



# SPOTLIGHT ON CORDLEY

September 2012  
Cordley Elementary PTA

## Cordley Carnival News

The Cordley Elementary School PTA invites you to join us for fun and family entertainment at the Cordley Carnival and Silent Auction. Friday, September 28th from 5:30-8:00pm. All funds raised will be used to support Cordley PTA events and activities, teachers, and students. Admission is \$10 per family. Look for a pre-paid envelope soon.

Free Inflatables, Laser Tag and Free Games and Prizes, Cake Walk, Hamster Balls, Henna Tattoos, and Silent Auction. Purchase food and drink from local vendors.

This year we are including a Wellness Expo. Our school marathon club and The Merc will join Lawrence Parks & Rec, Hy-Vee's One Mile At A Time Marathon Club and other community organizations in the Wellness Expo.

The expo will feature nutrition and fitness displays and activities in addition to healthy food tastings and giveaways. The Merc will do a drawing for a new child's bike donated by Honest Tea. Anyone who attends the carnival can enter the drawing to win!



## Donations Needed for Silent Auction

The silent auction and the Cordley Carnival, scheduled on September 28, are the biggest fundraisers of the year for Cordley, and your donations make a difference! We have received great donations for the Cordley Silent Auction, including Lied Center tickets and tickets to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. We could use your help in gathering more! In the past, Cordley families and community members have given generously, donating goods and services. We have had coupons for meals at local restaurants, tickets to KU sporting events, theater tickets, massages, car tune-ups, photography and other artwork, knitted items, hand-made journals, amazing themed gift baskets, new toys, and much more! If you have something you would like to donate or would like a donation letter or to share your ideas, please contact Sara Taliaferro at 842-9754 or at [cordley.silent.auction@gmail.com](mailto:cordley.silent.auction@gmail.com).

## Marathon Club off to a Great Start

A total of 72 students have signed up for Marathon Club. On the first day, students logged a collective total of 53 miles! The club meets on the north playground every Tuesday and Friday from 8:00 to 8:30 am. Kids are encouraged to challenge themselves to run or walk a mile or two twice a week, with the ultimate goal of logging a full marathon distance of 26.2 miles. Students who complete a full marathon will earn a t-shirt, designed by Shana Good, have their name read over the school announcements and have their photo posted in school. It's not too late to sign up for Marathon Club. Go to the Cordley PTA website for forms and details.



## Equal Exchange Fundraiser Kicks Off in October

PTA will kick off the Equal Exchange Fundraiser in early October. Look for details in your student's Wednesday folder on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Equal Exchange orders will be due in the Cordley office by October 18.

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—phone 865-2489 or e-mail [lmhoopes@hotmail.com](mailto:lmhoopes@hotmail.com).

Equal Exchange coffees, teas, chocolate and handcrafted gifts are organic and fairly traded, allowing us to support our school and make a difference in the lives of small farmers and artisans across the globe.



## Class Parties — We Need You!



This year, classroom parties will be held on the following days:

Thursday, October 18th

Friday, January 18th

Friday, April 19th

October 18th is coming up soon! If you would like to help your child's classroom, we could use your help. Several classrooms still do not have a designated room parent to coordinate the celebrations. Remember that we have many classes with smaller class sizes than usual. So, that means there are fewer people to coordinate the celebrations. Please consider being one of those people!

If you can help, please contact Erin Kennedy at: [erinmkennedylaw@me.com](mailto:erinmkennedylaw@me.com).

## Lots to be Thankful For



Thanks to our volunteers who helped with the **hearing and vision screening**: Julia Bellemere, Shannon Buerger, Becky O'Keefe, Becky Snyder, and Scott

Unekis.

A round of applause to all who helped at the **Watermelon Feed**: Becky O'Keefe, Dani Lotton-Barker, Susie Micka, Julia Bellemere, Linda Hoopes, Amy Cowardin-Schmidt, Denise Parker-Timms, Sally Zogry, Erin Kennedy, James Holt, Christina Holt, Sandra Issa, Todd Shryock, Mike Houts, Mark Jakubauskas, Sara Taliaferro, Kelly Barker, Aline Hoey, Jeannie Houts, Boys and Girls club students and all other parents and students who also pitched in where needed!

## Carnival Volunteers Still Needed!

For help with setup/cleanup, ticket taking, and monitoring carnival activities. Please contact [cordleycarnival@gmail.com](mailto:cordleycarnival@gmail.com) for more information or to help out!