



Dear Coolidge Families,

We are excited to announce this year's **Coolidge PTO May Friendship Dinner** will be held on **May 9, 2024 at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes**. The May Friendship Dinner is a longstanding tradition and wonderful evening with dinner, dancing, cocktails and prizes to be won, but it is also one of Coolidge School PTO's biggest fundraisers for the year!

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE OR HELP FUNDRAISE:

1. We need your help to ask for donations from the various businesses and community at large. This could be cash donations, gift certificates or merchandise to make up the baskets we will raffle.
2. Donate items for your own basket or items to be added to other baskets collectively.
3. Join in the FUN! We want you to join us for an awesome evening so please RSVP when registration opens. Buy your event ticket, Tricky Tray basket package tickets, and our 50/50 Drawing tickets. All of this money goes back to supporting our many enrichment programs.
4. Lastly, none of these amazing events happen without our parents volunteering in small ways. Sign up [here](#) for several different ways in which you can contribute your time to this event. We would love to have a representative from each grade help in soliciting donations from our great Wyckoff Community!

Our awesome donors will get great publicity during the night as they'll be listed in our program booklet as supporters of our Coolidge children. This town is phenomenal with "paying it forward," and our parents and kids love to support these generous donors in return for supporting our children.

Donations are tax deductible—Andrea Messina can provide you with a formal receipt for tax purposes.

Our basket donations come from four major sources:

1. Class baskets organized by our class parents
2. Coolidge families' generous donations
3. Local businesses that continually support the schools
4. Corporate donations

Some excellent donations that make great baskets could include:

- Gym memberships or free trials, personal wellness lessons (yoga, pilates, etc.)
- Tickets to sporting events, Broadway shows, TV taping shows, interactive activities
- Gift certificates (any amount is appreciated) to stores, restaurants, hotels, for travel, and for services at places such as salons or spas
- Electronics (products such as iPads, ChromeBooks, Kindles or Nooks, phones)
- Toys (bicycles, drones, Go-Pros, game systems such as Xbox, Nintendo) or sporting equipment
- Home décor, outdoor entertaining (beach chairs, coolers, fire pits, etc.), kitchen appliances
- Designer handbags, accessories, jewelry
- Spa days, manis & pedis, hair salons or barbers
- Sports and summer camp vouchers, private coaching (for example: tennis, soccer, swimming, tutoring)
- Children's games and crafts (board games, outdoor recreational equipment)
- Services including photography, handy-man, chef, child-care, limousine transport, nurseries, landscapers or lawn care, dry cleaning to name a few.

Again, if you are interested in helping with soliciting donations, or if you are able to help in any other way with this event, please sign up [here](#).

If you are interested in making personal donations, please contact Liz Walker at elisabeth.p.walker@gmail.com.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!

All the best,

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