

Hosted Parties Put the FUN in FUNdraising!

WHAT: A Hosted Party is a parent- or teacher-hosted party held sometime during the school year that guests pay to attend. Event tickets are sold at the Otter Walk to raise money for the MES PTA. A Hosted Party can be as simple or as elaborate as you want. Some ideas:

- Kids movie night at your house
- Adult murder mystery dinner party
- Holiday-themed afternoon craft for kids
- A spring-time family hike and picnic lunch
- Wine tasting or chili cook-off

WHO: Anyone who likes to throw a party! We need volunteers to host parties to be featured at the upcoming Otter Walk on October 21. Families and teachers often team-up to host parties together.

The Hosted Party team is here to help you generate ideas for events for kids, adults, or families. If you'd like to co-host but don't have partners yet, we can connect you with other like-minded parents to plan a new party or find an existing party you can help co-host.

WHY: Hosted Parties bring Montclair families together for fun and celebrate our community—they're a great opportunity for kids and adults to make new friends. These events raised over \$55,000 last year to fund student enrichment programs.

WHERE: Parties can be hosted in a home, a park, or any venue of your choosing. Hosts are always looking for fabulous entertaining homes, so if you would like to offer up your house but don't feel like spearheading the party, let us know and we can connect you to co-hosts.

HOW: Visit the Hosted Parties site at <http://www.montclairschool.com/hostedparties/> for more information on how to host an event. Once you have an event planned, email the Hosted Party Committee (see email address below) with the host names, the date and a description of the party.

We will also post a sneak peek of this year's Hosted Party offerings, so be sure to check our website before you come to the Otter Walk.

WHEN: The deadline for submitting Hosted Party information is **Friday, October 6th.**

Hosted Parties not only help build our school community but they raise money for a cause all of us care deeply about - our kids. **So join the fun and host a party.** We hope to hear from you soon!

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