

Now that our 2017 Ames PTA Fall Festival is wrapped up, we would like to take a moment and thank everyone who made this fundraiser such a successful event.

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who attended our fall auction Friday night at Paisan's Pizza. All ticket purchases, winning bids and donations directly support two years of Cultural Arts curriculum at Ames and provide enhancements to our children's elementary experience. From cultural arts field trips to in-school activities, from the back-to-school assembly to the artist in residence program, our children benefit directly from the efforts you made during this fundraiser.

This endeavor would not have been possible without our outstanding fall auction committee chairs – Deanna Hall and Kim Marrero. They began working on the details almost a year ago and spent hundreds of hours planning our event. They worked tirelessly throughout the summer and up until and throughout the night of the event, making sure all details were taken care of. They continue to work and wrap up all the details from the fundraiser. Deanna and Kim assembled a team of dedicated volunteers, all of whom graciously offered up their precious time and resources to help in many ways. Thank you to Kelly Tabb, Patty Romero, Flavio Gonzales, Emilia Kowalski, Cristin Evans, Deb Kummer, Carrie Zalewski, Susan Wolfe, Ashley Russo, Elizabeth Kos, and many other volunteers who helped out behind the scenes at one point or another during this adventure.

Our art teacher, Elizabeth King, was wonderful in setting up the student art projects. Her creativity and enthusiasm for this fundraiser was apparent in the final art projects.

Ames teachers, administrators and staff were tremendous to work with, and we all loved seeing their smiling faces at the auction! Thank you for attending and supporting our mission. Thank you to Todd Gierman and Maria Scalici for assisting us with communication efforts at Ames.

Our local businesses once again delivered products and services for our popular raffle baskets. Each business cheerfully donated to our festival, so please be sure to thank them if you shop with them. Please take a moment to look over the attached document to view all the businesses that donated to Ames PTA. Thank you to Paisan's Pizza for the beautiful space and ambiance during our event.

Ames parents also donated to our raffle baskets – thank you to Erin Ahern, Cristin Evans, Stephan Kohnke, the May family, Robin Newberry, Ashley Russo and Mo Bella Russo, Nilsa Sweetser, Dan and Kelly Tabb, Michelle Udelson, Nicole Ungaro, Michael and Carrie Zalewski.

Every volunteer, every committee, and every program or event associated with Ames PTA exists to enhance our student's elementary experience. Without your generosity, all of this would not be possible.

Thank you,

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