

## Auction Donation Idea List

Need help deciding what to donate to the spring auction? Here is a list published by PTO Today with some great ideas. Feel free to get a group together to go in on an item. E-Mail us at [DallinSchoolAuction@gmail.com](mailto:DallinSchoolAuction@gmail.com) if you want us to help you with some ideas. Thanks so much for considering a donation.

### Experiences

1. A day at the farm
2. Anything with the local fire department or police department—ride in a vehicle, tour, birthday party at the station, wear gear, photo ops
3. Basketball party in the gym
4. Be the school mascot at an event
5. Bedtime story in your own home, read by your teacher
6. Boating trip on a local lake or river
7. Boating trip with the boat owner and your group of friends
8. Camping trip, hosted by an experienced family for camping novices
9. Fee-free year: no PTO dues, free yearbook, school T-shirt, no field trip fees, no school supply fees, no class party fee, free school photo package
10. Grab bag of goodies (leftovers worth at least XX dollars)
11. Guest DJ on a local radio station
12. Lunch with the principal at a local restaurant
13. Limo ride for students to lunch off site with a local celebrity or the principal
14. Lunch at a reserved table in the cafeteria with several friends for a month
15. Museum or bookstore field trip with the teacher
16. Name the school road for a year; keep the street sign at the end of the year
17. Picnic lunch with a teacher outdoors at school
18. Principal for a day
19. Reserved parking at school, for a month, year, or other time period
20. Reserved seating at key family events
21. Reserved seating for all school events (concerts, assemblies, graduation, etc.)
22. School ambassador for a day—e.g., represent the school at a board meeting
23. Season pass to district sporting events
24. Sleepover at the school
25. Special stuffed toy with classroom storybooks
26. Tour of a local factory
27. Tour of local newspaper, radio station, TV station, or sporting venues (even if there's no game)
28. Training session with high school or college coaches (check league and NCAA rules first) or a high school team (e.g., cheerleaders or pompom squad)

### Student Handicrafts

29. Clay vases, hand-painted aprons, decorated T-shirts, personalized picture frames, bound storybooks
30. Ceramic tiles, turned into trivets or a table top
31. Clay snack-serving set, platter, or anything from a paint-it-yourself pottery store
32. Collage done with individual drawing or paintings, framed or decouped onto a larger item
33. Decorated jeans, tennis shoes, hats
34. Decorated vinyl shower curtains (use Sharpie markers)
35. Fall harvest scarecrows
36. Garden stepping stones

37. Mosaic stepping stones, garden benches, garden tables, bird baths
38. Notecards printed with student drawings, envelopes included
39. Painted bird houses
40. Painted cookie jars, ceramic platters, lamp bases, large frames, throw rugs
41. Painted umbrellas
42. Patchwork quilts: photos, handprints, signatures, drawing transfers, team T-shirts
43. Rocking chair, footstool, side chair, nightstand, toy box painted with handprints, thumbprints, or faces
44. Wooden bench covered with poems or sayings written by students

### **Always Popular**

54. Sports tickets
55. Sports memorabilia
56. Tickets for local cultural events
57. Vacation packages with few restrictions or strings
58. Gift certificates for dinner at a nice restaurant
59. Wine
60. Golf
61. High-end jewelry (auctioned with a reserve price; no risk of underpricing it)

### **Basic Theme Ideas**

62. Automobile care
63. Baking gadgets
64. Camping supplies
65. Candy/chocolates
66. College student care package, including shipping costs
67. Computer software and servicing
68. Dress-up supplies
69. Exercise
70. First-aid kit for a car or camper
71. Home children's library
72. Housewarming
73. Lottery tickets
74. Mother's Day or Father's Day
75. Nascar
76. Patriotic/Fourth of July
77. Pet pampering or general pet supplies
78. Safety products for home or automobile
79. School supplies, including a backpack and supplies box
80. Science items
81. Scrapbooking
82. Sewing
83. Snow day
84. Spa night/ladies' night in or ladies' night out
85. Sports-specific baskets for baseball, basketball, football, etc.
86. Local sports tickets
87. Teddy bears
88. Pass for "sip and paint" class (aka social painting class)
89. STEM activity basket
90. Housework or landscaping services
91. Beer
92. Popular kids brands/movies like *Lego* or *Frozen*
93. "Shop local" basket

