

## Dear Cordelia Hills Elementary Families,

The Cordelia Hills Elementary (CHE) PTA welcomes you to our school community. Our school offers a wonderfully diverse student population, outstanding staff, and a great sense of community with dedicated and involved parents. Our PTA has exciting events and activities planned for the 2011 – 2012 school year, and we look forward to your family joining us.

The CHE PTA recognizes our children are the future, and we work to support our school in providing the best for every student. Research has proven that parent involvement has a powerful effect on student achievement and success. Our PTA's outreach, activities and events bring parents, school staff, students and the Cordelia Hills community together. Parent involvement and a sense of community will help all students feel more comfortable in their school environment, and allow them greater opportunity to excel in their education.

**We invite and urge EVERY FAMILY to join our PTA. Membership is simple! It requires NOTHING other than the minimal \$10.00 dues.** You, your spouse, students, friends and relatives can all join the Cordelia Hills Elementary PTA. It's easy to fill out the attached envelope, include the membership dues, and return the envelope to your student's teacher or our school office. ***If your time is limited, NOTHING additional is required of you when you become a PTA member.*** But, through fundraising efforts, our PTA is able to purchase basic supplies, technology, equipment and other educational materials for our students and staff. Every PTA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Additional support in the form of donation is always appreciated, welcome and tax deductible.

Our PTA's goal is to have the majority of our families join the CHE PTA. Our active members will work with our Principal, Nancy Allen, teachers and staff to help provide the necessities for a nurturing and positive educational experience for EVERY Cordelia Hills Elementary Student. We can achieve this by bringing all PTA members together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities to benefit our students.

In order to support our school community CHE PTA sponsors fun events such as:

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| *Reflections Art Program (Free)             | *Fundraising for classroom needs/field trips     |
| *Scholastic Book Fair (Fall/Spring)         | *Family Movie Nights (FREE)                      |
| *Trunk or Treat- Family Event (Oct.)        | *Family Fitness Nights (FREE)                    |
| *Books N Bites – Free Family Book swap      | *Mom's Night Out – New this calendar school year |
| *Cordelia Holiday Expo – Family Event (Dec) | *Coyote Howl Carnival - Family Fundraising Event |

**If you have the time and you are interested, we invite you to attend our monthly general meetings and find out about the many committee and volunteer opportunities.** We know our school families time and schedules are limited, but there are endless, flexible ways that you can have a part in shaping your student's school experience with the PTA. Please plan on visiting our tables at Back to School Night (Aug. 30), so that you may learn more about what the Cordelia Hills Elementary PTA provides for our school, and how you can become a member. We hope you will join us in bringing continued success for our school and students. Get ready for a GREAT year!

If you would like more information on membership, please contact Denise Johnston at [denisejohnston@cordeliahillspata.org](mailto:denisejohnston@cordeliahillspata.org)

Sincerely,

Cordelia Hills PTA