

Aluminum Pan Promotion

	<p>¼ size Sheet Pan with Cover (Item 231130)</p>	<p>\$12.00</p>
	<p>½ size Sheet Pan with Cover (Item 231140)</p>	<p>\$12.00</p>
	<p>Cake Pan with Cover (Item 231160)</p>	<p>\$12.00</p>
	<p>Pie Pan with Cover (Item 231170)</p>	<p>\$12.00</p>
	<p>Sheet Cake Pan with Cover (Item 265526)</p>	<p>\$12.00</p>
	<p>Square Cake Pan with Cover (Item 265527)</p>	<p>\$12.00</p>
	<p>12 Muffin Baking Pan with Cover (Item 28436)</p>	<p>\$14.00</p>

Hi everyone,

Yes, Connected (the Grinnell Elementary and Middle Schools PTO) is having another fundraiser. Since we just finished collecting orders for a big fundraiser at Davis and the Grinnell Middle School, I felt I should explain this! Simply put, this is the only time of year we can get these great prices. Originally, the Nordicware Pan sale was available only to school district employees, but the word got around and the requests from friends of the employees got out of hand. Fortunately, the company allowed us to pass the deal on to you. That is all we are doing. You are under no obligation to buy pans or any of the knives and other kitchen utensils we have added to the sale this year. These are high quality products at very reasonable prices. They make great gifts. You decide if you want to take advantage of it.

The Nordicware Pans are VERY well made. In fact, the November 2016 issue of Cook's Illustrated magazine (They never accept advertising so they can remain unbiased) gave the Nordicware baking sheet their top recommendation over all the competitors they tested! These are professional grade pans built to last for years. Even better, they come with a dishwasher safe, plastic lid for carrying your baked goods to potlucks or reunions. When I found the pans in Iowa City seven years ago, I was very impressed with their quality. (Come to any of the elementary or middle school offices and see them for yourself.) The price, however, startled me. The very same Nordicware ½ sheet pan with lid cost \$32.04 with tax, yet I could buy it through Grinnell Schools for \$12! If you have a baker on your holiday shopping list, these pans will let you cross that name off your list at a very good price.

The knives are new for this year, but the Rada Company has been making them for decades. When I met my wife 21 years ago (gulp!), she had a few in her kitchen. They seemed pretty well made. I commented on them (as I was attempting to win her over with my culinary prowess.) She said she'd bought them from a student raising money for their group well before she met me. In the years since, those knives have been abused horribly: chopping vegetables, slicing meat, sharpening pencils, opening boxes, even prying the husks off fresh coconuts - you name it. The blades keep coming back for more. In spite of the manufacturer's warning to hand wash only, we regularly throw them in the dishwasher. (The handles are no longer shiny, but otherwise they're fine.) When I located the manufacturer, I assumed they would be as pricey as the cutlery you see in the kitchen stores, but it's not even close. Most of the blades are between \$5 and \$7. You get your money's worth. They last a long time!

That's the end of the sales pitch. The pans and knives will be delivered to the Davis School December 15th. Regardless of your decision, Connected will continue to pay for field trips, classroom parties, books for students, classroom supplies and evening events like Free Movie Night, Dance Night, Games Night, and Carnival. Thank you for supporting Connected PTO.

Charlie Clements
Treasurer Connected PTO

P.S. You should find two order forms (one for pans and one for everything else) and a knife catalog with this letter. If not, let the office know and they will get another set to you. **Please bring your order, including payment, to your school's office by November 28th, 2017.** Make checks out to "Connected PTO". **ALL** pans and knives will arrive at Davis School for you to pick up on December 15th. We will **NOT** be sending any knives home with students! An adult will need to come to Davis school to pick up the order! ----- Last minute addition: You can order the knives online at <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=858796.a75947>