

Silent Auction

Annual dinner, silent and live auction "India Meets Cinema – Bollywood"

March 24th

Décor:

Co-chairing this position will involve the fun task of creating and designing décor for the event surrounding the theme, sourcing materials for décor, organizing volunteers for décor installation the morning of the event.

Communications:

Co-chairing this position will involve writing friendly notes and reminders to the GICS community about auction updates, happenings and teasers.

Invitations:

Co-chairing this position will involve coordinating with printers, labeling, stamping and getting those invitations out to the community. An envelope 'stuffing' party rounds out your commitment.

Class Projects:

Volunteer positions will involve coordinating with the class teacher and parents to have each class create one-of-a-kind projects that will be auctioned off at the event.

Strike-Clean Up:

Co-chairing this position will involve organizing the volunteers to remove décor at the end of the event. It's fast & easy!

Photo Booth:

Co-chairing this position will involve creating memorabilia photos of guests upon arrival to the event: creating a backdrop/ environment surrounding the theme of the event, manning the booth at the beginning of the event, photographing or finding a volunteer photographer within the community.

Solicitations:

Co-chairing this position will involve planning the target markets for donations, coordinating the solicitation team, encouraging the GICS community for soliciting donations. A great perk to these positions: you and your committee know what loot there is to bid on before anyone else does!

Underwriting & Sponsorship:

Co-chairing this position will involve contacting past sponsors, soliciting new sponsors and follow-up to secure sponsors for the event.

Red Envelope:

Co-chairing this position will involve coordinating the creating of or modifying last year's content for the 'red envelope' (donation forms, talking points, etc), assembling and distributing to the GICS community in the month of November.

Catalog:

Volunteer positions will involve either writing appealing descriptions of or photo-cataloging auction items. This usually occurs over 2 to 3 weeks in late February or early March. Best part is, you will know what the auction items are to bid on before anyone else!

Auction Packaging:

Co-chairing this position will involve organizing volunteers to wrap, embellish and create great looking auction items. You will also source materials for the packaging party.

Auction Systems:

Volunteers will be needed the morning of the event to set up all auction items

Auction Check-In:

Co-chairing this position will involve organizing volunteers to greet guests upon arrival to the event, distribute their bid numbers and give brief instructions.

Auction Check-Out:

Co-chairing this position will involve organizing volunteers at the end of the event to retrieve bid items, close out bid numbers and process payment. And of course to see that everyone gets their SWAG bag before departing.

Thank You:

Co-chairing this position will involve printing labels, stamping and getting those thank you letters out to our guests and donors after the auction to let them know how grateful our school is for their continued support. (letters DO NOT need to be written by thank you committee).

*** See additional flier for more details! ***

CSA Program

"Community Supported Agriculture"

GICS CSA Is Back!

After a year and a half of wonderful farm fresh success we have received the green light from Dr. Baker to continue our beloved GICS CSA program with on campus delivery starting next week, Thursday 9/29/11. We have already raised close to \$4,000 for GICS just from this program alone! It's so easy, be one of the sharpest tools in the tool shed and join up. Everyone wins with this program; your family enjoys farm fresh produce, our local farmer Tanaka Farms continues a local environmentally friendly & successful community project & GICS earns much needed fundraising \$\$ by simply ordering gorgeous farm fresh in season fruits & vegetables.

Flexible online ordering is now available at www.tanakafarms.com.

Choose a large \$33 or small \$23 box (box plus delivery charge). 10% of every 'Yummy Fundraising' box goes directly to GICS.

Enjoy eating and making a GICS 'Yummy Fundraising' contribution right from your families dinner table!

25 large boxes X \$3 X 52 weeks = \$3,900 GICS Fundraising \$\$

35 large boxes X \$3 X 52 weeks = \$5,460 GICS Fundraising \$\$

45 large boxes X \$3 X 52 weeks = \$7,020 GICS Fundraising \$\$

Please set up your order(s) as follows:

· Weekly Or Bi-Weekly Schedule – Please visit www.tanakafarms.com and click on the CSA tab on the top of the home page and follow the directions to set up your account. Your account and orders must be placed at least four days before our scheduled delivery on Thursdays. Sunday is our cut off to make any additions or changes. If you are already a CSA subscriber and want to change your delivery and fundraising contribution to our GICS program please contact Eileen or Shannon at 949-653-2100 ext 201 or csa@tanakafarms.com.

