

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Cordley Demographics: 301 are currently enrolled, expecting a couple of more
152 Females, 149 Males. 15 Languages are represented, 73 ELL students - 24% of those enrolled
128 Free & Reduced Lunch - 42% of those enrolled.

Mr. Cinnamon gives thanks to the PTA and Volunteers that helped with Farm to School. "It was an excellent event, well organized, and a great lunch. Nothing but positive comments have been reported. The Gift bags were a nice touch." Jackie Stafford mentioned the farmers were excited to give the gift bags and the 3rd grade classrooms wrote thank you notes to those involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$348.31 has been spent on Farm to School so far.

Clubs have collected \$2,470 and spent \$1,178. Expenditures for Clubs include payment of teachers at the end of 9 week sessions. The main teacher receives more and the assistant teacher less. Money is also spent on club supplies.

\$537 more has been collected from the Silent Auction that was held at the Carnival which gives a total of \$3,270 earned from Carnival.

Aline has created receipts for PTA donations, Sharon will call the Kansas PTA to check to see if donations are tax deductible.

EQUAL EXCHANGE FUND RAISER

\$5,337 collected so far, \$50 still outstanding. \$3,300 goes to Equal Exchange for purchases - \$1,900-\$2,000 total money for the Fund raiser. Which is not as much earned by Reader's Digest Fund raiser. Perhaps different economy is a contributing factor. Ultimately, attendees feel better about Equal Exchange Fund raiser than Reader's Digest. Which brings up the question: How much do we actually need to Fund raise, and what are we raising funds for?***

Parties went to 3 classes this year - because one class (Ms. Sudbeck) won both prizes, that being most \$ amount sold and highest % of sales. Hyde's class won for % sold and Hammerschmidt for \$ amount.

Parties will be held Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving break. Teachers will pick the time of the parties. Graham crackers could be served with chocolate, Jackie Stafford offered to bring Milk for Hammerschmidts class. Linda also asked for PTA funds to help cover costs of extra chocolate needed for the parties since the Equal Exchange program had changed and we did not get as much free chocolate this year. She will purchase at the Merc and PTA will reimburse. Winning classes will be announced in the newsletter and a note that Linda Hoopes is looking for volunteers to help with the parties. Sharon will also put out a call to action on the volunteer email list.

Linda also asked for volunteers to help pack up purchases. Volunteers will gather 2:00 on Sunday, Nov. 6 downstairs basement of Cordley. Sharon will send out a call to action on the volunteer email list.



CLUBS

FBI background check is complete and all is good.

ROOM PARENTS

Every classroom now has a room parent.

TEACHER MEALS

A volunteer sign up sheet has been sent through Google docs. Volunteers are needed to bring food to the teachers Wed night dinner and Thursday lunch and dinner.

HOLIDAY FAMILIES

Denise Parker-Timms is heading up this committee (denise_n_dan@yahoo.com) and Lora Jost (lorajost@hotmail.com) is the assistant. Important dates regarding the Holiday Families program include:

- Nov. 9 - Information goes out to the school community via PTA and school newsletters.
- Nov. 29 - Recipient forms are due back
- Dec. 7 - Reminder information about the program goes out to the school community for those that can contribute
- Dec. 14 - Gifts are due at the school office (Denise and Lora will arrange a space for gifts in the basement, and will organize gifts as they come in by family).
- Dec. 14 and 16 (tentative dates) Volunteers will translate codes attached to gifts into name tags for the gifts (Volunteers are still needed).
- Dec. 17 - Deliver gifts (Sat. morning) Recipients will be contacted beforehand to make sure they are home.

NOTE - If anyone knows any business people who might be interested in donating gifts or gift certificates for the program, please pursue those contacts and also let Denise or Lora know (so duplicate soliciting is avoided)

350 flyers (some need to be in Spanish) will be printed at Proprint and then stuffed into wed. folders. It is communicated on the flyer that big ticket items (wii, xbox) are not usually purchased. Flyer will read, "put size if clothing is desired" Lora Jost would like an announcement on Facebook. Aline will adopt administrator duties from Tara Nelson.

