



## CAPITOL HILL SCHOOL

*"A great place to grow"*

Dear Friend of Capitol Hill Elementary School,

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Capitol Hill Auction will be held Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at McMenam's Crystal Ballroom. Last year, with the help of local businesses and supporters we were able to raise \$63,000 for Capitol Hill programs. We are writing to request your ongoing support for our biggest fundraising event of the year.

Your donation of products, services and gift certificates help us provide programs that would not otherwise exist within the current Portland Public School budget. Due to recent budget cuts, our school lost some staffing and some educational programming, but with the money raised at the auction *last year* we are able to fund a portion of the staffing and programs lost for our students at Capitol Hill. This year the money raised will once again be put to good use to continue programs otherwise lost and enrich the educational atmosphere at Capitol Hill. Specifically, we will be raising money to provide technology upgrades, educational software, and accessibility of technology to all students. Because more than 25 percent of our student population qualifies for free and reduced lunch programs, every penny counts to benefit all children in our community.

Our auction marketing reaches the families of over 375 students currently enrolled at Capitol Hill, along with alumni and friends residing in Southwest Portland. This is our highest profile event of the year—your donation and support will not go unnoticed and is sincerely appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities to pay for food, wine, decorations, printing costs, and other incidentals also exist to help maximize our income potential by offsetting the direct costs of our event. If you are interested in helping our school in this manner, please contact our auction chairs directly.

In return for your generous donation, your name will appear in all print, web and other auction communication if received prior to the January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. For your convenience, we have included a donation form (please keep a copy for your records.) For tax purposes, our **tax ID# is 93-6039301**. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support, it truly makes a difference in the lives of the children at our school!

Our sincere gratitude,

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