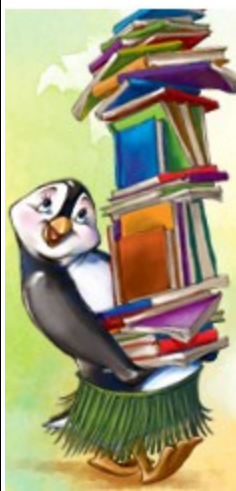




SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

January 2012
Cordley Elementary PTA

Book Fair –Hawaiian Style



Our annual book fair is quickly approaching. This year's theme is **Book Fair Luau** — **It's a Reading Celebration!** Consider lending a hand to make this year's fair another huge success. Last year all profits were used to purchase books requested by Cordley teachers. We need volunteers to help with the following:

- Set up—February 10
- Artwork and/or decorating
- Advertising
- Sales (while the book fair is open)
- Other “fun jobs”

The book fair will be open before and after school on, during the Family Potluck and Barn Dance and during parent-teacher conferences. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michelayn Agnew michelayn@sunflower.com. Also, look for a sign-up sheet on the PTA bulletin board outside the Cordley office.

Book Fair Dates—February 13-16

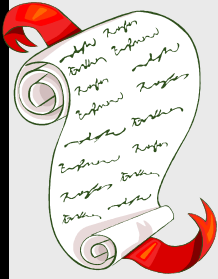
Kick up your Heels and Join us for the Family Potluck



This year's potluck will be Thursday, February 16th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Bring a covered dish to share with other families. Last year, people brought food that was part of a family tradition or custom. We encourage you to do the same this year! Dinner starts at 5:30 pm, followed by dancing to the sounds of The Prairie Acre from 6:00-7:00 pm. The band is comprised of current and former Cordley parents--Noah and Virginia Musser, Greg Yother and Tricia Spencer. Jill Allen, former Cordley parent, has agreed to "call" the dancing again this year. So, plan to do a little dancing!!



Holiday Wishes Do Come True



Once again, the Cordley community of parents, staff, and friends provided generous and caring gifts to our families in need this season. 98 individuals in 20 families had special gift wishes fulfilled this year, and the PTA provided Checkers and Dillons gift cards for holiday meals for each one. In addition to appreciating the help of Amy Spurlock, Sandra Drake, The Crimson Cadre and you, we also wish to thank the Rotary Club for their significant contribution to our program this year. The Holiday Families Committee helped to pull it all together, including: Mike & Jeannie Houts, Donis Sawyer, Jessica Berryhill, Lisa Wolf-Wendel, Nancy Perkins, Megan Greene, Christy Kelley, Paige Comparato, Kelly Jones, Kathi Masten, Linda Hoopes, and co-coordinators, Lora Jost and Denise Parker-Timms. The bond of community we all share is now even stronger.

Save Your Receipts



Do you shop at Checkers or Hy-Vee? Receipts from these stores can help Cordley earn funds and materials for the classroom. All you have to do is keep your receipts, bring them to Cordley and put in the Campbell soup can in the front foyer--OR send them with your child. Last year, Cordley was able to purchase a megaphone and a manipulative kit for volume as a result of YOU saving Checkers receipts. HyVee sent us a check as a result of YOU saving HyVee receipts! This is an EASY way to get things for our school. And the best part is, it doesn't cost you anything! If you are already shopping at one of these stores, just take the extra steps of saving the receipt and getting it to the school!



Rock Chalk Cordley with Kansas Women's Basketball



Attend the KU women's basketball games and help Cordley compete for money. With the game pass you received in the mail, the kids are free and family and friends are just \$3 each. If you did not receive your child's game pass in the mail, stop by the Cordley office and pick one up. First prize for the school with the most attendees at the end of the season is \$2500! **We even have a dedicated game for Cordley on February 8th at 7:00 pm.** Watch the Lady Jayhawks as they face off against Texas. Mark your calendars; we need as many Cordley folks at this game as possible. Please come and show the Jayhawks our Cordley spirit! Game schedule: 1/21, 1/25, 1/31, 2/8 at 7:00 pm, 2/18 at 1:00pm, 2/24 at 6:30pm, and 2/29 at 7:00 pm.

Ideas for New PTA Initiatives Sought

At the January 4th PTA meeting, we discussed new initiatives for PTA to pursue. We would like to promote an academic achievement event and tossed around ideas like a family reading night or challenge, a science night, and a summer reading or summer activity kick-off event. We need your ideas! Can you think of a history or geography challenge? Do you have ideas from when you were a kid or things that schools elsewhere have done? We are looking for an event that relies on the PTA rather than the teachers and staff (although participation by everyone is certainly welcome). The PTA has funds for prizes, incentives, and supplies. The goal is to vote on submitted ideas at our February 1st PTA meeting. If you have ideas, just send Sharon Ashworth an email (sharon.ashworth@sbcglobal.net) or call 865-2491.



Helping Hawks Needed

In November, PTA launched an initiative to support Cordley students as needs arise. If you are willing to add your name to an anonymous list of Helping Hawks, please contact Jessica Beeson at eliasbeeson@hotmail.com or 785-691-9978. Periodically, you will receive a request from our school counselor, Ms. Bolton. Requests from Ms. Bolton go out to the anonymous list of donors. No requests for cash are made. Once someone has agreed to fulfill the need, the rest of the list of donors is notified. Families receiving the donation will also remain anonymous. So far, requests have been for items such as new socks and underwear. For more details about this program, see the November newsletter.