94. Beanie Boo basket (beanies placed in wire birdcage)
95. Rainy day activities basket
96. Express lane carpool pass

#### **Themed Baskets & Items**

97. **All Kinds of Sports or Get Up and Move:** anything sports—balls, games, water bottles, sportswear
98. **All Scream for Ice Cream:** fixings for sundaes, cones, toppings, gift certificates
99. **Backyard Chef or Grill Out:** barbecue sauces, grill accessories, Omaha Steak gift certificates
100. **Backyard Fun:** kids beach chair, pail, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sand castle tools
101. **Beach Party:** towels, toys, umbrella, folding chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, iPod
102. **Birthday Party in a Basket or Where's the Party:** cake pan, cake mixes, balloons, piñata, plates, napkins, party favors
103. **Bookworm Bonanza or The Bookstore:** books, bookmarks, book light, nameplates
104. **Building Blocks:** Lego, Lincoln Logs, Jenga
105. **Bundle Of Joy:** baby shower gifts for a parent-to-be
106. **Candle Basket:** assorted candles, candle holders, snuffer, fancy matches
107. **Car Wash:** bucket, sponges, chamois, paper towels, Armor All, Turtle Wax, air fresheners
108. **Chef's Delight:** cookbooks, kitchen gadgets, bowls,spices, oils, cutting board
109. **Christmas:** ornaments, cards, wrapping paper, decorations
110. **Coffee Break:** mugs, assorted coffees, chocolate-covered spoons, biscotti
111. **Cookie Monster:** cookie pans, dough, recipes, add-ins, decorations
112. **Date Night:** dinner, tickets to concert or ballet, baby-sitting service
113. **Day at the Pool:** floats, sunscreen, flip-flops, toys, towels
114. **Disney Mania:** videos, clothing, towels, school supplies, anything else Disney
115. **Do-It-Yourself:** tool belt, instruction books, painting supplies, store gift card
116. **Family Fun Nights:** movie night, game night, etc.
117. **Family Night Out:** certificate for a four-person dinner, movie tickets
118. **Fiesta Fiesta:** Mexican jumping beans, fancy salsa and chips, recipe book
119. **Fisherman's Cove:** rod and reels, fishing line, tackle and bait, gift certificate
120. **Garden of Eden:** seeds, soil, tools, garden artwork, accessories, plants
121. **Get Well Soon:** chicken soup, robe, crossword puzzles, tea, pillow, eye mask
122. **Gift Wrap:** assorted papers, ribbons and bows, notecards, fancy scissors, tape
123. **Hair Care:** hot-oil treatment, hair towel, brush, hair clips and bands, blow-dryer
124. **House Beautiful:** cleaning supplies, dust cloths and polish, cleaning service
125. **Italian Feast:** pasta machine, fancy olive oils, spaghetti fork
126. **It's a Girl or It's a Boy:** new-baby supplies
127. **Just What the Dr. Ordered:** Dr. Seuss books, pajamas, towels, other logo items
128. **Kitchen Gadgets:** colander, slotted and serving spoons, measuring cups, pot holders, tongs, cutting board
129. **Life's Simple Pleasures:** fluffy robe, scented candles, bath and body products, manicure/pedicure supplies or certificate, eye pillow, facial mask
130. **Love for Learning:** reference books, reading light, flashcards,school supplies
131. **Manicure/Pedicure:** nail clippers, nail file, emery boards, polish remover, cotton balls, cuticle remover, orange stick, hand lotion, assorted nail polishes
132. **Men's Night Out:** small TV, poker chips, cards, cigars, snack foods
133. **New Home:** tool kit, picture-hanging supplies, address numbers, stud finder
134. **Pasta Mania:** colander, cheese grater, fancy pasta, sauces, and olive oils
135. **Petite Picasso:** arts and crafts supplies
136. **Photo Supplies:** certificate for portrait session, picture frames, albums

137. **School Spirit:** blanket in school colors, sportswear, mascot for a day, lead cheer at sport event
138. **Soccer Fun:** ball, portable goal net, jersey/shorts, game tickets
139. **Something's Fishy:** mini tank, food, decorations, gift certificate for fish
140. **Spirited Exchange:** various wines, wine log, tasting book
141. **Stationery Basket:** stamps, journal, notecards, gel pens/markers, envelopes
142. **Tea Break:** mugs, assorted loose and bag teas, infuser, honey, biscotti
143. **Teacher's Pet:** personal pampering items, additional school supplies, books
144. **Tee Time:** golf-club covers, certificate for lessons or course time, tees
145. **Toy of the Moment:** hottest toy of the time and accessories
146. **Travel:** games, snack items, DVD player and discs, books on tape
147. **Writer's Workshop:** pens/pencils, lap desk, dictionary, journal
148. **Staycation basket:** tickets to local attractions and college football game