



SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

February 2012
Cordley Elementary PTA

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, February 8

Cordley Night at KU Women's basketball game, 7:00 pm, Allen Fieldhouse

Monday, February 13

Book Fair — Kids and families can preview the book fair in the morning. Open for sales after school in the library.

Tuesday, February 14

Book Fair—open to purchase books in the library

Class Parties

Wednesday, February 15

Book Fair—open to purchase books in the library.

Staff meals in teacher work room by 4:00 pm

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Family Potluck and Barn Dance — 5:30-7:00 PM in the gym

Thursday, February 16

No School for Students

Book Fair—open to purchase books in the library during parent-teacher conferences

Staff meals in teacher workroom by 11:00 am

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 17

Cordley Closed — **No school for staff or students**

Family Potluck and Barn Dance

Please plan to attend the Cordley Family Potluck and Barn Dance on Thursday, February 16th. Bring a covered dish to share.

- 5:30 — Dinner starts.
- 6:00 — **Fiesta Folklorica** performs. Under the direction of LaShane Starr, the group will perform Mexican folkloric dance. Dancers include Cordley students Mariela Martinez, Zuzu Melchor, and Carlos Mendoza.
- Following the Spanish Dancers — The band **The Prairie Acre** will perform and Jill Allen will call the dancing.



Introducing Cordley Marathon Club

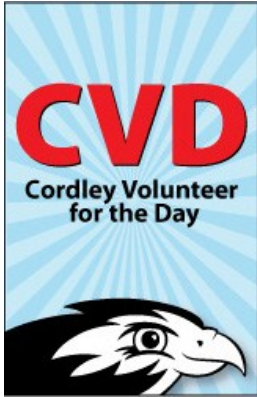


The goal of Marathon Club is to provide a sustainable fitness opportunity for Cordley students and their families. It encourages kids to challenge themselves to complete the goal of walking or running a mile or more two times per week throughout the school year until they achieve a full marathon distance of 26.2 miles. Marathon Club will be held on the north playground on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8 to 8:30 am. After students complete a full marathon, they will earn a Marathon Club t-shirt, have their name read with the morning announcements, and get their picture posted on a wall inside the school building. More details will be coming soon!

Lend a Hand at the Book Fair—Volunteers Still Needed! Contact michelayn@sunflower.com.

Classroom Volunteers Needed in April

Can you give a day to help out? If so, read on!



Each spring 3rd through 5th grade students take state assessments. During this time, the resource teachers and paraprofessionals are pulled from their regular class schedules to help administer state assessments to students. This is difficult for the students and classrooms that rely on these teachers and paraprofessionals.

Our goal is to provide volunteers on these days to fulfill some of the duties normally done by special education teachers and paraprofessionals. If you agree to help, you may work with a small group of students, an individual student or simply provide an extra set of hands in a classroom.

Volunteers will get an orientation prior to their volunteer day. On the day you volunteer, you will check in at 8:45 am, get a CVD (Cordley Volunteer of the Day) badge, and follow a schedule, helping in different classrooms throughout the day. We cannot guarantee that you will be in your child's classroom, but you WILL get to eat lunch with your student!

Volunteers are needed on the following dates: April 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 26 (kindergarten roundup). Let's try to fill all 12 days! And ideally, the staff would like to have 2 people each day! If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please contact Becky O'Keefe at bokeefe@usd497.org.

This is a great way to help our Cordley staff and students!

Feed the Cordley Staff



During parent-teacher conferences, it is difficult for Cordley staff to find time to eat dinner. PTA provides a meal on both evenings of conferences. If you are interested in helping provide part of a meal for February 15 or 16, please contact

AleePhillip aleephillips@hotmail.com.

Wanted: PTA Officers

We need officers for next year — Nominate yourself or a willing friend for any of the PTA officer positions. PTA officer positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer.

Send nominations to:

sharon.ashworth@sbscglobal.net.



New Committees Forming

At last Wednesday's meeting, the PTA voted to sponsor a spring **reading night** and a **geography night** next fall. We are looking for volunteers to help organize both activity nights. The reading night could include book talks from the public library's children librarian, a book swap and "make and take" reading activities. The geography night could include a giant map, geography games and trivia, and international information booths. The possibilities are endless! If you are interested in helping organize either night, please contact sharon.ashworth@sbscglobal.net.



Rock Chalk
Jayhawk,
Rock Chalk
Cordley

Join us Wednesday, February 8, 2012 for Cordley's night at the KU women's basketball game. The lady Jayhawks play Texas. Tip off is at 7:00 pm. We need lots of folks to show up. Don't forget to bring your child's **Schools for Success** card. With it, your child gets in free and adult tickets are only \$3 each. Feb. 8th KU Give Away: Jayhawk Vanity Plate.