



2012 Carnival a Huge Success

October 2012
Cordley Elementary PTA

Helping Hawks Program Seeks Participants

Helping Hawks is a program designed to help Cordley families experiencing economic hardship. By adding your name to the list of people willing to help, you will be notified when a special request is submitted to Cordley's social worker, Catherine Bolton. Commonly requested items include new socks, underwear, shoes and blankets.

Adding your name to the list does not obligate you to help with the requests. If you would like to add your name and email address to the list, please contact the Helping Hawks coordinator, Jessica Beeson at eliasbeeson@hotmail.com.

Equal Exchange Fundraiser Underway



Equal Exchange orders are due back to the Cordley office by Thursday, October 18. You will receive your orders at the parent teacher conferences in November.

Volunteers are needed during the beginning of November to help sort and pack the fundraiser orders. Please let Linda Hoopes know if you would like to help out for a couple of hours that weekend—phone 865-2489 or e-mail lmhoopes@hotmail.com.

Please note that checks for the fundraiser should be made out to Cordley PTA.

Farm to School Event

The Lawrence Board of Education proclaimed the week of October 22-26 as *Farm to School Week* and the day of October 25 as *Kansas Food Day*. The district will provide a farm-to-school lunch on that day, using fresh foods purchased from local and regional farmers. To support their efforts, Cordley's Farm-to-School Committee has planned an apple picking event at Fieldstone Orchard in Overbrook, KS. Cordley families are invited to meet at the orchard on Sunday, October 21st at 2:00 pm. Join us, pick apples to purchase and take some home. Fieldstone Orchard is at 7049 149th St, Overbrook, KS. (<http://fieldstoneorchard.com>)

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Feed our teachers! 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 willing to contribute to the

meal for November 7 or November 8, please contact Alee Phillip: phillips.alee@gmail.com. You can also let her know if you would like to help with meals for the February conferences.

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The Cordley Carnival was held on Friday, Sept 28th and was a huge hit! The addition of a Wellness expo this year was a great way to educate kids and parents about healthy eating and fitness options while having a great time. We thank all of the volunteers and Wellness vendors for donating their time and effort to making this year's event the biggest ever.

Wellness vendors included The Merc, Lawrence Parks & Rec, Hy-Vee One Mile At A Time Marathon Club, Lawrence Memorial Hospital Community Education, Douglas County Dental Clinic, Cordley Marathon Club, and Cordley Farm to School.

Volunteers included Sara Taliaferro, Aline Hoey, Jeannie Houts, Julia Rose-Weston, Christy Kelly, Kelly Barker, Josh Mahoney, Allison McDowell, Alee Phillips, Jackie Stafford, Denise Parker-Timms, Brandy Ernzen, Mary Mogle, Dacia McCabe, Chris Crook, Mike Zogry, Laura Quenette, Beta Alpha Psi, Shannon Buerger, Marita Geist, Matt Bellemere, Charles Souders, Leslie Queen, and many others. A special thanks to Molly Crook, Tara Trenary, and Todd Shyrock for all of their work on design and signage.

Parents Kate and Rafael Gonzalez of Global Cafe provided amazing food - we loved it! Air Summer Snow Shaved Ice and Iwig Dairy sold delicious frozen treats, Clinton Pkwy. Hy-vee donated granola bars, and the Mass. St. Dillons donated a \$100 gift card to provide free water for all carnival guests and pop for the ring toss - thank you General Manager Steve Birchfield. Of course Scott Cinnamon and Kylee Rhoades were essential in making this all come together—thank you.

Carnival t-shirts are still available for purchase in the school office: \$10 for kids' sizes and \$12 for adults. Proceeds benefit teacher wish lists.

Cordley Gardens are Taking Shape



families participated. Volunteers weeded, trimmed, edged, planted, watered picked up trash and spread mulch. A special thank you to Todd Shyrock for coordinating the group's efforts and Dan Parker-Timms for donating mulch.



November PTA Meeting

Please consider joining us for our next PTA meeting on November, 13th at 7:00 pm. We meet in the school library. One of the agenda items for the meeting is to discuss transitions and changes to be made to the program that has been known as "Holiday Families." If you are interested in discussing the new ideas and proposals, please attend! If you are unable to attend, please talk to a PTA Board member about your thoughts and ideas.