



March 18, 2019: See You at Bid & Bash!

Dear CDS Community,

When I heard that our auction team had selected "Where the Wild Things Are" as a theme for this year's Bid & Bash event, I got very excited. As I've mentioned many times, reading and books are so important to me, my family, and our work here at CDS.

As I recalled some of my favorite book characters, I started to think about my costume. So many choices! Would I go as a character from a recent book I enjoyed? Or a favorite from my childhood? From what I have heard about the CDS auction tradition, there are many wild and creative outfits around every corner, and I know many of you already have put time into your costume!

Regardless of your attire for the evening, this annual gathering is an important opportunity for us to demonstrate our collective values – of inclusion, community, and access for all. **One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event go toward sliding scale tuition.** What better event than one where we can have fun, and then leave at the end of the night feeling proud of our collective work to support socioeconomic diversity in our community.

Many people have worked hard to make this auction a success. Whether you support the event as a volunteer, or as a donor of one of the many exciting items, or as a bidder during the exciting paddles-up portion of the live auction – all of your efforts help to make CDS a better place.

If you have already purchased tickets, we look forward to seeing you. If you have not, remember that this **Friday, March 22 is the deadline** (4 days left; no tickets will be sold at the door)...so don't wait and go to cgs-sf.maestroweb.com. We WILL sell out.

In a year when I have enjoyed many CDS firsts, this will be another, and I can't wait to see how this community comes together. Like you, I'm looking forward to a great time at Bimbo's for **Bid & Bash: Where the Wild Things Are on Friday, March 29!**

Warmly,
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