



Koala Talk Newsletter



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CARPOOL REMINDERS

Please obey all posted traffic laws when traveling near school. Please model respectful behavior for our students when using the pickup line.

Monitor yellow striped areas and provide clear access to intersections for crossing guards and walkers.

Cell phones are not to be used in school zones per Illinois law.

- Please be courteous to other drivers and do not cut into the carpool line.
- Never leave your vehicle while in the line.
- When entering the drop off circle follow staff directions for unloading.
- Have students ready to exit the car when you enter the circle to keep our line moving quickly at drop off!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Sincerely,
Ms. Walton



# COWLISHAW PTA CALENDAR

## 2012 - 2013

### August 2012

- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Summer Staff Luncheon
- 28<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting – 7:00 pm

### September

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Night
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser Starts
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Movie Night – 6:30

### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Walk to School Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser Ends
- 16<sup>th</sup> - School Assembly #1
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - School Picture Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting - 7:00pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Fall Party – 2:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Party – 6:30-8:00pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Yankee Candle Pick-up Night

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Family Night - Aurora Skate Center
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Fall Dinner
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Reflections Assembly
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retake Day

### December

- 13<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting – 2:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Shop – 6:30-8:00pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Winter Party – 2:30pm



### January 2013

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Dance – 6:00-8:00pm
- TBD - School Assembly #2

### February

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Friendship Party – 2:30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> - PTA General Meeting – 7:00pm with Dr. Birkett
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Movie Night

### March

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten/Parent Preview Night – 6:30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> - PTA General Meeting – 7:00pm

### April

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Science Fair – 6:30-8:00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting – 7:00pm
- TBD - School Assembly #3

### May

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Fling – 6:30-8:00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 20<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting – 7:00pm
- TBD - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Farewell Event
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Tentative last day of school



## ***To the Members of the Cowlshaw PTA:***

We are announcing the open positions for Officer and Board Members of the 2013-2014 Cowlshaw School Year. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please contact Monica Houston, Head of the Nominating Committee @ [monica4girls@att.net](mailto:monica4girls@att.net) before March 17th. The Nominating Committee will announce their choices for the Cowlshaw PTA Board at the general meeting which will be held Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. A final vote on Board Members will be held at the General Meeting which will be held April 24, 2013.

The following positions are open:

### **PRESIDENT:**

Shall preside at all meetings of this association, executive board and executive committee;  
Shall be authorized to sign all legal documents and checks;  
Shall appoint members to special committees and perform all other duties as listed in the Cowlshaw PTA Bylaws

### **1ST VICE PRESIDENT:**

### **2ND VICE PRESIDENT:**

Shall work together to oversee the Social Events Committee  
Shall work together to oversee the Educational Enrichment Committee including working w/ staff liaison to plan, organize and execute three in-school assemblies each year;  
Shall work together to oversee the Health and Safety Committee  
Shall Chair the Nominating Committee and perform all other duties as listed in the Cowlshaw PTA Bylaws

### **3RD VICE PRESIDENT:**

### **4TH VICE PRESIDENT:**

Shall work together to oversee the responsibilities of the Membership Drive and PTA Membership;  
Shall work together to oversee the Communications Committee;  
Shall work together to oversee the Service Committee;  
Shall work together to chair a committee to review the bylaw and standing rules every two years or as deemed necessary and perform all other duties as listed in the Cowlshaw PTA Bylaws.

### **SECRETARY:**

Shall record the minutes of all meetings of this association, the executive board and the executive committee;  
Have a current copy of the bylaws;  
Have a current copy of the membership list;  
Conduct correspondence of the association as directed such as weekly Listserv announcements, meeting reminders to parents and staff and posting of upcoming meeting agendas;  
Shall secure speakers for general PTA meetings;  
and perform all other duties as listed in the Cowlshaw PTA Bylaws.



