

# Oakridge Close UP is doing a SILENT AUCTION...

March 19 thru 22

## **What is a Silent Auction?**

A list of all the things (certificates and items and gift cards) donated by local businesses and community members are available for anybody to bid on. We will post the items online at *Wolf Lake World News* and *Oakridge for Education* on Wednesday March 19 and Thursday March 20. People will be able to bid online for the items. We will have lists of items available for bidding at the Oakridge Close Up Spaghetti Dinner in the high school cafeteria on Friday March 21. Individuals will just sign the appropriate sheet and note the amount of money they pledge to purchase the particular item. The bid sheet will also be available at intermission of the Oakridge drama - "Legally Blonde" on Friday March 21 and Saturday March 22. You may bid on anything or everything. And then anybody may up your bid. At the end of the day, whoever bids the most - gets the item.

## **How do I win a Silent Auction?**

You outbid the previous bid. And then you pay up at the end of the process. The bidding begins on March 19 and ends on March 24. If you bid the most we give you a call and you get the item that you bid on. We will contact winners on Tuesday March 25.

## **Where do the donations go?**

It all goes to a great cause. From May 3 to May 9, Mr. Wood and ten Oakridge students will be traveling to Washington D.C. to participate in Close Up. The Close Up Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit nonpartisan citizenship education organization. Students from all fifty states, and all over the world, participate each year. So, in addition to exposure to inner workings of the government and the exploration of new and exciting places Oakridge students live, work, and share with all sorts of young people. Many Close Up students have used the experience as a spring board to even greater things. All of what we raise - goes to Oakridge students headed for D.C. to change the world! Hopefully they can fix the government in the process.

# Shhhhhhhh.....

it's a silent auction

## **How do I donate to a silent auction?**

Close Up is a 501 C3 organization. All donations are tax deductible. On the backside of this flyer is all the info that you need for your tax deduction. As for the donation - just give the Oakridge student who is soliciting your help the item for auction. We promise to promote your business. Thanks for thinking of us....



# Corporate Donations to Close Up

## What exactly is Close-Up?

Well, it's a chance of a lifetime for high school students from all over the United States. Students will travel to Washington D.C. in the Spring and for one week they'll have the opportunity to experience the inner workings of our Federal government *FIRST HAND!*

While most visitors to the city just see Washington's monuments and museums, Close-Up participants get an inside look at the capital - with decision makers, policy experts, diplomats, journalists, and all the other people who make the city unique. Not only do students visit historical sites but they actually take part in interactive workshops, seminars and discussions that bring to life the democratic ideals that this country is based on.

In addition to experiencing Washington D.C. students meet kids from all over the globe. Young people from all fifty states as well as international students and students from the Department of Defense schools overseas take part in the two programs. Students live, eat, work, and interact together for the entire week. For some, friendships will last a lifetime.

## How is Close-Up funded?

The Washington D.C. trip costs about \$1300 annually. Students fund raise the entire cost! They sell cookie dough, and hold raffles, they save money, babysit, collect pop cans, do spaghetti dinners and sponsor raffles - they do it all!

### This is where you can help out!

Many businesses around the country help fund Close-Up. The cause is worthy. The rewards for American businesses are many...more knowledgeable and qualified young people make better students and consequently more effective employees. Any funding you provide us will be divided up among all the students attending. **Plus, Close-Up is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Close Up's Federal Tax ID# is 23-7122882.**

If you would like to help us out all donations are fully appreciated. Make sure that your address is included and we will see that you get a receipt, that your business is fully noted...and you'll probably get a post card or two from Washington D.C. Of course, you'll also have our most heartfelt thanks. Feel free to call me at Oakridge High School (616-402-8668) if you have questions. Or you may email me at [bobwoodmsu@gmail.com](mailto:bobwoodmsu@gmail.com).

Thank you. We truly appreciate the support.

Sincerely,

Bob Wood - OAKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSE-UP