Instructions:

Delivery – First, you will receive an email delivery reminder on Wednesdays. Tanaka delivers on Thursday mornings to GICS. The official delivery window per Tanaka is 10AM to 2PM but we have found they typically arrive before 11:00AM. The boxes will be stored inside the main gate where you will be buzzed in and able to pick your box up. There will be a sign out order sheet posted. Please mark the box by your name to communicate that you have picked up your box. The main office is closed between 2:30 to 3:30. When the main office is closed, please get a visitor's pass from the satellite office located inside the pickup gate and proceed to the main gate where you can pick up your box and mark your name off the list. The school gates close at 6PM so make sure to stop and pick up your box before then.

Payment – Payment is now handled online thru www.tanakafarms.com. Automatic payment by electronic check (bank or bank transfer) or automatic credit card (MasterCard or Visa) is available. You will receive a confirmation e-mail confirming payment after it is delivered.

Recycle Tanaka Boxes – Once you unload your produce please remember to bring your empty box back to recycle for Tanaka Farms to use again. You can also transfer your produce direct into your own bags and leave your empty box at GICS eliminating the need to bring the box back for recycling.

Invite your friends and family to join!

Family Dinner

April 13, 2011

6pm

Family Dinner Night is nighttime GICS Community Event for the entire family to enjoy a free dinner together in the MPR. The Committee is seeking help with set-up, decorating, providing dinner, serving dinner, entertainment, and clean-up.

Growing Great Garden Committee

Members of the Garden committee will be responsible for maintaining the garden and participating in Growing Great, an educational and nutritional program. The programs include Harvest of The Month, Nutrition Lessons and Planting & Harvesting.

Lantern Festival

November 4, 2011

The Lantern Festival is a nighttime GICS Community Event for the entire family to enjoy outdoors, celebrating the tradition in Germany and other European countries, where children make lanterns and join together in a Lantern Walk while singing traditional songs like " Ich geh' mit meiner Laterne " and "Laterne, Laterne". The Committee is seeking help with set-up (decorating, setting up a little stage (maybe hay bails), lighting, sound etc.); providing and serving hot apple cider; providing and distributing and then collecting lights for the lanterns; guides during the walk; copying and handing out lyrics to songs; clean-up.

Family Movie Night

January 20, 2011

6pm

Family Movie Night is a nighttime GICS Community Event for the entire family to enjoy a movie shown in German with English subtitles in the MPR. The Committee is seeking help with set-up, providing and serving popcorn and water, projection (equipment and projectionist needed) and clean-up.

Community (Parent) University

Parent University consists of monthly evening class sessions designed to help parents better understand relevant school-related topics. Community University promotes close collaboration between staff and parents. Sessions are taught by staff as well as specialists in various fields. Members of this committee will schedule and host monthly Community Universities.

Volunteer Coordination Committee

The Volunteer Coordination Committee is looking for people to help reach out to the parent community on a regular basis to recruit volunteer support for all of the various school functions throughout the year. Volunteer Coordination Committee members are responsible for gathering event details from school staff or other committees and then putting it out to the parent community via email, yahoo group, phone, etc. After receiving volunteer responses, committee members are then responsible for supplying a list of available parent volunteers to event planners. The Volunteer Coordination Committee works with the Goethe Parent Association as well as the Principle and Staff.

Aftercare Enrichment

Working to set up after school enrichment options for Goethe students. Includes working directly with enrichment providers, helping them set up the schedule of their class offerings, assuring completion and filing of all required documentation and promotion of the programs via school communication avenues.

Book Fair

March 19 – March 23

The Book Fair Chair and Committee will prepare for, promote, and staff the Book Fair. The Chair is responsible for selecting a vendor, working with Fundraising Chair to select a date and obtain approval of vendor and recruiting volunteers.

Committee members and volunteers set-up and take down the book fair, aide students and parents in selection of books, assist in purchasing/fulfilling orders, and restocking. Flexible shifts are available before, during, and after the fair.

Minimum 3 days to hold the fair, with one week being preferable for maximum benefits to school community.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee will be responsible for enhancing communication between the Parents of GICS. Parent volunteers will be needed for the following activities:

- Preparation of the monthly GPA Newsletter
- Preparation of flyers/announcements for GPA meetings
- Preparation of the school directory
- Translation of communication into Spanish

Autumn Festival

October 27

The Autumn Festival celebrates the Fall Harvest season. There are games, a bake sale, face painting, crafts, light entertainment, and a pumpkin patch with pumpkins for sale. It takes place in the school garden.

