



Hello PES Staff,

We had such phenomenal feedback from families about the raffle basket fundraiser last winter and plan to do it again this year. All of the baskets last year were AMAZING—each theme was great and there was such a wide variety of contents. To help make the baskets come together more easily, we have been soliciting donations for the baskets all summer long in hopes to also make the values of each basket even higher!

Like last year, each grade/team is asked to choose a theme with their students and then ask families to bring in an item to add to a themed basket (or a monetary donation that can be used to purchase such items). You can choose one of the themes we have already started putting together, or you can choose another theme and make a basket from scratch like last year by asking your families to all contribute an item or two. (a list of current baskets/themes is attached along with theme ideas similar to last year's baskets as well)

All items will be collected by PTO and put together into baskets, unless a team member would like to complete their team's basket themselves. Once baskets are put together, a flyer with lists of basket contents will be put together along with raffle tickets to be sent home with each child to sell for \$1 each or 6 baskets for \$5. More raffle tickets will be available in the school office if families need/want more.

Our plan is to draw all raffle winners at the Breakfast with Santa event on December 1st.

***PTO will be able to purchase a few last minute items to fill up any baskets that may be lacking a bit. Our goal is to have each basket valued at \$200-\$500+!! The values of the baskets this year are higher due to the fantastic donations we have already received over the summer months.

The timeline will look something like this...

- Themes chosen by grades and letters sent to parents by **October 19th**
- Items for baskets due to PES by **November 2nd**
- Pamphlets and tickets distributed to kids to sell by **November 9th**
- Basket winners drawn at Breakfast with Santa on **December 1st**
- Tickets and money back to school by **Monday, November 26th**

Last year our fundraiser brought in approximately \$2500 and we are hoping for a similar goal this year. With large attractive baskets and by asking every family to sell a few tickets, we are hoping that this goal is easily attainable.

We thank you for your help with this fundraiser!

The PTO Board

Melissa, Katie, Sabrina and Cara

This is the list of things PTO has collected so far and sorted into "Temp Basket Themes". Feel free to choose one of these themes and add items to it to make "Giant Baskets". There are a few ideas listed as possible additions for each basket in parenthesis below the items we've collected.

Happy Birthday

Boutwells-Birthday Party for 8 Guests \$150 value
(**Cake mixes, cupcake papers, birthday plates and napkins, crepe paper, balloons, loot bags, party hats, birthday candles, mini water bottles, juice boxes, cooler,etc.**)

Learn and Laugh Family Time

NH Children's Museum- 4 Admission Passes
Currier Museum of Art- 2- "Taste of Membership Passes"
Mount Washington Valley Children's Museum- Gift Certificate- 6 Admission Passes
SEE Science Museum- 4 Admission Tickets
Squam Lake Science Center-4 Trail Passes
Strawberry Banke-One Year Family Membership
(**gas cards, travel games, maps, travel snacks, reusable water bottles, etc.**)

Family FUN in New Hampshire

Clark's Trading Post- 2 Admission Passes
Conway Scenic Railroad- 2 adult/2 child Valley Train Guest Card (\$63 value)
Cowabungus- 4 Admission Passes
Funspot- 4- \$10 Gift cards for tokens
Santa's Village- 2 admission tickets
Story Land- 2 Admission Tickets
(**gas cards, travel games, maps, travel snacks, reusable water bottles, etc.**)

Oh the Places You'll Go---in New England

Butterfly Place- Birthday Party for 8 Guests \$150 value
Montshire Museum- Admission Pass for two people
Plymouth Plantation- 2 Admission Vouchers
Vermont Institute of Natural Science- 4 admission passes
York's Wild Animal Kingdom- 4 VIP Passes
(**gas cards, travel games, maps, travel snacks, reusable water bottles, etc.**)

Ladies Night x2

Zorvino Vineyards- Wine Tasting for 20 People (\$250 value)
Sap House Meadery- Hive to Bottle Tour and Tasting for 10 people
Escape Room-Concord- 4 Single Player Passes (Value \$30 each)

Christmas Traditions

Charmingfare Farm- Santa's Big Party Admission tickets
(**hot cocoa, mugs, wrapping paper, ribbon, bows, ornaments, holiday baking supplies, Christmas Picture Frames, Christmas home décor**)

Fun in the Sun

Pittsfield Parks and Recreation-2018 Family Pass to Forrest B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool)
(**beach towels, picnic basket, beach blanket, beach/sand toys, sunscreen, sunglasses, beach umbrella, pool noodles,etc**)

