

oodie bags stuffed with cool prizes, G creative crafts, fun games for all of the kids, and lots of yummy treats. For the past ten years, this has been Yvonne Sirisky's formula for hosting festive and memorable birthday celebrations for her three sons ages 10, 7 and 4. Her parties always have a theme, whether it's sports, a popular television show, or favorite kids' characters. Over the years, many friends and family members have complimented Sirisky for her creativity and enthusiasm in planning these parties for her children. In fact, this busy mom of three has received so much positive feedback that she recently felt compelled to start her own business. After some careful consideration, "Yvonne's Theme Parties—Specializing in Children's Parties and Bingo" was launched last spring.

"For years, people have told me that I should do this professionally," says Yvonne who simply prefers to be known by her first name. "Parents have approached me after a party and asked me if I was a professional party planner. Some parents actually told me that I missed my calling! After a few requests from parents to help plan and host parties for their own children, I made the decision to start my own business. Now that I have developed my own company, I am really enjoying it a lot. I was made for this business because I am generally a very bubbly person and I love to entertain. I am very passionate and excited about planning parties for children and seeing them happy and having a great time."

In today's busy and fast-paced society, Yvonne's business provides a service that comes in very handy for families who are always on the go. Very often parents have many creative ideas, but they simply do not have the time to gather the materials and shop for the necessary items in order to make the party successful. However, Yvonne's



business can take care of all that for today's frantic parents. Once the birthday child decides on a theme, "Yvonne's Theme Parties"

handles all of the details. Yvonne will prepare every aspect of your child's big day—from the invitations to the party favors. Then, she will set everything up at your house so the party can run smoothly. If you prefer, she can also facilitate the party and keep the kids entertained. Yvonne is happy to host the celebration, also. She finds that many parents ask her to stay and host because it takes a lot of pressure off of the parents.

"I can create any theme a child wants and I can also come and host the party," says Yvonne. "This way, the parents can actually enjoy the party with their child."

Diane Dietrich's children have attended a few of Yvonne's parties over the years. She says her parties are always a hit with the little ones.

"I went to her son's birthday party and it was just amazing," says Dietrich. "The party was so well-organized from the beginning to the end. There was always something going on for the kids, like a game or a craft. She had a "Handy Manny" party for her son and had construction tape all around the house. The kids decorated construction helmets for favors. There was never a dull moment at the party. She is such a fun, bright and bubbly person and always keeps the kids happy and having fun."

Michelle Crisalli and her children have also thoroughly enjoyed Yvonne's parties. They particularly had a great time at the pirate and cooking parties.

"The parties were great because the kids generate ideas and were going nonstop," says Crisalli. "At the pirate party, the kids were greeted with a craft and decorated a pirate hat. Then, they participated in a scavenger hunt. At the cooking party, the kids wore chef hats, started a recipe book, made pizza and then



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had a scavenger hunt. She will customize the scavenger hunt and the games to the theme of the party. For example, at the cooking party, the kids looked for a spatula in the scavenger hunt and they played pass the 'hot potato" for a game. It's obvious how much time and energy she puts into planning the parties."

In addition to children's theme parties, Yvonne can also plan a bingo party for a girls' night out. For example, a hostess agrees to have the party in her home and supply the food and drinks. Yvonne then brings the bingo game and all of the accessories. She also hosts the party and calls all of the numbers for your best girlfriends.

Dietrich asked Yvonne to host a bingo night party for her girlfriends and said it was a great way to relax and have a few laughs in the comfort of someone's home.

"They all said it was the best party they had ever been to and would love to do it again soon" says Dietrich.

Crisalli has also enjoyed a few laughs and giggles with her girlfriends at this unique girls' night out.

"She also hosted a bingo party which was fabulous," says Crisalli. "For working moms to have a night out, it was definitely a lot of fun. She brought the bingo cards and was in charge of the whole party."

If you would like Yvonne to plan and/or host your child's next birthday party, please visit her website at yvonnesthemeparties.com. Even if you're not sure of what type of theme your child would be interested in, there are plenty of pictures to browse through to generate ideas and customize a party that will be appropriate and fun for your individual child. Yvonne also participates in local events throughout the area, so visit the website for more information about where you might see her creativity and bubbly personality near you.