Goethe Cafe

Goethe Cafe is a breakfast bake sale that takes place on Friday mornings at 7:30am. Each week a class sponsors the Cafe and the proceeds go to that class. We need two or more people to help oversee the Cafe on a weekly basis to help the classes coordinate the bake sale and make sure that general disposable items, napkins, plates, salt, sugar are properly stocked.

Grandparents & Special Friends

November (TBD)

Grandparents and Special Friends visit the school and watch student presentations and have the opportunity to contribute to a special Grandparents / Special Friends Fund. We need volunteers to help get invitations out to the grandparents and special friends, set up a light buffet for them and decorate the multi-purpose room where the event will be held.

Grant-Writing Committee

The grant writing committee seeks out and requests funding opportunities from charitable foundations, organizations, companies and individuals. Many of these organizations have websites where they describe how to apply for financial assistance; typically foundations request a two-page letter in which we describe the school, why we need financial assistance, what we will do with any money and how much we want. Members of the committee track opportunities and write these letters.

Experience of grant writing is not a necessary pre-requisite for the committee - members need the ability to put together a well crafted, nice looking letter, and some enthusiasm.

Green Committee

The Green committee will instate, assist, and oversee a Goethe Recycling Program, the Goethe Kids Ocean Awareness Program, Plastics: The Real Sea Monster art project, Kids Ocean Day beach clean-up and aerial art event, and the Goethe Environmental assembly. Other programs are on the way. Our kids will learn that they are already making a difference in the environment, and that they have a say as to what kind of difference they choose to make.

Memory Book

Your child's heart is small, but it is always full. What they can't express readily with words, he/she will remember through the pages of the Goethe Memory Book and companion DVD. Join us in filling their hearts with precious memories your whole family will cherish forever.

We need photographers, parents with graphic design experience, and anyone who would just love putting together the school yearbook!

Jog-A-Thon

May 8

This powerful fundraising event builds upon the training our Goethe kids develop in the running club. By getting sponsors to donate money to our kids per lap, our kids learn that they make a powerful difference for our school. There are only winners in this immeasurably fulfilling event. Everyone gets a medal and personal achievement is rewarded. The whole family is encouraged to come out and cheer on your heroes. Plenty of opportunities to volunteer!!

Running Club

This program is designed to foster unity, make real the idea of achieving global goals, and helps kids focus in their classrooms by dispelling some of that early morning energy. By collecting running sticks per lap in the morning and seeing the results on The Running Club world map every month, our kids become present to the power of working in groups and being a part of a community.

Spring Fling

A festival to welcome the Spring season. The event includes international food, a bake sale, games, multicultural performances, face painting, massage tables, raffles and more.

End of Year Family Dance

June 2011 (Date TBD)

6p

The End of Year Family Dance is nighttime GICS Community Event for the entire family to get together and dance the night away in the MPR. The Committee is seeking help with set-up, decorating, DJ, lighting and clean-up.

Shop for Goethe

We call the collection of rebate programs in which the school participates "Shop for Goethe". GICS participates in a number of school rebate programs which include club card programs, label collection programs, programs through online merchants, and shopping at GICS family or friends businesses. The programs GICS currently participates in are listed on the school's web site. Currently, Shop for Goethe is looking for parent volunteers for two programs we'd like to add for the 2011/2012 school year: (1) a magazine fundraising drive and (2) an e-waste recycling drive. The tasks involved in these limited-time programs would include organizing and promoting these drives. Both are great opportunities for volunteer work for the school!

I.B. Social Development Committee

We, the IB Social Development Committee, invite you to join our efforts to make Goethe a school that fully embraces the principles of the IB philosophy. An important part of the IB philosophy concerns the social and emotional development of our children. Our committee is here to support these aspects at GICS. We would like to help our school in its mission to create learners who reflect the IB Learner Profile, i.e., are open-minded, caring, and communicate in ways that are respectful of other people's thoughts and feelings. Since IB is a holistic approach to education, we believe it is important to support its implementation in all areas, not just the classroom. In other words, the principles of IB should be apparent when we look at our children's experiences during recess, lunch, after-care and in the ways we as a community communicate and relate to one another.

Here are some of our goals for this school year:

- Bringing "Council" to GICS. Council is a dialogic practice that encourages deep and honest communication. In schools throughout Los Angeles and around the world, it is integrated into classrooms, counseling offices, faculty, parent and community meetings. Based on indigenous, worldwide "cultural dialogical" practices, council is a formal, structured process that includes sitting in a circle and passing a "talking piece" (an object used to identify the speaker) in response to a prompt from the facilitator. To read more please go to www.cis.ojaifoundation.org.
- Implementing a school-wide conflict resolution approach that is consistent with IB.
- Organizing educational events for the community that support the social and emotional aspects of the IB philosophy.

