or time in a donated Vacation Home for your summer getaway? Many items are also ideal for bidding on with friends—from workshops and outings to delicious dinners and fabulous parties—so call, email or grab your pals, and make some plans for future fun together!

Please also take a look at the many wonderful vacation homes available—both in the Live Auction, and in our new web-based Auction format. This year we offer Vacation Homes available on the web with Advanced Bidding and Buy Now options prior to Auction night. You can preview all of the vacation offers online at www.peninsulaschool.org/auction. Raise your paddles high and let the bidding begin!

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1. Homemade Theme Cake and Party Planning Help

Your child will be delighted with this over-the-top, thematically extravagant and lovingly homemade birthday cake! The mother-daughter team of Gail Slocum and Diana Gruber will create a fanciful birthday cake (to feed up to 30 people), based on a theme of your choice. Perhaps a Hogwart's Castle for the Harry Potter fan, complete with edible battlements, turrets, a drawbridge and mote? Maybe your child prefers a Standing Princess, Barbie or Pink Castle Cake with all the flourishes? Or, you can choose to skip the cake and opt instead for a "Cupcake Decorating" activity with loads of artistic and tasty topping options. Diana and Gail are experienced non-professional bakers, and have successfully carried out all of the above for birthday parties in the past. Special bonus to this offer: they will gladly help you plan fun party games or activities, as well as (eco-sensitive) decorations and party favors to go with the party's theme (note: these items to be purchased by you).

Thanks to: Diana Gruber, Gail Slocum Value: priceless!

2. Tour of EA for 10 People

This is an item that your kids will love, and if you're honest you know you want it too! You simply can't purchase this tour inside the walls of Electronic Arts anywhere else. However, you CAN buy it at our Emerald City Auction, when all the proceeds benefit Peninsula! Your group of up to 10 guests will walk the halls of EA, play games to your hearts' content in EA's expansive Game Room and have a chance to visit the EA Store. Campus tours last approximately an hour and a half and can be scheduled early afternoons Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Play on!

Thanks to: EA Sports Value: priceless!

3. Three Summer Nights in Lake Tahoe

Tahoe is truly the playground of those of us lucky enough to live in the Bay Area. Pack your bags and get ready for some fun in the mountains this summer. This Tahoe City home is ideally located on a quiet, wooded street just a couple of minutes from the center of town and just up the road from the stunning Lake Tahoe. The large home offers three bedrooms (and one small loft room), two bathrooms, and easily accommodates 8-10 guests. The casual and comfortable home has a fully-equipped kitchen, large family and game room with ping pong table, washer/dryer and wireless internet access. TV/VCR/DVD and two decks nestled among the evergreens.

Thanks to: Kathy & Doug Koo Value: \$750

4. Boulder Creek Mom's Weekend

Boulder Creek "Mom" Retreat Weekend in the Santa Cruz Mountains! Grab your friends and mark your calendars for that much needed girlfriend getaway you are always talking about but have yet to plan! Now is your moment. The parents of Brian's class are offering this fabulous getaway package with all you need to make your planning easy: * A cabin in Boulder Creek, less than an hour from Menlo Park, that's the perfect place for your group to relax and re-charge * Certificates at a local spa so you can enjoy massages/facials * Certificate for dinner out at a nearby restaurant * Plenty of wine and a basket of goodies to take along on your getaway. Lay of the Land: * Main house has 2 bedrooms (full-size bed, cot; two bunk beds), kitchen, living room, dining area, bathroom with washer/dryer. New hardwood floors. T.V. with VCR & DVD. Lots of books. * Cottage has king-size bed, electricity/heat * 2 large decks with tables, chairs, rocking chairs, copper fire pit & gas grill * Family-size hammock in backyard redwood grove * Beautiful hot tub under the stars, fenced yard * Minutes from charming downtown Boulder Creek, Big Basin SP, Henry Cowell SP, wineries. This offer is also perfect for a romantic weekend escape, or for one or two families to share.

Thanks to: Brian's Class Value: \$1,000



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5. Live Music from the Front Porch Band

Do you want to take the One, the Only, Front Porch Band home? You can! Spice up your party with live music by this much loved band! This talented group of seven (or so) Parents/Teachers/Friends of Peninsula School plays a traditional array of instruments including, but not limited to, guitars, bass, percussion, flutes, penny whistles, recorders and fiddles. They magically combine these sounds with harmony and rhythm to produce a festive variety of folk songs, standards, jigs, reels, and other types of toe-tapping tunes.