We have a **WINNER!!!!** **Third grade** won the Box Tops and Labels for Education contest with a whopping 3210 box tops and labels! Congratulations 3rd grade!! But all the kids and families should feel great because our contest *raised over \$900 for our PTA!!!!*

**Well done Koalas!!**

**The totals were: Kindergarten = 808, 1st Grade = 2743, 2nd Grade = 2017, 3rd Grade = 3210, 4th Grade = 1950, 5th Grade = 2327**

Please keep in mind that the box tops do have expiration dates on them and many could not be used because they were expired. The next contest will be next school year. Any that are expiring before 9/1/13 should be turned in so we can submit them before they expire and aren't valid. Also, when submitting the Labels for Education (soup labels, etc. - not box tops), the part that must be attached is the product bar code. Without it, we won't get credit for the points. Thank you!



Thank you so much for your support and participation!! Katy Loo



## Ozzie Reading Program

Go Cowlshaw Students!!!

You should be receiving from your teachers the Order Forms to get your tickets to the games.



**Games are:**  
**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**  
**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Please return you Ticket Order Forms

**No Later than March 20<sup>th</sup>**

I cannot accept any ticket orders after that date.

Dana Jacobson  
creativedana@yahoo.com



# COMING SOON to Cowlshaw in early March! Right Response HEALTHY First Aid Kit Fundraiser

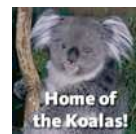


Low cost, high quality First Aid Kits for \$10 and up. They are great for the home, school backpacks, sports bags, cars, businesses, and for GIFTS, too. Professional kits are available and are ANSI/OSHA certified, too.

50% profit to our school to help pay for Field Trips, Assemblies, Movie Nights, Spring Fling & 5th Grade Farewell. Online orders are available for 30% profit and shipping anywhere. Look for catalogs to come in your child's backpacks by the end of February. Meanwhile, check out the website at [www.firstaidonly.com](http://www.firstaidonly.com).

Questions: email Karen Ahern, [krahern@wowway.com](mailto:krahern@wowway.com)

We look forward to your support!



Question. Experiment. Communicate.  
Cowlshaw Elementary School Science Fair



**Spark an Interest in STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math....**

We are all set to hold the **1st Ever** Cowlshaw Elementary School PTA

## SCIENCE FAIR

On April 11, 2013

*Check out our website with information & registration at:*

**<http://cowlshawelementary.oursciencefair.com/>**

(Paper info packets & registration forms available by request)

**Display Boards** are available for purchase at a great price (only \$3!) online, or with a paper registration, classroom delivery included!

For details/questions, or to request a paper info packet or registration, contact:

**Denise Lease at [denise.lease@gmail.com](mailto:denise.lease@gmail.com) or**

**Marianne Treuhaft at [vickers\\_marianne@hotmail.com](mailto:vickers_marianne@hotmail.com)**

## BOOK FAIR THANK YOU!



Our 2nd Scholastic Book Fair was a great success thanks to all of the wonderful and dedicated volunteers who were able to help us during the book fair. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Also, thank you so much to everyone who visited our book fair and made a purchase.  
Thank you for all of your support!

Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase books, Accelerated Reader quizzes, and software for the LMC. THANK YOU again!

..... LMC Staff



This is your chance  
To get the 2013 limited edition  
**IPSN PTA "Be A Fan" shirt**  
Once they are sold out, they are gone!



T-Shirt is black with white and turquoise print on front and white print on sleeve.