To Sign Up Contact: ibsocialdevelopment@gmail.com

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall preside over the annual election of officers of the Goethe Parent Association (GPA) for each year. The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations for officers and Parent Board Representatives from members of the Goethe Parent Association (GPA) no later than April 15 of each school year. The Nominating Committee shall contact all members of the Goethe Parent Association (GPA) nominated to confirm their interest in being a candidate and to collect biographical statements for informational purposes. The names and biographical statements of all candidates shall be compiled into a list and distributed in paper and e-mail format to the Goethe Parent Association (GPA) membership no later than the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Parent Association in May. Between the May and June meetings of the Goethe Parent Association (GPA), the Nominating Committee shall provide a Candidates' Forum wherein all candidates interested in the Board Representative positions shall address the Goethe Parent Association (GPA) and answer questions from the floor.

Room Parent Committee

Is responsible for recruiting, training, coordinating, guiding, and supporting throughout the year a network of room parents (a lead and co-lead per class), communicate Goethe teachers' classroom needs, and disseminate school-wide communications (i.e. from school administration, classroom teachers, fundraising team, volunteer coordinator, and Goethe Parent Association (GPA) business) to parents on both a weekly and monthly basis; provides a contact roster of room parents, collects from each room parent the contact information for each willing household for inclusion in the Goethe Parent Association Directory; coordinates teacher/staff gift collections; serves as liaison to the Room Parent Committee.

Hospitality Committee

A GPA committee that organizes events to help welcome new families into the Goethe community. They also organize the "Family to Family Program" which pairs existing families with new incoming families so that they can act as a "host" that can answer questions and help them integrate into the Goethe community.

Family Portraits

Parent photographers take holiday portraits of Goethe families on the campus grounds.

At School Hair Cuts

A parent sets up a make shift barber shop on the school grounds and cuts student (and sometimes parents) hair. The proceeds go back to the school!

International Dinner Club

Once a month a restaurant is chosen to be the "host" restaurant. A date is set with the restaurant and Goethe families meet and eat at the host restaurant and a percentage of the money that is spent by Goethe families at the restaurant goes back to the school.

Spirit Store

The GICS Spirit Store sells "Goethe gear" such as, apparel, hats, bags, gifts, and collectibles with our school logo on them.

It's a great way to show your school spirit!

Co-Chair:

- Help with input and decision of products, meetings with vendor (usually 4-6 a year, during the week).
- Work at drop-off and pick-ups for sales, distribution (usually 5 days of each, two times a year).
- Prepare orders (spreadsheet and fulfillment).
- Work sales at booth at participating GICS events (i.e., Autumn Festival, Spring Fling).
- Accounting, collect orders from office, cash box.
- Listen with a smile while people offer numerous suggestions of products.

Human Resources Committee

The HR committee is searching for highly qualified German native, English native and Spanish native speaking teachers. Every year we have interviews with teacher candidates and are looking for volunteers who can help with replying to teachers' applications and participate in interviews (via Skype and in person).

HR experience is not required but would be nice to have.

If you are interested please send an email to annechristine.witzgall@goethecharterschool.org.

Corporate Outreach Committee

Corporate Outreach Committee works to develop corporate sponsors and corporate partnerships for GICS. Our goal is to identify potential corporate/business sponsors for GICS, initiate introductions and cultivate these strategic partnerships. We'll brainstorm creative methods of engaging corporate partners in our mission, contribute to the already-existing online database of potential contacts, and coordinate efforts with GICS fundraising leadership and the other fundraising committees. Estimated time commitment: 10 hrs./month, 3 of which will be in monthly meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

The committee will meet with Dr. Baker and facilitate as the communication link between the school to home and provide input as we continue to develop a school that can stand-alone with students for 72 hours following any kind of 'act of god' disaster. We have a "Safe School" plan that creates a safe place for the students, staff, parents, and community during an emergency. The committee members provide Dr. Baker the necessary support to coordinate information to the parents regarding what to do in the event of a natural disaster. The school has first aid/trauma/emergency supplies yet we would also like for each child to have his/her own kit which includes garbage bag/space blanket, 16 oz water, non-perishable snack, light-stick (optional), family photo. Many existing families have turned in their kits in previous years, however new families likely have not done so. The committee will need to help notify families about the need for these kits and possibly help assemble them if needed.