Checker's Gift Cards: \$50/family. \$1,200 of PTA funds has been set aside for the holiday family project. A small expense for incidentals (gift wrapping paper) is approved. There may be some wrapping paper in the basement, Lora will check. 33 Families were given Carnival wrist bands - so if 33 Families need assistance we may not have enough set aside. (33x50=\$1650) We could offer less to each individual family or could send out requests for assistance from Rotary Club or "100 Helping Hawks". If people would like to donate a checker's card they can write a check to the Cordley PTA and put "holiday family checker's donation" in the memo. Snowflakes could be put on the bulletin board for Checker's cards as well.



10 Cordley Students live at the shelter, 6 Families. Can we do something for the homeless shelter? The shelter currently needs Baby Formula and Baby Clothes. One baby has reflux and needs Nutramegin brand formula by Enfamil.

Mr. Cinnamon mentioned the Martin Luther King Service Project. It is a drive to gather non-food items like soap, toothpaste, Laundry Detergent. These items are given to the shelter, but we keep some at Cordley so that we can directly help out Cordley Families in need that live at the shelter. Families can get the items through Ms. Bolton.

Also we can use "100 Helping Hawks" to fill requests for shelter needs. Sharon set up "100 Helping Hawks", it is an email list of Cordley parents that have requested to be placed on the list. An email will be sent out with request for an item and the donation can be given to Ms. Bolton.

****FUNDRAISING**

Sharon Ashworth: Does the PTA raise enough funds with the fund raisers it has? Do we need to add more, do we need more? Requests for assistance keep coming in - want to make sure we have enough for what we need. We don't want to overwhelm people with more fund raisers.

Perhaps we need to set priorities of where money goes because of the increasing amount of requests that we have. It should be better advertised what PTA funds go towards.

PTA provides 2 official fund raisers: Carnival and Equal Exchange. The carnival feeds the Teacher Wish List. No money was left over from last year. All the money was used to purchase those items on the lists. Some teacher's put many items, some none. Perhaps there is a better system for teacher requests. Are teachers comfortable asking for big ticket items?

PTA provides 5 community events: Pancake Feed, Barn Dance, etc.

Laura Diaz Moore noted that we need a goal to put money towards. Everyone agreed it is difficult to put our minds toward a big goal if we don't know if our school will be around in the future.

Perhaps divide the money from fund raising in two budgets? One for education, one for non-education related expenses. Last months meeting we added a line item in the budget for non-education expenses, there needs to be a cap on it.

Education related expenses. The teacher wish list effects every kid in the school. PTA also contributes to the Transportation Budget. Perhaps more money could be put into the transportation budget for more field trips.

As far as the budget we were planning on using \$1000 of the cushion amount. We are now using \$900. We have not really over extended ourselves by helping with non-education expenses.



Mr. Cinnamon noted a bid of \$5,200 would cover the sound dampening on the back wall of the gymnasium. This would reduce the air conditioner noise in the gymnasium. He is talking with the school district in regards to this.

Shana Good mentioned more equipment for Mr. Marshall for safety reasons. Other education items that the PTA could cover: School assemblies, Science Night, Math/Reading Night

Does the PTA create additional Community Events, or take some of the other events away? We will discuss at next months meeting. As well as look at the idea of writing grants and getting money for educational support for next year. Grants include, but not limited to: Academic/Enrichment, Health/Wellness, Exercise Club.

How about involvement in the Douglas County Science Fair? Or a Cordley Science Fair that could be connected to Stone Soup?

Students from KU could help with evening activities.

Mr. Heath plans to create a Science and Math Club that will be held after school on Fridays for 4th and 5th grades.

Prairie Park and Pajamas in the evening.

Keep the Parent Reading time connected to Pancake Feed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY MEETING

Discuss how much \$5,000 cushion to preserve. This will help us decide if we need to scale back our budget, add or change fund raisers. Decide on writing grants for education purposes, refinancing our budget or maximizing our fund raisers. Come up with a % for the teacher wish list, and the transportation budget.

DINE AND DONATE

We are foolish if we do not collect for use Dine and Donate. Possible restaurants include:

Locally owned Wheatstate Pizza.

Chipotle gives a great % back.

Bambinos

Could we do a summer breakfast date at Global Café?

We should set it up so it happens on a regular basis - like Rudy's every wed. is 1/2 price pizza.