Thanks to: Front Porch Band Value: \$300

6. Four Dinners Delivered to Your Family by Stephanie Choi-Freeman

What could be better than a delicious gourmet meal ready for your family to enjoy together at dinner time? Well, for starters it might be one that you didn't personally have to cook. Beyond that it would be nice to have the person who does prepare the meal to possess culinary talent, and to offer plenty of choice about what you want to eat. Finally, since we're making a wish list, it would be great to have this magical meal appear more than once. If this sounds good, then do we have the right Auction offer for you! Peninsula parent and supremely talented personal chef, Stephanie Choi-Freeman, will deliver not one, but four fabulous dinners to your family between the Auction and the end of our current school year. For each delivery, you will have the opportunity to choose from an enticing menu of three selections, so you are sure to enjoy your meal (and not just because someone else prepared it!). Please note that each 'meal' serves a family of four nicely. Delivery will be based on mutual convenience, and most general dietary requests can be accommodated; all details will be arranged with the winning bidder after the Auction.

Thanks to: Stephanie Choi-Freeman Value: \$325

7. Watercolors in the Garden with Misha

Love Watercolors or Misha? Adoring either will make this an incredible offer for four lucky people! This offer is only available at the Auction on March 19, 2011. Our beloved Misha Merrill is offering one watercolor painting session in her garden for four adults. Join Misha - watercolorist extraordinaire - for an afternoon of watercolor painting in her garden. She'll supply the paint, paper, brushes and some instruction, as well as beautiful and varied plants to spark your imagination. Tea and treats will be served when your hands need a break!

Thanks to: Misha Merrill Value: \$300

8. Dinner for 12 at Station 1 Restaurant

If You Love Fine Dining, Make Sure You Are in the Tent for this Offering! Peninsula parents Kristi Borrone and Zu Tarazi recently opened the Station 1 Restaurant, and have received high praise from critics and guests alike. When you walk in the door of the eloquently decorated restaurant in the heart of Woodside, you are instantly embraced by the warmth of this charming place. Every detail has been carefully considered to create a welcoming and wonderful dining experience. The food at Station 1 is delicious, with each new course of the prix fixe menu offering flavors to enliven your senses and satisfy your soul. Our generous hosts at Station 1 Restaurant are offering a private, five-course, prix fixe dinner for 12 guests, and the wine service to accompany this special dinner event. Please check out Station 1 Restaurant’s review by Michael Bauer in The San Francisco Chronicle! You will love eating here! A bit of history: The building that houses Station 1 Restaurant was originally built as a fire station during the early 1920s. As it stands, the dining room is where they used to park the trucks. The 50-seat dining room was remodeled for the launch of the restaurant in October 2010, with reclaimed oak floors and fireplace meant to create a comfortable vibe. Note: This is a great item to bid on with friends! Gather your group and designate your bidder! This item is only available for purchase at the Peninsula School Benefit Auction on March 19, 2011.

Thanks to: Station 1 Restaurant Value: priceless!

9. #2 Ranked Stanford Women’s Basketball VIP Package

This year it’s WAAAAAY more than four center court second row seats to see the # 2 ranked Stanford Women’s Basketball team in action. You’ll experience the Stanford women’s team like an insider! This is your chance to score four fabulous tickets to a Pac 10 Conference Stanford Women’s Basketball Game during the 2011/2012 season. You are guaranteed a night of world-class basketball. Last year’s winners witnessed the end of Division I college basketball’s longest winning streak (90 games), as the Stanford women toppled No. 1 UConn in front of a sold out crowd! You can catch these players up close and personal from the Burr-Kirven’s center court seats in the second row at Maples Pavilion. To ensure a truly unforgettable evening, we will provide dinner for four at Hobbee’s restaurant, a premium parking pass, and entrance to the pre-game “Chalk Talk” where you will see the scouting film for the week and can ask the staff questions. After the game, you will be admitted to the Fast Break Club where you will hear coaches discuss the game and field questions. If you select a weekend game, you may even get to meet some of the newest players post-game. To make the memories last, we are providing a souvenir basket with Cardinal T-shirts, programs, and other goodies. Actual game date is TBD once the schedule is set and tickets are available (season is late November to late February). Go Cardinal!

Thanks to: Busy Burr & Mary Lea Kirven Value: priceless!



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10. A Week in Maui

Enjoy Seven Nights in an Oceanfront Maui Condominium! The sun, the sand, the snorkling, the weather, the palm trees and the lovely relaxed pace of Hawaii are all calling to you. Your family will LOVE spending a relaxing vacation week in Maui! Peninsula grandparents Peter and Ann Gregory are generously offering a seven-night visit in their oceanfront Kamaole Nalu Maui condominium. This gorgeous condominium has two bedrooms (King in master and two Twins in second bedroom), two baths, living room/dining room (including a Double sofa bed), and a private lanai/ balcony. The resort offers, easy beach access and a pool, and is within walking distance of many local shops and restaurants. For more details and photos, please see www.aliioresorts.com (select Accommodations tab, select Kamaole Nalu, select 305, view pictures and calendar for availability.

