

Dear Parents,

It's time for our 7th annual fundraising auction event, benefiting the students of Stewart Creek Elementary. The 2010 GUMBO YA YA, previously known as Boots & Boas, will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 in the Bluebonnet Event Center at the KOA in Montgomery. Attached you will find the details of this big event and answers to some of the questions you may have. Purchase tickets, reserve your table, make a donation, or become a Friend of Stewart Creek by completing the attached paperwork and returning it to Stewart Creek Elementary. Let's pull together as a school community and create a successful, fun-filled evening. Over the past several years we achieved great things through Boots & Boas. Help us build upon the tradition and make GUMBO YA YA even bigger and better than ever.

Sincerely,

Kim Russell, Fundraiser Chair

Holly Guillot, Fundraiser Co-Chair



Top Ten Questions People are Asking About

2010 GUMBO YA YA

1. **What is GUMBO YA YA?** First of all, by definition, GUMBO YA YA means "everybody talking at once", but we thought it would be a fun name for our New Orleans/Mardi Gras - themed spring fundraiser event. This yearly auction event is an adult-only evening that will include dinner, a raffle, live and silent auctions, music, and dancing. GUMBO YA YA will be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2010** at Bluebonnet Event Center at the KOA in Montgomery. The purpose of the event is to raise funds to support our children at Stewart Creek while avoiding traditional door-to-door fundraising events where our children sell wrapping paper, cookie dough, pizzas, etc. This is also a chance for us to build relationships within our community and school as well as just having some fun!

2. **Who's invited?** You! This adult-only event is open to the community. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.. Enjoy an evening out with old friends and new.

3. **What should I wear?** Attire is Festive Casual, which means fun, casual attire. Wear something that allows you to raise that bid paddle!

4. **How do I get my tickets and what's included in the ticket price?** Send in your completed order form and money before February 15th to purchase your ticket for \$20. Tickets will also be sold throughout the day at school on February 11 & 12 at Stewart Creek. The week of February 15-19, tickets will increase in price (to \$25), but can still be purchased at S.C.E. Additional tickets are available at the door the night of GUMBO YA YA for \$25. You are guaranteed to have fun, enjoy a great dinner buffet (that includes chicken, sausage, and gumbo), a cash bar, a raffle, and silent & live auctions, a DJ playing your favorite tunes, and a dance floor for a little dancing, too.

5. **Can I sponsor a table and get reserved seating?** You may want to get a group together and share a table. A limited number of reserved tables are available if you want to be a table sponsor. Each reserved table will be specially designated with the table sponsor's name and also recognized in our auction catalog. These tables are great for getting a front row seat to our live auction and dance floor. Also, you are guaranteed ten seats together. These reserved tables are first come, first serve so you will want to reserve your table early. Reserved tables are \$500 and include tickets for 10 people and a "swag bag" of party favors to take home for our sponsored guests.

6. **What kinds of items will be in the auctions?** In previous years, auction items received anywhere from \$15 to over \$1,000. There is something for everyone. There will be Class Projects & Class Baskets, Fun with the Faculty Outings, and VIP Privileges at SCE up for bid - not to mention party packages, nights out on the town, gift certificates, and tickets to the Houston Rodeo.

7. **Do I have to bid on items if I attend GUMBO YA YA?** No, this is a fun night out with other parents, friends, and teachers! It is also a great opportunity to welcome those who are new to the community. You may find just the right item to bid on in our silent auction or want to watch our auctioneer get the bidding going in our live auction. Did we mention our raffle? Purchase raffle tickets the night of the event, cross your fingers, and go home with great prizes. Play our bead game - maybe you'll go home with cash in your pocket. Just come and enjoy the fun!

8. **How is the money that is raised going to be spent?** The goal of this big event is to raise funds for our library, purchase additional tools for learning, and provide special performing groups and student events to be held on our campus. Come help us reach our goal.

9. **What is the schedule the night of GUMBO YA YA?**

5:00 p.m.	Doors open at Bluebonnet Event Center at the KOA
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Silent Auction and Dinner Buffet
7:00 p.m.	Bead Game
7:30 p.m.	Live Auction
9:00p.m. - 12:00a.m.	Music, Dancing, & Auction Checkout

10. **How can I help?** Support the evening by attending. Become a Friend of Stewart Creek by making cash donations or underwriting specific costs for the evening. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Help out with your child's class project and basket. Buy an ad to represent your business in the GUMBO YA YA auction catalog - everyone who attends receives a catalog. Provide an item or service for the auction. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to attend and help us make this event a huge success. Help setup, work check-in or check-out, sell tickets... Please visit our website at www.scepto.com or email scepto2009@yahoo.com to ask questions or offer your assistance in any way.