Parent's Night Out

Capital Center for the Arts- Four Tickets to the MET: Live in HD or National Theatre Live in HD broadcast before Sept 2019
Hermanos- \$30 Gift Certificate
Hermit Woods Winery- Wine Tasting and Tour for two (glasses, buttons, 7 samples)
Seacoast Rep- \$76 Gift Certificate (no expiration date)
Red River Theatre (Two admission Tickets and Med. Popcorn)
Patriot Pizza- \$25 Gift Certificate

New England Sports Fan

Manchester Monarchs-2 Black Level Vouchers
Boston Red Sox- A Blake Swihart Autographed Baseball
PYBA-Spring 2018 Registration
SVSC- 2019 Soccer Registration
(**Bruins, Celtics, Red Sox, Patriots "stuff"**)

Just for Mom

Target Stores- \$25 Gift Certificate
Cheryl Brown Creations- Handmade Purse/Bag and water bottle holder
Powerful You Yoga- Yoga Gift Certificate
3 Lip Balms, Tin of Sleep Balm
doTERRA Yoga Essential Oil Kit
Colorstreet Nails
Papparazzi Jewellery-
(**seltzer waters, nail polish, flavored teas, book store gift certificate, "chick flick DVDs", Netflix gift certificate, reusable water bottle, cozy socks, etc.**)

Just for Dad

East Side Barber-Men's Hair Cut Certificate
Loudon Country Club- 4 Certificates for 18 holes with cart
Coffee
Badger Balm- Tin of Hard working Hands Balm,
Pats Peak - 2 weekday/night lift tickets
(**gas cards, hardware store gift certificates, jerky, nuts, grilling supplies, Gatorade, travel coffee mug, car care items- Wash bucket, car soap, wax, sponge, interior cleaner—glass/leather/etc **)

Get to Know your Beer- Local NH Breweries

Out Haus Ales-32 oz Growler and 2 Pint Glasses
Woodman's Brewery- Coozie and \$25 Gift Card
Kettlehead Brewery--\$25 Gift Card
Blasty Bough Brewing- growler
Henniker Brewing- Brewmaster Package
Concord Craft Brewing Company-Growler, embroidered hat, stainless water bottle and \$20 gift certificate.

This is a list of possible themes that PTO put together last year. At this time, we don't have specific items to add to these baskets but can try to help fill holes if the baskets look like they're lacking after the collections from families.

Art FUN-paper, scissors, glue, paint, paint brushes, pencils, markers, crayons, glue, glitter, etc.

Game Night- board and card games, family snacks

Coffee Lover- coffee grounds, k-cups, coffee mugs, flavored coffees, Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards

Snow Day- Snow/winter themed movies and books, hats, gloves, mittens, hot chocolate and marshmallows, snow flake/snowman themed items, Food coloring and spray bottles, snow ball makers, snow brick makers, sled,

Family Sundae Kit- sundae bowls, ice cream cones, ice cream scoop, chocolate syrup, caramel sauce, hot fudge, cherries, sprinkles, nuts, crushed oreos, GC for grocery store to purchase the ice cream

Taco Night- hard and soft taco shells, salsa, tortilla chips, refried beans, olives, southwest themed hand towels, place mats, etc, gift certificate for local Mikes Meat's for Ground Beef or any grocery store

Pasta Night- pasta, sauce (red sauce, alfredo sauce, etc), colander, pasta spoon, parmesan cheese, garlic bread kit, bread/oil dipping set, Italian themed kitchen towels, placemats, etc.

Pizza Night- Pizza pan, pizza dough kit, pizza sauce

Car Care- Wash bucket, car soap, wax, sponge, interior cleaner—glass/leather/etc.

Pet Care-pet toys and treats

Chocoholic- hot chocolate, chocolate candy bars, chocolate cake mixes, chocolate frosting, chocolate sprinkles, chocolate brownie mix, chocolate chips, chocolate syrup, hot fudge, chocolate lover's cook book,

Pot of GOLD/"Lottery Tickets"- display a variety of lottery tickets in a leprechaun's pot or cauldron to represent pot of gold

Sport/Team themed baskets- Choose a specific sport and bring in items with that theme or choose a specific team and go wild finding licensed team items

Party in a Box- All the items needed to plan a party—cake, frosting, candles, streamers, confetti, party hats, dance CD, etc

Breakfast Basket- pancakes, syrup, coffee, tea, hot cocoa,

Camping- sun screen, bug spray, hiking maps, flashlight/lantern, telescoping s'more sticks, s'more ingredients,

NH Made—Items made in NH or with NH on them—Syrup, NH magnets, NH mugs,

Have a Ball—soccer ball, basketball, baseball, soft ball, tennis ball, golf ball, wiffle ball, beach ball, gift certificates for bowling, batting cage, mini golf, etc.

Stationary/Writing- fun and decorative journals, variety of pens, note pads, blank cards and envelopes, postage stamps