Thanks to: Peter and Ann Gregory Value: \$1,820

11. Fiesta Mexicana!

Join us for a festive End of Summer Mexican Fiesta! Put on your party attitude and your best dancing shoes because on Friday, August 5th, we're planning on having some fun! The Menlo Park home of Doug and Eva Jones will be transformed for the evening, as we throw down a dance floor and line up the festive décor and lighting (designed by Ian). We'll enjoy freshly made authentic Mexican foods, including made to order tacos, with ingredients hot off the grill. Drink master Doug will be mixing his famous Mojitos and Margaritas, and the Mexican beers will be cold and plentiful.

We'll put the dance floor to use while being entertained by the incredible musicians of the eight-member band Frecuencia Musical de Durango (featuring Peninsula parent Camerino Quinonez). Don't know the moves? Not a problem! Dance instructor and Peninsula parent Angel Batt will be there to teach us to Merengue with style as we dance the night away with friends. Raise your paddle (or shake your maraccas) and be sure to nab your space at the Fiesta!

Thanks to: The Jones, Quinonez, Martin-Lounsbach, Bulchandani-Bristol, Herrod and Batt families Value: \$100/slot (50 slots)

12. Frisbee Golf and Milkshakes with Scott

Enjoy a New Aspect of life on 'The Farm!' Our wonderful Upper School Teacher Scott McCracken knows the Stanford campus well from his not-so-long ago days as a Grad Student. While we're sure that Scott studied *really hard* during his days on 'The Farm', we also hear that he spent some time learning the lay of the land by playing Frisbee Golf between studies. He's now eager to share this longstanding tradition on campus with up to four lucky students. As the winner of this item, Scott will treat your

child and up to 3 friends to milkshakes at the Peninsula Creamery, then take them out to play the 18-hole Frisbee Golf Course that runs through the Stanford Campus. No experience with a Frisbee (or milkshake) required!

Thanks to: Scott Value: priceless!

13. Come Together for an Evening about The Beatles with Expert Joel Friedman

Hey all you Fab Four Fanatics: Come Together for an evening of Beatle facts and fun! Spend 2 hours in a lively presentation/discussion led by award-winning composer Joel Friedman, father of Hallie in Rebecca’s class (also known for his Beatles course taught at Swarthmore College and Stanford and Santa Clara Universities). Ever wonder who the young Beatles wanted to be when they grew up? Was Sgt. Pepper really the 1st rock concept album? What do the earliest demos of Strawberry Fields sound like? What was the nature of the Lennon & McCartney collaboration? Was George Martin really the “fifth Beatle?” You provide the venue and food/drink, a wall or screen (we can beg/borrow/steal an LCD projector), and a sound system. Joel will bring his laptop loaded with “the goods” to lead the way on a Beatles topic you devise together. Perfect for a family or a small group of adults! For those brave and semi-inebriated souls: how about ending the evening with a Beatles sing-along? Joel’ll bring his guitar. Any other instruments are a definite plus! A splendid time is guaranteed for all who attend!

Thanks to: Joel Friedman Value: priceless!

14. Raise Your Paddles to put the ‘Progress’ in Progressive Education!

Thanks, in large part, to the extraordinary generosity of our Peninsula School community, thirty-nine staff members were able to travel to Washington DC in the Fall of 2009 for an unparalleled teaching and learning opportunity known as the Progressive Educator Network (PEN) Conference. This conference offered our teachers the chance to share their wisdom and unique instructional techniques with other like-minded educators, to receive validation and constructive feedback from the larger community, to bring value and inspiration to other progressive schools, and to reinvigorate their own curricula with new teaching methods and ideas. Aside from the extraordinary community-building and professional camaraderie that grew out of this experience, many novel and exciting ideas such as the Activities Night for Parents (which took place at the Fall Parent Meeting) and Jerry’s presentation at the Upper School Parent Meeting (which took place in February) were a direct result of our teachers attending. So often we hear, from parents and staff alike, the desire to spread and share with a wider audience the amazing education that takes place at Peninsula School – the PEN conference is where we start! In November 2011, the PEN Conference will be taking place in Chicago, and our goal is to ensure that we have sufficient funding to send every Peninsula teacher who wants to go. We are asking our community to make it possible, once again, for our teachers to enjoy this



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amazing personal and professional growth opportunity. Please support our teachers in supporting our kids by raising your paddles on the night of the auction!

Thanks to: Peninsula School Value: priceless!

