



Volunteer to host a “Grade Experience” to build community AND raise funds for sliding-scale tuition Bid & Bash!

Grade Experience FAQs

What is a Grade Experience?

In the spirit of community and inclusiveness, we are looking for parents to host a simple and fun “Grade Experience” in the winter or spring of 2019. We are looking for parent volunteers to host the event, working with the Bid & Bash committee to schedule, plan and publicize the event. Hosts split the cost of food and other supplies/materials needed for the event. Our hope is that these events become tradition and promote community building among classes and grades AND raise funds for sliding scale tuition.

Some ideas include:

- Family Kickball in the park
- Popsicle Party
- Ice Cream Social
- Movie Night
- Beach bonfire w/ S’mores
- Roller skating
- Bowling
- Family Hike with Lunch
- Bouncy House in the Park

What did Grades / Classes do last year?

Starfish & Teddy Bears - Bouncy House & Picnic at Douglass Playground (\$25/family)

Leaping Lizard & Alligator - Glen Canyon Park Hike (\$25/family)

Kindergarten - Tricky Treasure Hunt at Mountain Lake Park (\$25/family)

1st Grade - Bonfire at Ocean Beach (\$25/family)

2nd Grade - Taco Party in Golden Gate Park (\$25/family)

3rd Grade - Backyard Movie Night (\$25/family)

4th Grade - Movie night at 601 Dolores (\$25/student, Friday after school 5-7:30pm)

5th Grade - Movie & Dance Party at Eureka Valley Rec Center (\$25/family)

6th Grade - Bonfire at Ocean Beach (\$25/family)

7th Grade - Bonfire at Ocean Beach (\$25/family)

8th Grade - Dance Party (\$25/family)

When do Grade Experiences happen? How do I know the date will work?

Hosts are welcome to schedule their Grade Experience between January 1, 2019 through the end of the school year (June). CDS has a busy school calendar, so we ask that hosts check with the Bid & Bash committee to make sure dates do not conflict with other events.

What is expected of volunteers?

We are looking for parent volunteers to host a Grade Experience for their child's grade. Typically, 3-4 families host a Grade Experience together. Hosts work with the Bid & Bash committee to schedule a date for the Grade Experience, plan and publicize the event, and split the cost of food and other supplies/materials needed for the event. There is no need to spend a lot of money on these events -- a simple gathering at a park, beach, or public space is a great way to build community. Feel free to recruit other hosts for your Grade Experience -- the more hosts the better!

How much does it cost to attend? How much will Grade Experiences raise for sliding scale tuition?

The suggested donation is minimal (\$25 per family) and everyone is invited whether they choose to donate or not. We want all families to participate in at least one grade-specific community-building event each year, so they can mix and mingle with other families with students in the same grade.

There are 484 students who attend Children's Day School, so ***if 400 families participate in a Grade Experience, we will raise \$10,000 toward sliding scale tuition!*** That's a pretty terrific goal!

What if we want to plan a multi-grade/class experience? Is that OK?

It's also great to combine classes/grades too! For example, last year's Early Childhood Program Pizza in the Presidio was highly successful as it brought together the PS and TK classes.

I think I'm ready to sign up! How do I learn more about volunteering?

We hope to have someone from each class or grade committed to hosting by December 1 and the Class Experience and date identified by December 15.

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