DENIM & Diamonds

What is Denim and Diamonds?

Denim and Diamonds is DeWitt Elementary PTA's largest annual fundraiser to support our DeWitt Elementary Schools. At it's core, it's a social event that brings together parents, teachers, community members and businesses for the kids.

When is it?

November 11th from 6:30-11:30pm at the Banquet and Conference Center of DeWitt. You can find more event details HERE

How much are tickets?

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Purchase Tickets Here

What do the tickets include?

Your ticket grants you entry to the event and a bidder number. Once inside, you can enjoy entertainment and appetizers while using your bidder number throughout the auction.

Is there a dress code?

No! You can dress down (denim!) or dress up (diamonds!) – whatever you're most comfortable in. Most people where jeans with a nice sweater or shirt.

Are food and drinks included? Should I eat dinner before I come?

A full dinner is not provided, but there will be appetizers from Saddleback BBQ along with a cash bar. A lot of people choose to go out to dinner before the event to extend the evening out.

Who can attend this event?

Any adult community member is welcome at this event. You don't need to have a child attending the schools or be a PTA member. This is a fun social event and is a great place for early holiday shopping. Grab a friend, parent, date, etc. and join us for the fun!

Should I bring my kids?

This is an adult only event.

Where does the money go?

All of the proceeds for this event go back into our schools. Money raised provides for field trip funding, new equipment, school supplies, building allocations (specific requests from each elementary building to address current needs), and funding teacher grants.

What types of auctions will there be?

- <u>Live Auction</u> Big ticket items will be auctioned off during the event. Never been to an auction?
 No worries! You just raise your hand to bid, it's that simple!
- <u>Silent Auction</u> Classroom baskets, donations, teacher and coach experiences will all be auctioned off via a silent auction during the event. Everyone will receive a bidder number that they can write on any items they wish to win. Be prepared for last minute steals from your neighbors!
- <u>Lucky Diamond</u> A unique Diamond creation will be wrapped up in a box alongside other empty boxes and if you open the box with the diamond in it you win! There is only 1 winner. Lucky Diamond tickets are limited to 75 tickets, so the odds are definitely in your favor. You can purchase a Lucky Diamond ticket at the door for \$50.
- <u>Pick of the Auction</u> For \$25, you are entered into a raffle. If your number is pulled, you get to pick from ANY of the donated silent auction items (sports memorabilia excluded). This ticket is drawn towards the beginning of the evening so you truly have your pick of the lot.
- <u>Heads or Tails</u> This event takes place on the dance floor. Everyone picks a side heads or tails. Then we flip a coin and if you are correct, you get to pick again. Last person standing wins a \$200 Amazon gift card! Tickets for this event are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.
- <u>50/50</u> Purchase any number of \$2 tickets you would like and have a shot at 50% of the earnings from the raffle, it's that simple!

What can I bid on?

- Classroom Baskets Baskets with various themes and prizes organized by each classroom.
- Teacher Experiences Teachers donate their time to spend with a student doing something fun outside of school hours.
- Coach Experiences Coaches donate their time to offer the opportunity to experience their sport.
- Sports memorabilia Many amazing items from autographed pictures, helmets, footballs and more from Detroit Teams, MSU, U of M, and more!
- Donations Many other donations will be available throughout the night!

Do I need to show up right at 6:30? What will I miss if I'm late?

You do not need to show up at 6:30, but a lot of the fun starts early. Upon arrival, you will be given a program with a schedule for the night's events. The Pick of the Auction raffle will be at 7:30pm and silent auction tables close at various times throughout the night. The live auction starts at around 9:00pm.

Do I need to be present to win?

All raffles are conducted as in-house raffles so the winner must be present at the time of the drawing to win.

How do I pay for the items that I win? Can I use Venmo?

Bring your checkbook, cash or credit card. We don't accept Venmo at this event.

Do I get to take home my winning items that night?

Yes! Once you check out at the end of the night, you collect your winnings and enjoy immediately.

I want to help! Can I volunteer at the event?

Absolutely! This is a large event that needs a lot of volunteers to be successful. Please sign up here to volunteer.

If I volunteer, can I still enjoy the event?

Yes! You can participate in the bidding before or after your shift.

This sounds amazing! Can I join the PTA?

We'd be happy to have you! Join here today!

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the DeWitt Elementary PTA via email: info@ptadewitt.org