**Shirts are \$10 each**

Shirts will be available at IPSN PTA meetings and D204 SO events.  
Or, they can be ordered by contacting Janine McDonough (see below)

Sizes and quantities are limited

Adult sizes S, M, L, XL and XXL+ \$2

This year's shirt was designed by, NVHS student, Shannon Price

Return this order form to Janine McDonough, 56 Breckenridge Drive, Aurora, and IL. 60504

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantities: Small \_\_\_ Med. \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL+\$2 \_\_\_\_\_

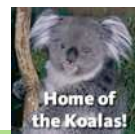
Total enclosed \$10 each +\$2 for XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check made payable to IPSN PTA

Questions? Contact Janine McDonough

[accesstotravelwheaton@yahoo.com](mailto:accesstotravelwheaton@yahoo.com)

Thanks for Supporting IPSN PTA and D204 Special Olympics



## Earn a free ticket to Raging Waves Waterpark with the 2013 Plunge Into Fitness program

Parents:

Children Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to Plunge into Fitness this spring as Raging Waves Water park joins the battle against childhood obesity. The fitness initiative runs **February 18th through April 15th**, and each child completing the program requirements during this seven-week period will receive a free Raging Waves full day admission pass.

The Plunge into fitness program requires a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise each day, which totals 25 hours for the seven week period. Any activity that increases heart rate qualifies including: walking, running, biking, playing team sports, skateboarding, swimming, jumping rope and hopscotch. For the duration of the program, each child will complete a fitness log provided by Raging Waves. Once complete, a parent will sign it and the child will turn it into his or her teacher **by April 15th**. All children kindergarten through 8th grade, including home-schoolers, are encouraged to join this program and earn a free Raging Waves full-day admission pass.

- Print your fitness log: <http://www.ragingwaves.com/events/pdf/2013Fitness-Log.pdf>
- Exercise a minimum of 30 minutes each day and record it on the fitness log (totaling 25 hours over the next 7 weeks).
- **Have parent sign the log and return it to Mr. Soto by April 19th.**
- **As an added bonus families/school teachers & staff can purchase additional tickets at a 25% discount. Use code: Cowlshaw**

<https://tickets.ragingwaves.com/default.asp>

### Attention: Future Still Families

NOTICE: Still Middle School PTSA - Upcoming Executive Board Election for 2013/14 school year

Attention all NEW and RETURNING Still families. The Still PTSA will be holding its annual election of new officers in May.

If you are interested in running for an officer position (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer), please contact Cindy Krug, by March 13 [mckrug@comcast.net](mailto:mckrug@comcast.net)

If you are interested in chairing or joining a COMMITTEE, please watch for your PTSA Membership form in the registration packets that come home in the spring.

We have many board and committee positions available and are always looking for new families to join our crew. Everyone is always welcome and we can always use the help.

Thank you,

Still PTSA Nominating Committee

For more information, <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=48178>





## Help needed for Teacher Appreciation Week!

The PTA organizes Staff Appreciation Week to thank and to celebrate the dedication and commitment of our teachers and staff. They are an integral part of the Cowlshaw community and we want to show them our gratitude by organizing a few events during the week. During the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup> the following programs have been planned for them: the students will give the teachers something special throughout the week (TBA), a “coffee break” with coffee and goodies, and a breakfast and raffle.

For the raffle, we would like to have as many gifts as possible for the staff so we are asking for an optional donation of \$5 to purchase gift cards and/or donated gift cards. We would like to take advantage of purchasing the gift cards through the manna program. This way the PTA will also benefit! In order to utilize the manna program, we need to begin purchasing the gift cards early.

If you would like to participate in the donation please send cash or check (made payable to Jeanette Fitzgerald). Please put the donation in an envelope marked “Teacher Appreciation/J Fitzgerald” and send it to the office. Please note that gift cards will be raffled off and will not go to specific teachers.

Should you have any questions, please call (630) 961-1746 or email me at [jjfitzgerald4@yahoo.com](mailto:jjfitzgerald4@yahoo.com).

Thanks,  
Jeanette Fitzgerald





## THE INDIAN PRAIRIE PARENTS' COUNCIL

INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 204 & ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE DARLENE SENGER  
PRESENT THE 5TH ANNUAL:

### STUDENT SUMMER ACTIVITIES FAIR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

6:00PM-8:00PM STILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

787 MEADOWRIDGE, AURORA, IL 60504

204 STUDENTS & RESIDENTS WELCOME - ADMITTANCE IS FREE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT IS TO HIGHLIGHT GREAT PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT OUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES THAT OFFER AREA CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WITH ENRICHING SUMMER  
ACTIVITIES.

### PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Avery Coonley School Summer Program  
Bricks4Kidz  
Camp Kupugani  
Chartwells  
Creative World School  
Dr. Cate's Flute Camp  
Eye Level Math and Reading Enrichment  
Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana  
Green Earth Institute  
GreenApple Campus, Inc  
HoneZone Technology Academy  
justGametime  
Kids Teen Rider  
Language Stars  
Loras All Sports Camp  
Mathnasium  
Morton Arboretum  
Naper Settlement  
Naperville Park District

Naperville Youth Football League (NYFL) Neuqua  
Valley Summer Art Camp  
North Central College  
North Star Camp for Boys  
Primrose School at Naperville Crossings  
Rush Copley Healthplex - Summer Camps  
School of Rock-Naperville  
Share America International Exchange Program  
St. Patrick's Residence  
State Representative Darlene Senger  
Swift Nature Camp  
Sylvan Learning Center  
The School of Performing Arts  
Unnati'z Mehndi Henna Art  
WeHaKee Camp for Girls  
West Suburban Educational Associates  
Western DuPage Special Recreation Association  
Wheatland Salem Christian Academy  
Wildcat Ultimate Frisbee

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MICHELLE PLUMMER AT [IPPCPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:IPPCPTA@GMAIL.COM).  
PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FAIR DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT BY  
IPPC, SCHOOL DISTRICT 204, OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DARLENE SENGER.**



**SUPPORT  
COWLISHAW ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL PTA  
TUESDAY | MARCH 12  
5 PM - 9 PM**

25% of sales will benefit this organization in our community. Funds raised will go toward field trips, assemblies, and school functions!

**South Naperville**

75th St & Rt 59 | 630-718-2063

Dine In or Take Away - Please bring in flyer or mention  
Cowlshaw Elementary School PTA

*We proudly support  
local organizations*



# Manna Prepaid Cards Fundraiser

How would I use a Prepaid card?

- Pay for groceries at Jewel, Dominick's, Meijer, Target, Walmart
- Pay for gas, clothes, movies, restaurants
- Pay for purchases instead of using cash or credit

Support the PTA by purchasing prepaid gift cards at face value from \$5 to \$100 each for restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, etc. There is no extra cost to you. You receive the full amount of the prepaid gift card. We make a profit by buying them at a reduced price.

Orders are due Friday March 8 and will be returned Friday March 22, before spring break. What are you going to do with the kids during that week off? Plan ahead by prepaying the PTA for a gift card. We have gift cards for special activities including a movie at the **Regal** or **AMC**, bowling at **Brunswick Zone**, shopping at **Claire's Boutique**, **Gordman's** and **Dick's Sporting Goods**, donuts from **Dunkin Donuts**, or dining at **IHOP**, **Dave & Buster's**, **Chuck E Cheese**.

Please return the completed order form and a check for your order amount made payable to the **Cowlshaw PTA** in an envelope and return it to school with your child no later than the indicated date. Your cards can be picked up at my house on the date shown below, or if the box is marked on the sheet they will come home in backpack mail after that date. If needed, you can email me to make special arrangements.

**Please note however that the Manna program and the PTA are not responsible for lost gift cards from your child's backpack.**

## Manna Schedule for the Year

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Return completed orders by 3:30 pm on this date to school with your payment | Pick up cards at Jen & Howard Phelan's home, 816 Livingston Ct, on this date<br>Between 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Friday, March 8   | Thursday, March 21  |
| Friday, April 12  | Thursday, April 25  |
| Friday, May 10  | Thursday, May 23  |

Manna order forms will be at the end of each Koala Talk for you to print. You can also obtain additional order forms at any time on the Cowlshaw website. From the Cowlshaw home page click on "PTA" on the left side of the screen. Then click on "Documents". There you will find a current "Manna Order Form".

