

# The Big Leap 4 Kids Annual Benefit

## What is the Big Leap 4 Kids?

The Big Leap 4 Kids is Brickton Montessori School's Annual Benefit event. It is an opportunity for the Brickton community to raise funds for the school and have a wonderful evening out at the same time. This outstanding event is to support the children, but the evening is adults only.

## Who goes to the Big Leap 4 Kids?

Parents, staff, friends, family and anyone else who wants to participate in this once a year event and is invested in the future of Brickton Montessori School.

## When and where is it held?

Saturday, April 6, 2018 6:30 – 10:30 pm  
Ridgemoor Country Club  
6601 W. Gunnison, Harwood Heights  
Complimentary Valet Parking

## What can I do to support the Big Leap 4 kids

1) *Come to the event and participate*—that's the most fun way to support The Big Leap 4 Kids—and get your friends and family to participate, too. If you can't attend in person, don't despair - make a cash donation to the event, contribute to the staff ticket fund, or designate a proxy to bid for you at the event. You'll feel like you were there!

2) Help procure bottles of wine and gift certificates for the Wine & Dine grab bags available the night of the event. Your donation of a bottle of wine or gift certificates enters you into the raffle for 2 FREE tickets to The Big Leap 4 Kids:

For every bottle of wine donated you will receive **1 raffle ticket**

For every gift certificate valued at \$25 or more you will receive **2 raffle tickets**

3) Assist in procurement for our online auction. The ask letter and form are [on our website](#). Our online auction has items that are only available online, and some items that are available for bidding, but close at the live event, for example, staff sponsored experiences. Stop by the office for an idea list of items we are actively sourcing. Once the online auction is up and running, invite your friends and family to start bidding! The Big Leap 4 Kids Annual Benefit online auction opens at 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and closes at 10:00 pm on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Your procurement of an item enters you into the raffle for 2 FREE tickets to The Big Leap 4 Kids:

For every item procured you will receive **2 raffle tickets**.

4) Assist with the solicitation of sponsors for the event. To support that work, the sponsorship letter and form are [on our website](#). Your solicitation of a sponsor enters you into the raffle for 2 FREE tickets to The Big Leap 4 Kids:

For every sponsorship you will receive **5 raffle tickets**.

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## **Aren't auction items very expensive?**

Our Silent and Live Auctions will feature a wide variety of items large and small. Most items are quite affordable, with many selling for \$100 and under. The most frenzied bidding tends to involve our students' Classroom Art Projects, spectacular, one-of-a-kind items created by our students, most of which close for between \$250 and \$1,000.

## **Is seating assigned?**

No. The room is set-up as a tasting-style buffet, with tables scattered throughout the room, all the better to mingle, dance, and peruse the Classroom Art Projects without being stuck in one spot all night. You can, however, reserve a VIP table for you and your guests for an additional charge. Details will come with the invitation.

## **But what do I wear?**

Whatever puts you in a party mood! You'll see ladies in cocktail dresses and gentlemen in tuxedo jackets and jeans – and everything in between! Look at it as an opportunity to show everyone how nicely you can clean up when you're not dealing with the drama of drop-off.

## **What's the (rough) schedule?**

6:30 pm - Music by The Wandering Boys, open bar, silent auction.

7:00 pm - Appetizers and pasta station will begin.

8:00 pm - First live auction items hit the block.

8:30 pm - Dessert stations open; Heads or Tails.

9:00 pm – Silent Auction Closes; Split the Pot winner announced

9:05 pm - Final live auction items; Bears raffle winner announced, Paddles Up!

9:30 pm - Dancing is in full swing.

10:30 pm –2018 Big Leap 4 kids comes to a close.

## **May I bring friends and family who don't have children at Brickton?**

Absolutely! As the saying goes "the more, the merrier."

## **So, can I bring the children?**

Not tonight! They get to have fun all the time. The event is about them, but the evening is for adults only.

## **Sounds great...how do I sign up?**

Watch for your digital invitation to arrive via Paperless Post. Then submit your RSVP.

You can pay with a check to the office, or request we invoice you.



**The countdown is underway for  
Brickton's Big Leap 4 kids on Saturday, April 6th!**