15. Dinner Party and Wine Tasting for Twelve

Proud Peninsula parents Rick Murphy, Janesta Noland, Chip Lutton and Kathi Lutton are offering one dinner party for up to twelve people. When was the last time you sat down to a Kosta Browne or Williams Selyem Pinot Noir accompanied by a perfectly paired entree or appetizer? If that sounds fun or interesting to you, consider this: Bob Kelly – master sommelier formerly of Tra Vigne in Napa, formerly head sommelier at Valentino’s in Las Vegas (a restaurant with one of the top wine lists in the country), and currently at Gary Danko – will dig deep into your hosts’ wine cellars for some very special wines and collaborate with Henry Portner, private chef extraordinaire, to create a wine/food-paired dinner that will enliven your senses and delight all of your guests. This dinner will be hosted in Menlo Park and will seat 10-12 people. You are certain to leave this evening happy, educated and inspired by the wines and foods you had the opportunity to enjoy!

Thanks to: Chip Lutton, Kathi Lutton, Janesta Noland, Rick Murphy . . . Value: priceless!

16. Wizard of Oz Outdoor Movie Night and Party!

“TOTO, IVE GOT A FEELING WE’RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE!” Grab your friends and get ready for an outdoor movie night-- Emerald City Style! You and thirty of your closest friends will be treated to a screening of The Wizard of Oz – projected on the big screen under the stars in the backyard of the Lutton’s Menlo Park home. The fair citizens of Rebecca’s Class know how to throw a smashing Oz-style party: the green slushies will flow, and appropriately themed food and drink for munchkins (and their parents!) will be plentiful. Bring your heart, your brain, and your courage – plus an empty stomach and a warm blanket. Date TBD with winning bidder. * This is a great item to purchase with a group of families, or even as a class!

Thanks to: Rebecca’s Class Value: priceless!

17. One Week at Stinson Beach

Step out your front door onto the luscious sand at Stinson Beach. Spend a week at 24 Calle del Sierra-- a two-story beach house with gorgeous ocean views, just steps from the beach and two blocks from town. Upstairs, the modern interior has vaulted ceilings, a large open kitchen and dining room, living room with a wood stove and a queen sofa bed. The upper level also has a large bedroom with a king-sized bed and a full bath. The lower level includes a living room with twin studio couches, a small but fully

equipped kitchen, bedroom with a queen bed and a bath with shower. The entire house can sleep up to 8 people comfortably. For photos, location map and more, please visit <http://www.stinsonhouserental.com>

Thanks to: Pam & Neil Kramer Value: \$2,500

18. An Afternoon with Serious Robotic Warriors Avatars

Your robotic avatar is Ziggy, a 340-pound Titanium pneumatic flipper that hits with 14,000 pounds of lifting force. At RoboGames, Ziggy is the #1 super heavyweight robot for four years running, tossing opponents 10 feet in the air before they crash thunderously to the steel floor. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTjARoKgbvU>. Or pick from the weapons rack, Texas Heat, a crowd favorite for its six- foot flamethrower. Encased in 1/2" Titanium and spewing a carefully chosen mix of propane and butane, the flame reaches thousands of degrees, quickly roasting opponents, melting wires and incinerating batteries. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3mQBs6sduY>. Peninsula parent Michael Worry is offering an educational experience that will blow your minds! The Afternoon with the Robotic Warriors Avatars includes an opportunity to meet the engineers behind the robots and learn about ruggedizing electromechanical robots, drive train design and custom embedded control weapons systems. You'll get hands on with the robots in the driveway and on the street of Michael Worry's house, (so you won't actually be flipping opponents 10 feet in the air), but rest assured you can flip tires, shoot flames, etc. Afterall, Michael Worry's robots are the real competitive ones! Also included is a lovely lunch for the group, and robotic trading cards signed by the engineers for each participant. This offer is for 6 parent/child pairs.

Thanks to: Michael Worry Value: \$600

19. Weekly Delivery of Gorgeous Flowers from Annie's Class

Mondays have never been SO glorious! Let the families in Annie's class help start your week off right-- with beautiful fresh flowers! Each week between the Auction and graduation in June, we will deliver an enticing floral offering to you at school. Imagine a vibrant bouquet of red poppies (perhaps picked straight from the fields in Oz!), whimsical wildflowers flowing over the edge of a vintage ceramic pitcher, or the simple eloquence of abundant white tulips presented in a mason jar and tied with twine. Whether hand-selected from local farmer's markets, crafted by a favorite florist, or clipped from our own gardens, the variety of lovingly presented arrangements will represent the personality and aesthetic of our donors, and is sure to surprise and delight one lucky winner. * This is a great item to buy for your sweetie!

Thanks to: Annie's Class Value: priceless!

