



# SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

August 2012  
Cordley Elementary PTA



**WATERMELON  
FEED  
MEET & GREET**

**Thursday, Aug. 23**  
**Watermelon Feed: 5:30-6:30 pm**  
**Meet and Greet: 6:00-7:00 pm**

Come join the fun as we celebrate the beginning of the school year with friends, fun, and watermelon! You will also have a chance to meet your teachers, see the classrooms, and sign up to volunteer. Hope to see you there!

## 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 funds** for student field trips and teacher wish lists;
- **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:

- 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.

## Join us for a PTA Meeting

Meetings start at 7 pm. **Childcare provided.**

Sept. 11	Oct. 9	Nov. 13
Dec. 11	Jan. 8	Feb. 5
March 12	April 19	May 14

## 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 with information about the committees as well as 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.

**Helpful Hint:** Parent-teacher conferences will take place in November. Sign-up sheets for conferences will be available at the *Open House and Watermelon Feed*. Bring your calendar and schedule your conference.

## Mark Your Calendar: Important Dates

- August 23:** Watermelon Feed and Cordley Meet & Greet, 5:30 –6:30 PM
- Sept. 11:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Sept. 16:** Gardens & Grounds Work Day, 1:00—4:00 PM (rain date, September 23)
- Sept. 28:** Cordley Carnival
- October 9:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 3-21:** Equal Exchange Fundraiser
- October 18:** Fall Class Parties
- Nov. 7, 8:** Staff Meals for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 13:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 11:** PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
- December:** Holiday Families Program

## Keep Our Gardens Looking Good



Thanks to Todd Shryock, the Diaz Moore Family (Laura, Keith, Zoe, and Oliver), and Mike Houts for sprucing up the front garden beds before the start of school. Our next **garden work day** will be September 16, 1:00-4:00 pm. Bring rakes, shovels, garden tools and your energy. Children are welcome and yard waste bags are always appreciated.



**Monarch Watch** will have its annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm 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.

## An Easy Way to Help Your School

At Cordley, we collect Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels for Education, HyVee grocery receipts, and Checkers grocery receipts. Please consider saving these things if you have them--or even have family and friends save for you. Send them with your child to school or drop them in the Campbell Soup can in the front foyer. They help our school buy supplies.



**PTA website:**

<http://cordleypta.weebly.com/>