

# SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

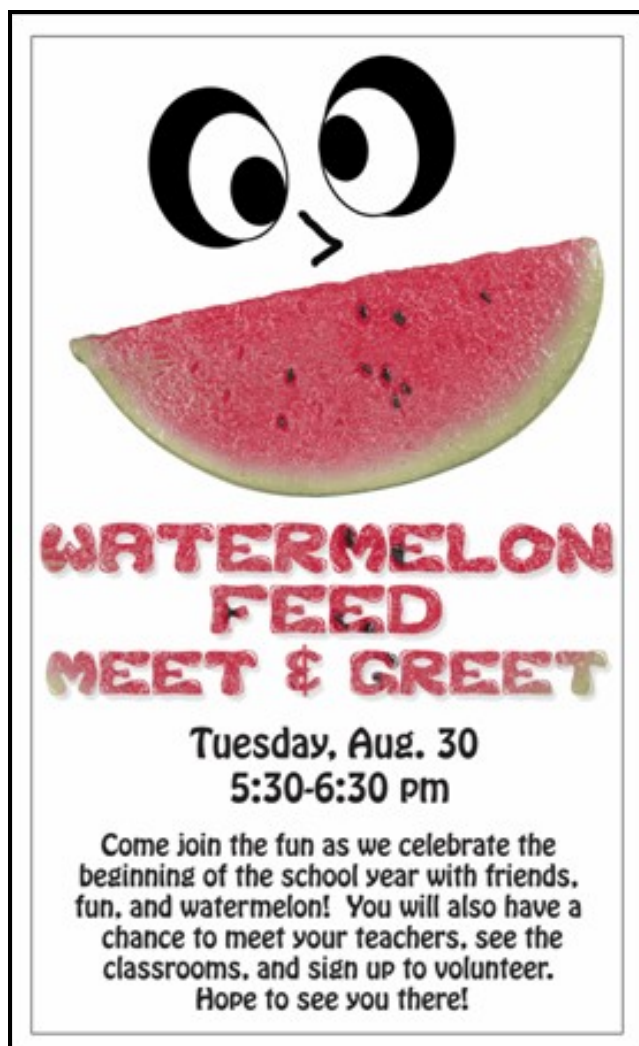
August 2011  
Cordley Elementary PTA

## Cordley Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

At Cordley, the PTA's main functions are to host and sponsor social activities like the watermelon feed, ice cream social, and family potluck; raise monies for student field trips and teacher wish lists; and volunteer throughout the school as room parents, as clerical help, and as just about anything to help make Cordley the great school that it is. By joining the PTA you support these activities.

There are so many ways you can participate in your child's school activities. Have just an hour to spare – help set up the book fair, pull weeds in the garden, or pour syrup at the pancake feed. Have a bit more time – join a committee and help organize a social event, volunteer at the carnival, or help organize the farm to school event. Whether you have just an hour to contribute or are willing to work on a committee, we'd love to have you involved.

You do not have to join the PTA to volunteer and you do not have to volunteer if you do join the PTA. Just joining the PTA for \$3.50 will help support all that we do if you do not have time to give.



## Visit the New PTA Website and Stay In Tune

The PTA now has a website! Visit <http://cordleypta.weebly.com/> where you can find the calendar of events for the whole year; a month by month calendar for PTA events as well as Site Council meetings, School Board meetings, no school days, and other such happenings; a continually updated listing of one-time volunteer needs; a listing of standing committees and contact information; and the PTA newsletters. By clicking on the 'more' button you can connect with the Cordley Volunteer for the Day program, read the PTA meeting agendas and minutes, and learn about the Cordley after-school clubs. Special announcements and reminders will be posted on the home page.

## Help Spruce Up Cordley's Gardens

The Cordley garden and grounds clean-up day is fast approaching on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00 to 4:00, and we could really use your help. The butterfly garden next to the front entrance is really looking nice, and we'd like to spruce up the rest of the Vermont Street school wall. We'd also like to clear garden space for the Kindergarteners' seeds and the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' milkweed plants in a sunny spot on the 19<sup>th</sup> Street side of the school. Here's what we need volunteers to do with whatever time you can spare:

- 1) weed gardens, 2) donate new plants or plants from your garden, 3) plant donated plants, 4) donate bags of mulch, 5) prep playground garden.



If you can donate a plant (or a bag of mulch), just drop it by and plopp the plant or bag of mulch in a space along the east wall during the week before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Plants from your own gardens are most welcome!

## Open House and Watermelon Feed

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>,

5:30 – 6:30

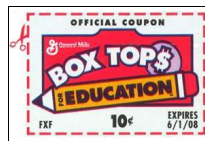


Come meet the teachers and staff of Cordley, mingle with other parents and kids over watermelon, and see what your PTA is up to this coming year.

The PTA will have a table set up

with information on all the committees and sign-up sheets for activities throughout the year. PTA membership is not necessary to volunteer for a committee, but we will have membership forms available. As a PTA member you can elect to receive email announcements and email notification of volunteer needs or check the box that you would rather not be contacted.

Did you collect box tops and Campbell soup labels over the summer? Don't forget to bring them to school and drop in the Campbell Soup can near the main entrance.



Thanks to Jackie Stafford, Cindi Hauptli, Laura Diaz-Moore, and Sharon Ashworth for keeping the Cordley gardens alive through the brutal summer we had.

## Mark Your Calendar: Important Dates

- August 30:** Watermelon Feed and Cordley Meet & Greet, 5:30 –6:30 PM
- Sept. 7:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Sept. 11:** Gardens & Grounds Work Day, 1:00—4:00 PM
- Sept. 23:** Cordley Carnival
- October 5:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 3-21:** Equal Exchange Fundraiser
- October 31:** Halloween Class Parties
- Nov. 2:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Nov. 9, 10:** Staff Meals for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 7:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- December:** Holiday Families Program
- Dec. 22:** Winter Class Parties



Monarch Watch is having its annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> on KU's West Campus. They always have butterfly plants to sell. If you are able, purchasing a butterfly plant from Monarch Watch and donating it to the Cordley gardens is a great way to support two great causes.