20. Supreme Stanford Football Pack!

A Priceless Stanford Football package for the ultimate Cardinal fans! We hope you've been doing your arm-strengthening exercises because you'll want to raise your paddle



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high and hold it up there to win this amazing Stanford Football package, offered by the families in Gail's Class. Your party of four will have the best seats in the stadium as you watch Stanford crush UCLA from the luxury of the Sky Deck on October 1, 2011. With a flash of your Sky Deck badges, your party will be waived past Security to a private elevator taking the lucky winners to the roof above the press boxes. You can watch Andrew Luck embarrass the UCLA defense with an unobstructed view, while enjoying catered snacks and drinks, which are included with your passes. Of course you'll need to be decked-out in Stanford hats and other Cardinal and white gear to look the part, so we've provided it for you – along with a football you can toss around prior to the game to get you in the spirit of the day. Sky Deck passes are only given to major donors and friends of the Athletics Department, making this Auction item a rare opportunity you won't want to miss. Go Stanford! But wait, there's more! this item also includes a free football skills clinic for up to five kids with local coach Tim Bowler. In addition to the Sky Deck passes, we have Stanford gear to make the outing complete, including a cozy stadium throw, two adult Orange Bowl shirts, one youth sweatshirt, a Stanford Nalgene bottle, a pennant, football, and a Stanford bag to hold it all.

Thanks to: Gail's Class Value: \$1,500

21. Handmade Les Paul Junior Electric Guitar!

Peninsula parent Russell Fong has spent many, many hours over the last few months meticulously handcrafting this custom Les Paul Junior electric guitar, and *it is now for offer on Auction night as a gift to the Peninsula School Music Room*. This guitar has been built specifically to complement the Fender style collection 'Dr. Fuller' has in the Music Program, and it will give all of our students the opportunity to play the *other* great rock and roll electric guitar. Let's raise some funds while sending this one-of-a-kind guitar to the amazing John Fuller and the talented young rockers who will learn to love music and to jam in style during their Peninsula years! The guitar: The Les Paul is a great model used by music legends like Keith Richards and Mick Jones. Russell's version is suped-up to be a bit more versatile than the original single pickup version. It features two Irongear Blues Engine pickups, coupled with an all mahogany construction (made from building industry off cuts! eco-friendly!) to give a great vintage tone and smooth playability. Russell says "You'll love seeing your kid rock out on this very r'n r geetar!" To see more photos of this guitar and its construction process check out russellfongguitars.com and go to the blog. The craftsman: Russell learned to build guitars from a master of the craft, Johnny Kinhead, in England. After further study at the London College of Furniture and making classical guitars for 4 years, Russell ran a small shop in London for 7 years before moving to the U.S. While living in New York he built and worked on guitars for many big name

customers including a handful of classical and jazz players and a whole bunch more indie rockers, including the Cocteau Twins, Lush and My Bloody Valentine. This is the first guitar Russell has built since moving to California, and it is perfectly fitting that it should live in the Peninsula Music Room where so many children can benefit from the opportunity to play this special instrument.

Thanks to: Russell Fong Value: priceless!

22. Eight Private Guitar Lessons

Rock on with Peninsula Parent Chris Stone! Man-oh-man does Chris Stone know how to heat it up on the guitar! This guy is good – seriously good – and not only does he know how to play guitar, he is also an outstanding instructor. Cool, smart, talented and patient, Chris is offering eight (8) private half-hour guitar lessons for one lucky Auction winner. If you’ve always wanted to learn to play, or if you want to take your skills to the next level, here’s your chance! Whether it’s rock, metal, blues, folk, country or alternative you crave, you’ll be strummin’ some of your favorite songs in no time! Chris is a GELB Institute’s professional guitar teacher who has been playing for over twenty-five years, and teaching private lessons for the last ten.

Thanks to: Chris Stone Value: \$280

23. Sing with the PS Parents Band at Your House!

Host the Peninsula School Parents Band at your next party – you can even sing one song as the star behind the mic! Tired of living vicariously through your children? Be in your own Rock Band! Inspired by the upper school music program, the Peninsula School Parents Band came into being at the Rock Concert a couple of years ago. The group plays both classic rock covers (Santana, Pink Floyd) and also some contemporary ones (Norah Jones, Susan Tedeschi), and are all about good music and serious family fun. Band members include Alisa Tu, Brian Strope, Chris Stone, Craig Anderson, Darin Donovan, David Tu, Eliza Thomas, Maren Stever, Rich Rava, and Tina Anderson. Raise your paddle, support Peninsula, and win your chance to ROCK OUT!

