

Get ready for the EC3 auction! Here are some tips and a few fun facts about this week-long virtual event; we'd like to help manage your expectations so everybody has a great time!

The auction is a longstanding tradition at EC3 and our biggest fundraising event of the year. The proceeds from the auction are an essential portion of our annual operating budget. **Proceeds from the event are not “extra;”** they support the general operations of the Center, such as teacher salaries, benefits, facility maintenance, classroom supplies, and continuing education opportunities for our staff. **This year, these funds are even more necessary to help us make up for COVID’s impact on enrollment!**

Date: Monday, September 21st through Friday, September 25th.

Time: 7:00 a.m. on Monday to 9:00 p.m. on Friday

Friends and family: Yes, please! Relatives, neighbors, and friends are all welcome to log-in and join the fun. The more, the merrier!

Process for purchasing and bidding: All bidding is being done electronically. Use your smartphone, tablet, or computer to log-in, browse, and bid! You’ll be able to preview the items from the classrooms, which will be up for auction on **Thursday, September 24th.**

All currently-enrolled parents have been pre-registered, and should have received a text message earlier this week to complete the process. If you haven’t done so already, go to <http://bidpal.net/ec3fundraiser2020> to join the auction. Sign-in with your email and as you finish registration, you will be prompted to enter a credit card in order to make any purchases or win any auction items.

Check-out: All of your auction purchases are completed through your BidPal account, NOT your Enrollsy account. At the close of the auction, you will be prompted to finalize your purchases directly on your mobile device and you will receive an electronic receipt. Please note, you will need to register a credit card or bank account using the BidPal app, and it’s best if you do it before the auction week starts.

Whether you come to make purchases or simply donate funds, we’re glad to have you as part of the EC3 family!

Warm regards,

Elisabeth Tobia, Executive Director