For specific company information on the Manna Group, go to <http://www.mannagroup.net/index.htm> and click on "Vendor Guidelines". If you can't find a specific card, there are more card choices on their website. Please contact me to order one not on the list.

**Thank you for your support!**

Call or email with questions: Jen Phelan [phelanjh@wideopenwest.com](mailto:phelanjh@wideopenwest.com) home 630-548-2518.

# Manna Cards Order Form

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Amount payable to Cowlshaw PTA: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Certificates ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please send checks, no cash. Coordinator : Jen Phelan phelanjh@wideopenwest.com

**TEACHER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By checking this box I approve of Manna Gift Cards & Certificates to be sent home by BACKPACK Mail. I take full responsibility. I will not hold Cowlshaw School or the Cowlshaw PTA accountable or liable for lost or stolen gift cards & certificates.**

| QTY | GROCERIES                   | AMT   | QTY | RESTAURANTS              | AMT  | QTY | RETAIL                        | AMT   |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------------|------|-----|-------------------------------|-------|
|     | Dominick's                  | \$25  |     | Noodles & Company        | \$25 |     | Home Depot                    | \$100 |
|     | Dominick's                  | \$100 |     | Oberweis                 | \$10 |     | iTunes                        | \$25  |
|     | Jewel-Osco                  | \$25  |     | Olive Garden/Red Lobster | \$25 |     | JCPenney                      | \$25  |
|     | Jewel-Osco                  | \$100 |     | Outback                  | \$25 |     | Justice                       | \$25  |
|     | Meijer                      | \$25  |     | Panera                   | \$10 |     | Kohl's                        | \$25  |
|     | Meijer                      | \$100 |     | Pizza Hut                | \$10 |     | Land's End                    | \$25  |
|     | Target                      | \$25  |     | Red Robin                | \$10 |     | Lowe's                        | \$25  |
|     | Target                      | \$100 |     | Red Robin                | \$25 |     | Lowe's                        | \$100 |
|     | Walgreens                   | \$25  |     | Restaurant.com           | \$10 |     | Macy's                        | \$25  |
|     | Walmart                     | \$5   |     | Rockbottom               | \$25 |     | Menards                       | \$25  |
|     | Walmart                     | \$10  |     | Starbucks                | \$5  |     | Menards                       | \$100 |
|     | Walmart/Sam's Club          | \$25  |     | Starbucks                | \$10 |     | Payless                       | \$10  |
|     | Walmart/Sam's Club          | \$50  |     | Starbucks                | \$25 |     | Pier 1 Imports                | \$25  |
|     | <b>RESTAURANTS</b>          |       |     | Steak & Shake            | \$10 |     | Sears                         | \$25  |
|     | Applebee's                  | \$10  |     | Subway                   | \$10 |     | Shutterfly                    | \$25  |
|     | Arby's                      | \$10  |     | Sweet Tomatoes           | \$25 |     | Sports Authority              | \$25  |
|     | Boston Market               | \$10  |     | Texas Roadhouse          | \$25 |     | Staples                       | \$25  |
|     | Buffalo Wild Wings          | \$25  |     | TGIFriday's              | \$25 |     | Talbots                       | \$25  |
|     | Buona Beef                  | \$10  |     | Wendy's                  | \$10 |     | The Children's Place          | \$25  |
|     | Burger King                 | \$10  |     | <b>RETAIL</b>            |      |     | TJMaxx/HomeGoods              | \$25  |
|     | Caribou Coffee              | \$10  |     | Ace Hardware             | \$25 |     | Toys R Us/Babies R Us         | \$20  |
|     | Carrabba's Italian Grill    | \$25  |     | Amazon.com               | \$25 |     | Ulta Cosmetics                | \$25  |
|     | Chili's / On The Border     | \$25  |     | American Eagle           | \$25 |     | Under Armour                  | \$25  |
|     | Chipotle Mexican Grill      | \$10  |     | Barnes & Noble           | \$5  |     | <b>SPECIALTY</b>              |       |
|     | Chuck E Cheese              | \$10  |     | Barnes & Noble           | \$10 |     | AMC                           | \$25  |
|     | Cold Stone Creamery         | \$10  |     | Bath & Body Works        | \$10 |     | Brunswick Zone                | \$10  |
|     | Cracker Barrel              | \$10  |     | Bath & Body Works        | \$25 |     | Fandango                      | \$10  |
|     | Dairy Queen                 | \$10  |     | Bed Bath & Beyond        | \$25 |     | Mario Tricoci                 | \$25  |
|     | Dave & Buster's             | \$25  |     | Best Buy                 | \$25 |     | Regal Entertainment           | \$25  |
|     | Denny's                     | \$10  |     | Build A Bear Workshop    | \$25 |     | Visa                          | \$50  |
|     | Domino's Pizza              | \$10  |     | Burlington Coat Factory  | \$25 |     | <b>TRAVEL</b>                 |       |
|     | Dunkin Donuts               | \$5   |     | Carson Pirie Scott       | \$25 |     | Choice/Clarion/Comfort Hotels | \$100 |
|     | Dunkin Donuts               | \$10  |     | Claire's Boutique        | \$10 |     | Disney Hotels                 | \$100 |
|     | Egg Harbor                  | \$15  |     | Crate & Barrel           | \$25 |     | Hyatt Hotels                  | \$100 |
|     | Home Run Inn                | \$25  |     | DSW                      | \$25 |     | Marriott Hotels               | \$100 |
|     | IHOP Intl House of Pancakes | \$25  |     | Dick's Sporting Goods    | \$25 |     | <b>GASOLINE</b>               |       |
|     | Lettuce Entertain You       | \$25  |     | Eddie Bauer              | \$25 |     | BP Amoco                      | \$50  |
|     | Lou Malnati's Pizza         | \$25  |     | Fannie May               | \$10 |     | Delta Sonic Car Wash          | \$16  |
|     | Macaroni Grill/Maggiano's   | \$25  |     | Game Stop                | \$25 |     | Mobil Exxon                   | \$50  |
|     | Mimi's Café                 | \$25  |     | Gap / Old Navy           | \$25 |     | Shell                         | \$50  |
|     | Mrs. Field's Cookies        | \$10  |     | Gordman's                | \$25 |     | Speedway                      | \$25  |
|     | Noodles & Company           | \$10  |     | Home Depot               | \$25 |     | Speedway                      | \$100 |



