


SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

May 2012
Cordley Elementary PTA

Friday, May 18
At the Cordley Playground
6:00 to 7:00 pm



**Cordley
Ice Cream
Social**

**Please bring a
topping to share!**
(no nuts, please)

Students and Families Harvest Strawberries

Close to 60 students, parents, grandparents and friends picked over 90 pounds of strawberries on Sunday May, 6 at Wohletz Farm south of town. Normally closed on Sundays, Jane Wohletz graciously opened her farm to the Cordley community for the harvest event. She showed students and their families how to select perfectly ripe strawberries and how to pick the berries without damaging them.

This is third year Cordley families have picked strawberries on the farm for the Farm to School event, and it was our largest group so far. Even as the skies turned dark and the rain began, Cordley families continued to pick and many took home berries for themselves. The 90 pounds picked for school were served on the salad bar during lunch on Monday and Tuesday, May 7 & 8. Thanks to all who participated.

There are several weeks still left in the strawberry season. Wohletz Farm is open to the public Monday-Thursdays and Saturdays (wohletzfarmfresh.com).



A heartfelt thank you to our outgoing PTA officers.

Thanks for all your work on behalf of students, staff and families.

Sharon Ashworth —
Co-President

Shana Good—Secretary



Jane Wohletz teaches students and parents how to select ripe strawberries on her farm during a harvest event.

PTA Annual Treasurer's Report

Ever wonder how money raised during PTA events is spent? As you may have guessed, most of it is spent on our school, students and staff. Here is a summary of PTA spending:

- \$2000 on classroom supplies requested by teachers, including music, books teaching materials, CD's, Judy clocks as well as many other supplies.
- \$1200 added to the school transportation budget to support class fieldtrips.
- Student scholarships funded for Cordley clubs.
- Sponsored two Farm to School events this year.
- New playground equipment.
- A gift for each staff member as a token of our appreciation.
- Supplies for our many social events, such as the Barn Dance/ Family Potluck and the Pancake Feed.
- Purchased meals for the Holiday family program.

Thank you for your generous support of all of these programs through the Carnival and Equal Exchange Fundraisers.

Students Finish a Marathon at Cordley

It's hard to miss the bright green T-shirts appearing in the halls and classrooms at Cordley. If you have stopped to read the logo, you'd know the shirts indicate a proud finisher in the Cordley Marathon Club.

The Cordley Marathon Club was a big success this semester! About 60 students participated each week, and 42 have completed marathons as of May 11th. Several more students will finish by the end of the school year! Please look at the Marathon Club finisher photos on the wall by the gym and congratulate these students for their hard work.

A special congratulation goes out to Elias Beeson and Liam Hoey-Kummerow for finishing the equivalent of two marathons since the club began on February 28. Nice job, boys!



Gardens in Shape for Summer

The gardens look great! Thanks go out to the KU Big Event students who did the pre-workday raking. Thanks also to those who made the garden look so nice for our new kindergarten students and parents: Alee, Sam, and Ike Phillips; Cindy and Adam Hauptli; Jackie Stafford; Hank Dobson; Sharon Ashworth; and three students from the University of Kansas Lambda Alpha Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi. Thanks to all who have worked so hard the last couple of years to turn our former weed patches into flowering gardens. New milkweed plants for our monarchs will be planted just before school ends - look for lots of hungry caterpillars next Fall!



More PTA Thanks & Needs

Thanks to Emily Mulligan and Sandra Issa for collecting, sorting, and sending in our Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels and HyVee and Checkers receipts. It isn't a glamorous job, but it helps our school in BIG ways!

We have a small but mighty crew who has been working as the **Cordley Clerical Corps** all year. They volunteer for 2 hours, one day a week and help make copies, put together booklets, sort school mailings, and do other clerical work to support our teachers and staff. Thanks to this year's Clerical Corps: Sharon Ashworth, Jessica Berryhill, Shana Good, Kathi Masten, and Alee Phillips.

We are looking for Clerical Corps members for next year. If you think you can give some time each week next year, please let Becky O'Keefe know (bokeefe@usd497.org). We would love to have you join!

There are still committees that need leadership or volunteers for next year. If you are interested in chairing any of the committees below, please contact PTA Co-President, Jeannie Houts (houts3@gmail.com).

Carnival: Volunteers (to help Co-Chairs over summer for this early school year event)

Fundraising: Co-Chair

Gardening: Co-Chair

Ice Cream Social: Chair or Co-Chairs

Cordley Kindergarten Club: Chair or Co-Chairs



A few of the marathon club runners show off their new T-shirts. Students earned the shirts from completing a marathon.