



Dear PACE families,

The time has come for our annual PACE fundraiser! The Spring Fling will be unlike any other auction PACE has ever held. Just like our kids' school, **the Spring Fling Auction is happening entirely online!**

Before we launch this exciting online event, we want to acknowledge that this is a challenging time for some PACE families. We know that you may not have the ability to be as generous as you have in past auctions, and that is very understandable. Those of you who can step up, please do. If the most you can do is share the auction link with family and friends, that is a great way to help too!

Starting Tuesday, May 12, please join us as we raise funds to benefit PACE enrichment as well as the wonderful teachers and programs of Wellington Elementary.

Online Auction	
Bidding Starts	Bidding Closes
Tues, May 12 @ noon PST	Fri, May 22 @ 11:45 pm PST

Link to Auction
www.32auctions.com/SpringFling20

Money raised from the Spring Fling Auction will fund student enrichment at PACE at Wellington, including STEM Days, Toymaker, Living Voices, and offsite educational adventures of all kinds. PACE also helps fund school-wide needs like buses for field trips and programs like MakerSpace and the garden.

For those of you looking for ways to show your gratitude for our hard-working teachers, look no further than the **Fund-a-Need** items in our auction. These Fund-a-Need items are classroom materials and equipment that were specifically requested by Wellington teachers. Let's show them our deep appreciation by pledging donations to help upgrade their classrooms.

We're not exaggerating when we say there's something for everyone in this vast auction. Get ready to bid your heart out for a great cause: our students, our teachers, and our school!

Sincerely,
The Spring Fling Team

Questions & Answers About the PACE Auction

This Online Auction represents a new way of raising funds for PACE. To help you prepare, we want to answer some questions that might be on your mind. Please see below.

Q: Will there still be an in-person Spring Fling event?

A: Due to pandemic-related school closures and stay-at-home orders, we will not be holding any in-person events for Spring Fling this year. All of our auction items will be posted online and available for bidding from May 12-22 at www.32auctions.com/SpringFling20.

Q: Why are you putting the auction online?

A: The main reason is that we can't gather in person due to the pandemic. But there were so many other reasons why we were already planning to hold an Online Auction this year: Some people can't make it to the Spring Fling. Some prefer to shop and bid from the comfort of their own home or device. Some are so busy volunteering, socializing, or watching their kids at the Spring Fling that they don't have time to peruse the hundreds of items on the auction tables. Having it online means we can extend the auction to the greater community, including alumni, out-of-town relatives, and other supporters. Everyone now has a better opportunity to bid, shop, and support PACE!

Q: Will I pay any additional fees if I bid on or purchase an item in the Online Auction?

A: You will not incur any additional fees by browsing or by bidding on an item in our Online Auction. Any transaction fees come out of the final winning bid amount.

Q: When can I start bidding?

A: The Online Auction opens for bids on Tuesday, May 12, at noon PST. It ends Friday, May 22, at 11:45 pm PST. Before then, you may preview the auction at www.32auctions.com/SpringFling20. (Note: information subject to change.)

Q: Do I need to create an account with 32auctions to bid?

A: Anyone with a link to the auction can view it. An account is needed only in order to bid. Setting up an account is quick, and very little information is required.

Q: How do I pay if I win an item in the Online Auction?

A: If you are the winning bidder, you will receive an email notification that contains a link to your invoice, where you can submit your payment. We accept payment using Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and PayPal.

Q: How will I receive an item I won in the Online Auction?

A: All items are available for pickup, and most auction items can be mailed for an additional shipping and handling fee. If shipping is not an option, that is stated explicitly in the description of the item. Once PACE receives your payment, the auction winner will receive an email containing specific instructions about where and when to pick up. Our Spring Fling Team will distribute items in a public location in Woodinville, using appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment) and social distancing measures to help keep everyone safe.

Q: May I share the auction link with friends and family who live out of state?

A: Yes! Having an auction online means we can open it up to the larger community. Please share the auction link with anyone in the U.S. People outside the Seattle/Eastside area may bid on and purchase items, and for an additional fee, we are able to mail most items. Unfortunately, we can't mail large or bulky items; any large or bulky items will need to be picked up in-person, locally. We are not set up to ship items internationally at this time.

Q: What is Fund-a-Need?

A: Fund-a-Need is a Spring Fling tradition that continues on this year. Fund-a-Need is a category in our auction in which participants pledge funds towards a specific item/items for a teacher's classroom. If all the Buy Now slots are filled, then the teacher receives their item. Fund-a-Need supports any Wellington teacher who wants to be part of it, not just PACE teachers. Please help fulfill the wishes of our hard-working teachers!

Q: What if I don't want to bid on anything? Can I just donate money?

A: Yes, PACE is happy to receive general donations! Just click the Donate button at the top-right corner of the auction site. Your donation is tax deductible. PACE at Wellington is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; our federal tax ID number is #91-1682921.

Q: COVID-19 has had a huge impact on local/small businesses. What if a business shuts down or has not reopened before the gift card or gift certificate expires?

A: In recent weeks we've spent time contacting donors to give them the chance to withdraw from our auction, as we realize that COVID-19 might have affected their ability to be charitable at this time. We're pleased to report that an overwhelming number of them confirmed their participation and are happy to fulfill their gift cards/certificates as soon as they are able. In some cases, businesses have extended expiration dates or removed them altogether. That said, none of us knows what the future holds. If it turns out a business does not reopen, then PACE cannot refund the item to the auction winner.

Q: How are you deterring "auction sniping"?

A: Auction sniping is the process of entering a bid in the final seconds of an auction, leaving no opportunity for others to outbid the sniper. To deter this practice, we have implemented Extended Bidding, which automatically extends the end time of an item by 3 minutes when it receives a bid during the final 3 minutes. This process repeats until no new bids are received during the final 3 minutes of the item bidding window or the auction has been extended for a maximum of 30 minutes beyond the original end time.

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question about the Spring Fling Online Auction?

A: If you have questions about our auction, please email latourette@gmail.com, caroldillingham@outlook.com, or jenreagan@gmail.com.

More Q&As about the bidding process can be found on the website of the auction platform: <https://www.32auctions.com/pages/help.html>.