

INTRO to Grady's Annual Auction & Gala!

Everything you need to know — the easy way

Why we do this

Each year Grady families come together for our Auction & Gala to raise essential funds for the school's *capital projects* — facility improvements, classroom enhancements, teaching resources, and upgrades that benefit **all** students. Our fundraiser helps keep Grady a vibrant, thriving place to learn and grow.

What to expect: Auction “Season” & Key Events

Event	What it is / How it works
Class Baskets	October - January. Each homeroom class creates a themed basket full of items. Great way for families to contribute — and for bidders to scoop up fun, community-built treasures. Contact your homeroom parent.
Teacher Experiences Auction	Late January. Bid on unique opportunities and experiences donated by our teachers (e.g. “Teacher-for-the-Day,” art/music/PE/other special teacher experiences). A fun chance to win something meaningful for your student. The homeroom that raises the most money wins a class & teacher prize.
Silent Auction	March. Lots of donated items — baskets, gift cards, community-donated good, experiences — bid online or in-person. You bid quietly, and winners are announced when bidding closes.
Main Event: Auction & Gala Night	March. Our big celebration: dinner, socializing with families and staff, and our live auction. It's our opportunity to come together — and a great evening out for Grady families. Special Live Auction held at the end of the night once the silent auction closes.

How you can get involved — 4 easy ways

- 1. Contribute to your child's class basket or the silent auction.**
Small or large donations — everything helps make baskets special.
Have connections in town or access to an experience others might enjoy? We are always looking for silent auction donations.
- 2. Attend the Auction & Gala.**
This supports the school and is also a fun night out.

3. **Bid in the Silent Auction (or Teacher Experiences Auction).**

Even if you don't win — your bids help raise funds.

4. **Volunteer.**

From helping plan, to set-up, to running the night of the event — we need many hands to make this a success.

i FAQ — Common Questions from New Families

Q: Who can participate?

Everyone! All Grady families and community members are welcome — whether you're new or longtime members of our community.

Q: Do I need to be there to bid?

- For class baskets, teacher experiences, and silent auction items — No. These items are all online and can be bid on without attending in person. You will be notified by text/email if you win anything.
- Live auction items are the only items where you need to be in attendance at the gala to win.

Q: What if I can't attend the Gala night?

You can still participate in silent auctions! You can also support by donating to your class basket or volunteering.

Q: How much does a ticket cost?

Ticket pricing depends on whether you want a reserved table, a ½ table or individual seat. All ticket information can be found on the Grady PTA Website in the Nov/Dec time frame when tickets go on sale.

Q: Where do I find more info — or sign up / purchase tickets?

All details — including auction items, ticket purchase, volunteer sign-up, and more — are on the Grady Auction page at: <https://gradytigers.org/auction>

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions or want to donate something (items or experiences)?

- For general questions: auction@gradytigers.org
- If you'd like to donate items or experiences: fundraising@gradytigers.org

Thank you for joining the Grady family and helping make our Auction & Gala a success. Together, we create a stronger, brighter future for our students!

This QR Code will take you to the [GradyTigers.org](https://gradytigers.org) Website with all Auction details.

