

Shindig FAQ's

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Q: What is Shindig? Where and when is it?

A: Shindig is the name PTA uses for our annual adult-only party and silent auction. Each year there is a different theme. This year, our theme is titled "Fresh Squeezed" and is all about vintage Florida.

Shindig will be held on **Friday, October 15, from 7:00-11:00pm at Corrine Commons**, in front of Grace Hopper in the heart of Baldwin Park. This year, Shindig is an outdoor event.

Q: Tell me about tickets: How much and where do I buy them?

A: Tickets are on sale now at BaldwinParkPTA.org. Tickets are \$50 pre-sale and \$55 at the door. Tickets will no longer be available online on October 15, so purchase early!

Q: Since this is an outdoor event, what happens if it rains?

A: Event is rain or shine. We have a large tent to shield us from the elements.

Q: Is Shindig a fundraiser?

A: Yes, and it's way more fun than selling frozen cookie dough and magazines door to door! There is a silent auction, raffle, a wine pull and more. Shindig is PTA's only fundraiser in the fall. All proceeds help fund our budget so that we can pay for the events and items in our budget. See below for bidding instructions using Handbid for our silent auction.

Q: What do I wear?

A: Dressy-casual—whatever you feel most comfortable in – as you'll see it all, from jeans to cocktail dresses. This year, to match the theme, a "Florida chic" dress code is encouraged (think bright colors, fun prints). Remember this is an OUTDOOR EVENT, so plan your dress—AND YOUR SHOES—accordingly.

Q: What if I don't know anyone?

A: There are lots of chances to meet people at Shindig. You can mingle around and check out the auction items, stop by the Wine Pull and win a bottle to take home, partake in some light appetizers, or cut a rug on the dance floor under the stars. One of the best parts of Shindig, whether you are a seasoned parent or a newcomer, is the chance to socialize with new people.

Q: Will there be food and drinks there?

A: YES! The event is catered by the Arthurs (voted best caterer in Orlando) and includes a variety of Florida-inspired light bites and appetizers (included in ticket price). We will also have both non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks available. Non-alcoholic drinks are complimentary, while we will have drink tickets available for purchase for wine, beer, and mixed drinks. (\$5 per ticket, 1 ticket for beer and wine, two for mixed drinks).

Q: How do I bid on Auction Items?

A: You may bid from your computer or your smartphone.

Smartphone: 1) Go to the app store and download the free "Handbid" app. 2) Tap "Get Started" and create account. 3) Search auctions by typing in "Shindig" and select it from the list. 4) Start Bidding!

Q: What is in the Silent Auction?

A: Download Handbid so you can see for yourself! Getaways, Camps, Experiences, Sports & Recreation, Items for the Home, Restaurant gift cards, and everyone's favorite: **Gifts from the Heart** (beloved experiences that staff and teachers donate, like "Popcorn and a Movie with a teacher" or "Safety Patrol for the day" – and so many more!)

Q: When does bidding start?

A: The first items for bidding will open on Monday, October 11th. We will open new items and auction categories every day leading up to Shindig.

Q: What if I can't make it to the event, can I still bid?

A: You bet! Just download the app and once the bidding begins, bid your little heart out until the bidding ends.

Q: How do I know if I won?

A: You will be notified through the Handbid App if you won. You will also be sent an invoice that will need to be paid through the Handbid App. Exception: If you won a "Gifts from the Heart" auction item, you will find out over the course of a few days after the auction and may be sent a separate invoice. Gifts from the Heart items are experiences donated by the teachers and staff. Because many of them have multiple winners, we must go into the system and close them out manually. This takes a little longer, but we'll work hard to get it wrapped up and let you know as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

Q: What if I was outbid, but still want to donate to the school?

A: It happens. Sometimes we spend all night bidding, but someone still beats us! We would still love your donation and are setting up a straight-out donation in Handbid. Just scroll until you see "donation," then click on the donation amount you would like to give, and an invoice will be sent to you. Thank you for supporting our school!

Q: How do I pick up my auction item?

A: Auction items will be available for pick-up before and after school on October 18th and 19th. Look for specific instructions on Handbid. If you are not able to come during that time, please email BaldwinParkPTA@gmail.com and we will try to arrange a more convenient time.