Thanks to: Peninsula School Parents Rock Band Value: \$500

24. Bicycle Built for Two...or More!!

Enjoy Fun in the Sun for Two (or more!) as You Cruise Along on this Super Cool Tandem Bike! Prem and Fred Durham love and maintain all of their family ‘vehicles’ with pride. They are now offering one of the crown jewels in their fleet – this sleek and stylish tandem Fuji 4130 Beach Cruiser – for your family to purchase and enjoy together. Big on style, this tandem bicycle has extra gears for easy ridin’ around town, so you can do the miles and still look fresh and fabulous after your ride. This cruiser has a rack on the back that accepts Topeak kid seats, so you can easily convert this bad mama in to a family size stretch limo for three. Nothing beats knowing that your



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significant other is doing most of the peddling up those hills, while you enjoy the breeze in your hair and the smell of fresh air!

Thanks to: Prem & Fred Durham Value: \$300

25. Green Riders Electric Recumbent Bicycle

Proud Peninsula Alumna, Catherine “Tinki” Bock is offering one custom motorized, tour easy, recumbent bicycle using eco-speed, mid-drive electric motor. It can be used by people 5’6”-5’10”. Along with her brother, Oliver, she rode this bike to DC in April 2010 to learn of the ways people in this country are developing sustainable solutions to our environmental problems. They kept a blog about their ride that can be seen at www.thegreenriders.org. Catherine is now hoping that someone else will be able to have an equally fantastic adventure with this electric bike. It’s still working well, but requires more maintenance than a regular bike. The cost spent building it was \$5000, and presently is worth \$3500.

Thanks to: Catherine Bock Value: \$3,500

26. Delve Hands-on into the Future of Electric Race Cars!

Spend an Exciting and Educational Afternoon Hands-on with Cutting Edge Electric Race Cars! Six parent-child pairs will get a chance to ride in OptaMotive’s eRex, a street-legal, high-performance electric race car which is capable of going from 0-60 MPH in just over 5 seconds. It has a top speed of over 150 MPH and the developers just recently smashed the previous lap record at Monterey’s Laguna Seca Raceway for being the fastest 3-wheeled electric car with a top-speed run of over 100 MPH. (See it here: <http://tinyurl.com/eRex2011>). The team that developed this car includes current Peninsula parent Michael Worry, and Peninsula School Alumni, Nolan McPeek-Bechtold . Members from the engineering team will be on hand to present this educational afternoon session for your group. The presentation will include your own personally guided tour of this electric race car where you’ll learn all about how it works. From the battery systems to the embedded control systems, we’ll “take the covers off” in an interactive walk-through of each area showing you how it was built. Then, we’ll put it all back together and go for some test rides! (before lunch is served of course...hang-on)!! This adventure is for up to six parent-child pairs.

Thanks to: Michael Worry Value: priceless!

27. Day with PE Mike

Do your kids LOVE PE Mike? This is the best offering! This special day includes a two-hour trip to Jump for Fun for six lucky kids. After bouncing, jumping, and playing together, the kids will enjoy a picnic lunch with PE Mike in the Big Field. What could

be better? Note: your kids will kill you if you are out of the tent for this one!
Thanks to: Michael Steinberg Value: priceless!

28. Cutting it Up with Science Andrea

Spend a Whole Day Doing Advanced Dissection with Science Andrea! Science Andrea is offering six lucky students, age ranges from Graceann's to Marcella's, a chance to get hands on with the tools and a variety of subjects for this day of dissection on Saturday May 14th! Ever wonder what the inside of a heart or brain looks like? If so, experience a day of dissection up in the science lab. Imagine discovering the inner workings of 3 different specimens while working collaboratively with your lab partners. Prior to the actual day of dissection you can discuss with Andrea your specimen preferences. Maybe it's a shark, or perhaps a cow heart? We'll select our specimens based on your interests. A tasty lunch will be provided as well. Note: There is no relationship between the specimens and lunch!
Thanks to: Andrea de Wit Value: \$100

29. Fun with Electrons and Photons: a Science Lesson

An amazing chance to take part in a fun-filled science lesson with proud Peninsula parent Jerry Rudisin (and family)! Wow-- Jerry will come to your home or other venue and present an engaging, hands-on, age-appropriate, science lesson for up to 12 children and accompanying adults. This lesson on electrons and photons will include: the nature of atoms, including the nucleus and electrons; static electricity and electric currents; magnetism; electromagnetic induction; waves, frequency, and wavelength; electromagnetic waves; infrared, visible light, ultraviolet light and more; fluorescent minerals: when photons meet electrons. Jerry will bring equipment including a 600,000 volt van de Graaf generator, powerful ring magnets, iron filings, electromagnets, ultraviolet lamp, and fluorescent mineral specimens. To complement the excellent work of Science Andrea in the lower grades, he has done numerous science demos in Josie's, Annie's, Elizabeth's and Gail's (current school year) for his son's class. Ask any of these teachers for references on the efficacy and appropriateness of the lessons! It's a family affair-- Andrea F will bake cookies or some other treat for the class and Winston, will assist -- he's a dab hand with the van de Graaf generator.
Thanks to: Jerry Rudisin, Andrea Fabrega Value: priceless!

