

What is Denim and Diamonds?

Denim and Diamonds is the DeWitt Elementary PTA's largest annual charity event and auction. This exciting fundraiser brings the community together to support our schools by raising money for classroom grants, teacher initiatives, student programs, and more. The event features an in-person auction, fun games, raffles, and exclusive experiences, along with online bidding options for those who can't attend in person. It's a fantastic night of entertainment and giving back, all in support of the students and staff at our DeWitt Elementary Schools.

When is it?

November 9th 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.

What do the tickets include?

Your ticket grants you entry to the event. Once inside, you can enjoy drinks, appetizers, raffles and entertainment.

Is there a dress code?

No! You can dress down (denim!) or dress up (diamonds!) – whatever you're most comfortable in. Most people wear 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 in the community is welcome to join! You don't need to have a child in the schools or be a PTA member to participate. It's a fun, social event and a great opportunity to kickstart your holiday shopping. Bring a friend, family member, or a date, and come enjoy a night of fun and support for our schools!

Should I bring my kids?

This event is for adults 21 and over.

Where does the money go?

All proceeds from Denim and Diamonds directly benefit DeWitt Elementary schools. The funds support classroom grants, educational programs, teacher initiatives, student activities, and various PTA events throughout the year. Your contributions help enhance the learning environment and provide additional resources that make a big difference for students and staff alike.

What types of auctions will there be?

- **Silent Auction (Online and In-Person):** The silent auction, featuring classroom baskets, donated items, and unique teacher and coach experiences, will be available online for bidding a week before the event. All bidding is managed online so be sure to charge your phone before showing up to the event! You can place your bids ahead of time or during the event. Just keep an eye out for some last-minute competition!
- **Live Auction:** Bid on big-ticket items during the event. Never been to an auction? It's easy—just raise your hand to place a bid!
- **Lucky Diamond:** Buy one of 75 tickets for a chance to win a special diamond prize. One lucky winner will find the diamond hidden in a wrapped box. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 and can be purchased at the event.
- **Pick of the Auction:** For \$25, enter a raffle for the chance to pick *any* silent auction item (except sports memorabilia and teacher/staff/coach experiences). The winner is drawn early in the evening, so you get first choice!
- **Heads or Tails:** A fun, interactive game on the dance floor. Choose heads or tails, and we'll flip a coin. The last person standing wins a \$200 Amazon gift card! Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.
- **50/50 Raffle:** Buy \$2 tickets for a chance to win 50% of the raffle pot—simple and exciting!

What can I bid on?

- **Classroom Baskets** – Themed baskets filled with fun prizes, organized by each classroom.
- **Teacher and Staff Experiences** – Teachers and staff donate their time for special activities with a student outside of school hours - creating memorable experiences.
- **Coach Experiences** – Coaches offer unique opportunities to experience their sport, providing time and expertise in a fun setting.
- **Sports Memorabilia** – Bid on amazing items like autographed pictures, helmets, footballs, and more, featuring Detroit teams, MSU, U of M, and other favorites!
- **Donations** – A variety of other donated items will be available throughout the night, offering something for everyone!

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 other time specific raffles will happen throughout the remainder of the event. The live auction starts at 9:15pm.

Do I need to be present to win?

For the **Silent Auction**, you don't need to be present to win—bidding is available online, so you can participate from anywhere. However, for the **Live Auction**, **Pick of the Auction**, and other in-person games like **Heads or Tails**, you must be at the event to participate and claim your prize.

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

When you join our online bidding platform, you will add your credit or debit card information to your account. When the bidding ends, your card will be automatically charged for any items you've won. We will accept credit, debit and cash for drink and raffle tickets at the event. We do not accept Venmo at this event.

How do I pick up my items?

If you wish to pick up your items at the event, you can do so after the bidding ends at 10 pm.

If you are bidding online or need to leave early, you can arrange to pick up your items between 9 AM and 5 PM on Sunday, November 10th. Please contact our Auction Chair, Kaela Humm, via text at 989-621-2353 to coordinate.

Important: If you do not pick up your items by 5 PM on Sunday, November 10th, we will offer them to the next highest bidder, and your payment will be considered a donation to the PTA.

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, during or after your shift.

This event sounds amazing! Can I join the PTA to help plan things like this in the future?

We'd love to have you! [Join here today!](#)

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