



SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

January 2013
Cordley Elementary PTA

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18** — Class parties to celebrate the Water.org Service Project
- Jan. 23** — Cordley Night @ KU Women's Basketball Game, 7pm
- Feb. 5** — PTA Meeting, 7pm
- Feb. 11-14** — Book Fair
- Feb. 12** — Family Potluck and Barn Dance
- Feb. 13 & 14** — Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 13 & 14** — Staff Meals, contact *Alee Phillips* if you can help aleephillips@hotmail.com
- End of Feb.** — Marathon Club Returns (once the weather warms up)
- Feb 27** — Bond Information Session, 7pm. Come learn how the bond will benefit Cordley.
- March 15** — Pancake Feed


Cordley — A Caring Community

A big thank you to the Cordley community of parents, staff, and friends who provided generous and thoughtful gifts to our families in need this season. 85 individuals in 20 families had gift wishes fulfilled this year, and the Rotary Club provided Checkers and Dillons gift cards for food for each family. The Rotary Club also provided several gift cards to help with gift requests.

As always, we are grateful to the Rotary Club for their wonderful support of our program. In addition, we wish to thank Amy Spurlock and Sandra Drake for their consistent and significant support of Holiday Families. Additional help was provided by Capital City Bank, the Lied Center, Southwind Movie Theatre, and Walmart.

The Holiday Families Committee helped to organize and deliver gifts this year and includes: Anne Hyde, Brandy Ernzen, Linda Hoopes, Lisa Wolf-Wendel, Pam MacDonald, Kelly Jones, Christy Kelley, Kelly Rettig, Cindy McCoy, and co-coordinators, Lora Jost and Denise Parker-Timms. We are humbled by the generous staff and parents of Cordley Elementary that always come through for Holiday Families. It is truly wonderful to see us all come together through caring.

Students Honor MLK Jr.

 Students honored the work and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. this month by collecting money for Water.org. Donations collected will be used to provide water wells and clean water to those in need in other parts of the world. Cordley's goal is to collect \$1000 by January 18th. In the first 4 days of the service project, students, families and staff donated over \$560. To learn more, visit <http://water.org>.



Rock Chalk Jayhawk, Rock Chalk Cordley

Attend the KU women's basketball games and help Cordley compete for money. With the **Schools for Success card**, 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. Join us Wednesday, **January 23, 2013** 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, and don't forget your card. Additional home games are: 1/26, 1/30, 2/9, 2/17, 2/24 and 3/5.

We need you!!!

At our next two PTA meetings, we will be talking about issues that need a lot of input from our parents.

There are have been several issues this year that we have heard parents express concern or interest about, and we need to figure out how best to move forward.

- How much input do parents have in some of the school decisions and how do we best facilitate getting input from parents before a decision is made? (for example, the change in the class parties this year)
- How should our budget best be spent? How much is spent on helping our Cordley families? How much is spent on school social events? How much helps the staff directly?
- What should the plan be for fundraising? Where does the money go?
- What is our mission? Where should our focus be? school social events, supporting staff with time and/or resources, academic activities, fundraising, parent education... or a combination of these things...

Please plan to come and help the PTA move forward!
Remember--we are all part of the PTA...

This is your chance to give input!

Please mark your calendars:

February 5th at 7:00 PM in the Cordley Library

March 12th at 7:00 PM in the Cordley Library

Babysitting is provided.

If you can't come, please pass along your comments:

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