# Cowlishaw PTA Membership form 2012-2013

We are excited to have the opportunity to support the teachers and students of Cowlishaw Elementary. We hope you will share our excitement and become a member of the Cowlishaw PTA for the 2012-2013 academic year. Your PTA dues provide funding for many educational and extra-curricular activities at Cowlishaw including educational and fun activities like assemblies, field trips (\$9 per child), school functions, and room parties that enhance your child's experience at school.

As indicated below, dues are \$14.00 for a family, a portion of which is sent to the Illinois State PTA and the National PTA to support the ongoing efforts of the PTA organization. You may donate any additional amount to the PTA, which will be used to sponsor families that are unable to afford the dues become PTA members. Your donation will be tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit organization.

Please note that this **membership does not draft you as a PTA volunteer**. A PTA volunteer is someone who **chooses** to take their membership a step further and volunteers to help out with various PTA committees. We encourage you to attend PTA meetings and become involved. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Chairperson Victoria Senese @ [victoriaanne006@yahoo.com](mailto:victoriaanne006@yahoo.com).

**Each member receives a free Cowlishaw school directory which will be handed out in late fall!**

Please complete and return to school in an envelope marked "PTA Membership" along with your membership dues and donation (if any) Membership Dues: \$14 Tax deductible donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

| Child(ren)'s Last Name (s) | First Name: | Grade: Teacher |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| _____                      | _____       | _____          |
| _____                      | _____       | _____          |
| _____                      | _____       | _____          |