30. Horse Riding Adventure in Portola Valley

Join Eva Jones for a fabulous day of horsemanship in Portola Valley. This day is for three lucky kids - ideal for a birthday party for horse lovers! The day will include hands-on learning about taking care of horses (including Eva's Andalusian horse Chulita) from feeding, brushing, bathing, grooming and braiding manes and tails. Winners will also get to ride a pony and enjoy a tour of the ranch and its other animals



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(including chickens, goats and pigs). Lunch and snacks will be provided, as well as yummy home-made cupcakes (baked by Gillian Lounsbach) to complete the special day with a treat!

Thanks to: Eva Jones Value: priceless!

31. Glorious, Beautiful, and Ever-Chic...the Famous Peninsula Scarves!

Raise Your Paddle High and Grab a Gorgeous Accessory Handmade by an Upper School Student! Yes, these scarves are beautiful, but they are much more than a great fashion accessory. They're rich with the culture of Peninsula and are the result of years of careful practice from the same children that began learning to weave on block looms in Josie's Class, moving their six year old hands on the popsicle stick under and over the strings. Each scarf is woven by hand by one of our Peninsula Upper School students. Each weaver hand selects the warp, the yarns and the pattern in order to create a completely unique work of wearable art. Their parents, siblings, aunts and uncles and grandparents all want these scarves and yet, our creative and generous Peninsula kids have chosen to donate the fruits of their labor to the Auction to help raise funds for the school they love. Raise your paddle high and show them how much we value their work!

Thanks to: Upper School Weavers Value: priceless!

32. Book Club Social with Misha, aka "Conan the Librarian"

Participating in a Book Club is one of the best ways to encourage a lifelong love of literature. Who better to inspire literacy and teach your kids how to run a successful Book Club than our very own Misha? As the winner of this item you will invite the guests and play host for two gatherings. Misha will provide the literary expertise and her magical presence as she leads a group of students in one complete Book Club cycle. Gathering one: Misha will share ideas about how to pick a good work of literature considering ages, reading levels, and interests of the participants. Nobody knows more about the inspiring variety of excellent youth or young adult literature than Misha! With a book selected, she'll offer advice about how to approach the reading, to ensure a thoughtful and lively discussion in the following gathering. Gathering Two: Misha will lead a rich discussion of the selected work, teaching many of the literary skills as well as the social ones needed to participate in a stimulating and enjoyable Book Club. Ideal for up to eight well-matched students/friends, aged 8-15. Gathering dates to be scheduled at mutually convenient times, and will be hosted by the winning family or designate of the group.

Thanks to: Misha Merrill Value: priceless!

33. The Vibrant Flavors of India Delivered to Your Favorite Peninsula

Teachers for Lunch!

Give the teachers in your child’s class a gift they will truly appreciate and remember a delicious homemade Indian lunch, delivered right to the classroom! As the winner of this Auction item, Prem Durham will lovingly prepare and deliver a gourmet vegetarian Indian meal to each of the teachers in your child’s class on a pre-arranged day (up to 4 meals for teachers in the SAME class only please). Perhaps it’s Marcella along with Scott, Jerry and Jeff who deserve a great meal for their work with the 8th grade students. Or maybe it’s Kate, Camerina and Frank for creating such a warm and loving introduction to kindergarten for our five-year old Peninsulans. Really, ALL the teachers at Peninsula deserve this treat, but alas, only the high bidder wins the goods for their choice of wonderful staff members.

Thanks to: Prem & Fred Durham Value: priceless!

34. Penguinalia: Jerry’s Expansive Penguin Collection

Are you or do you know a Penguin lover? Or, perhaps you and your child just LOVE Jerry Hearn, our longtime Upper School Teacher who is retiring in the fall! If so, you probably know that Jerry is a huge penguin fan and has acquired many penguin objects over the years, quite a few as gifts from students. Jerry’s expansive penguin collection is now available to be passed on to the next lucky penguin aficionado. This is an opportunity to raise your paddle high for Jerry, and enhance or start your own Penguin Collection with this one of a kind offering!

Thanks to: Jerry Hearn Value: priceless!

35. Dancing with Lucille and Ray

Lucille and Ray are offering a Yoga-Dance Workshop for 30. Come and immerse yourself in the company of friends as we share a morning of movement with live music. Together we’ll stretch, feel good, relax and dance to the rhythm of Ray’s drum and the sounds of other musicians! No experience is required, just let the beat of the drum guide you. This workshop will take place on Saturday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Thirty spaces are available, each for the fixed price of \$30. Ray has been playing hand drums and percussion for over 30 years, and Lucille has been dancing and teaching dance for many years. She is currently obtaining her yoga certification! They look forward to sharing the joyful experience of combining music and dance with you.

Thanks to: Ray Dacany & Lucille Vitolo Value: priceless!

36. Family Photography Session with Hope Hudson

Time Flies! Don’t miss capturing your family on film! Peninsula parent Hope Hudson is a talented family photographer specializing in natural light photography of babies, children and families. Her images have been described as artistic, uncontrived and



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emotional. This auction package includes a regular family session for one immediate family, and an 18 x 24 inch gallery wrapped canvas of your favorite image, which will make a stunning display in your home.

Thanks to: Hope Hudson Value: \$585

37. Homemade Pie or Cupcakes Delivered for a WHOLE Year!

Are You a Pie Lover or a Cupcake Lover? Pick Your Favorite and Sink Your Teeth into This Delicious Offer! Rachel and Rian Dondero love to bake, and have put together this sweeeeet offer to entice you to raise your paddle on Auction night. As the lucky winner of this item, this mother-daughter team will put their baking skills to work, and deliver you a seasonly inspired, deliciously homemade dessert each and every month for a WHOLE year! Choose a freshly baked, scrumptious pie OR one dozen creative and tasty cupcakes (there really is no wrong answer here, and the choice is yours!) Your year of home-delivered pie or cupcakes begins April 2011 and runs through March 2012.

Thanks to: Rachel Dondero Value: \$400

38. Farm Life Weekend at Pie Ranch

Experience the farm life! Come with your family for two days and one night to beautiful Pie Ranch, an educational, organic farm in Pescadero. Breathe the fresh air. Pick delicious strawberries. Enjoy a meal with the farming community and a country barn dance! Camp out under the stars. Wake up to roosters crowing. Enjoy pancakes made from wheat grown on the farm. End the experience with Indian food made freshly at the outdoor kitchen, including naan and paneer. For more info about Pie Ranch: www.pieranch.org. Space for three families. Date: May 21-22.

Thanks to: Prem & Fred Durham, Sarah Caplan, Pie Ranch Value: priceless!

39. Weekly Delivery of Six Organic Fresh Eggs

Weekly delivery of six organic fresh eggs! There is no store that can sell an egg as good as the ones that come from a family garden. Packed with nutrients, fresh organic eggs have bright orange yolks that literally stand up when cracked into a bowl or cooking pan. They also pack the greatest flavor punch – tasting like a very different (and much richer) food item than their supermarket counterparts. The winner of this item will receive 1/2 dozen organic homegrown eggs, produced by lovely laying ladies of a variety of breeds. Eggs will be delivered to school on Mondays from March 21 - June 13 2010.

Thanks to: Eva Jones, Tamara Martinez, Alisa Tu, Sarah Caplan, Melanie Carvalho and Kathy Koo. Value: priceless!

40. Elizabeth’s Class: Your Own Garden Gnomes and Fairies!

Let the parents and students of Elizabeth’s Class get your garden growing! Have us come over to your house with compost, an assortment of organic starter plants & herbs, seeds and other essential equipment to start up your spring or summer vegetable garden. This package includes a garden plan consultation, enough compost to enrich the soil of a 10 x 10 sq ft garden, enough seedlings and seeds to plant a 10 x 10 sq ft garden, the bed preparation and actual planting of your garden, and a watering plan. Also included in this amazing offer is a local year round planting guide of what to plant and do, how to start/improve your compost pile, other gardening goodies and a tour of a local organic garden and greenhouse operation.

On an agreed upon date in May-June or Sept-Oct, we will come over and start it up. Whether you have an established garden plot or want to start one, we will tailor our offering for you to get your garden in tip-top shape to grow your own produce.

Thanks to: Elizabeth’s Class Value: priceless!

41. Donatello Hotel

A Taste of Italy Without Using Your Passport! Benvenuti to the Donatello Hotel and your San Francisco Getaway! Marcella’s Class Families are offering this opportunity for you to sneak away for a great night in the city. Your getaway package includes one night at the beautiful and modern Donatello Hotel, which offers a warm Italian atmosphere, and is located in the heart of San Francisco’s shopping and theater district, just minutes from Union Square. Enjoy the whirlpool spa and private sauna in the fitness room, and luxuriate in your gorgeous room after a day of exploring the City. For dinner you are headed to nearby Ristorante Fino – a hidden gem with cozy fireside seating and truly delicious food. After a quiet evening or a night on the town (your choice), you will wake up to enjoy a wonderful continental breakfast at the hotel. To warm you up for this special local getaway, we are sending you home tonight with your own` basket of Italian goodies.

Thanks to: Marcella’s Class Value: \$500