

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PTA!

koala talk newsletter



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FRIDAYS ARE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS!!!

"Show your Koala pride! Wear blue and green or your favorite Cowlshaw gear this (and every) Friday!"

"Show your spirit! Every Friday is Spirit Day - wear your Cowlshaw apparel or our school colors: blue and green!"

"Blue - Green - **Go Koalas!** Every Friday is Spirit Day at Cowlshaw. Show your school spirit by wearing your favorite Cowlshaw gear or our school colors, blue and green. Fun green Cowlshaw Koala shoelaces are available for just \$4 (sized for kids or wear as ribbons in your hair!) - contact Jill Toole at jstoole@wowway.com to purchase."



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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 7th – May 11th** 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. [If you would like to participate in the donation please send cash or check \(made payable to Jeanette Fitzgerald\) no later than May 4th. 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 mef_jjf@yahoo.com

Thanks,
Jeanette Fitzgerald



March 2012 PTA Treasurer's Report

Income.

We received \$196.88 from the Aurora skate night. This brings the total restaurant night net income to \$1,077.17.

We received \$575.90 from the fifth grade farewell shop. This gives them a net income of \$217.07.

We made a net income of \$99.36 from the last regular Manna orders. This brings the year to date Manna income from regular orders to \$1,013.06. Thank you [Mrs. Jen Phelan](#) for all your hard work.

Expenses.

The culture fair expenses to date are \$466.20. There may be a few more photocopying costs still to come in from reprographics.

We continue to fund field trips. In March we paid \$235.50 to the school to cover bus expenses, and we paid \$790.50 for poetry courses from "A Child's Voice". This brings the total expense to date for field trips to \$3,444.50.

The teachers continue to redeem their manna teacher gift certificates. A final total of expenses will be available after the last Manna order.

We paid \$315.26 for the Spring Teacher Luncheon. This was well below the budgeted total thanks to the work [Mrs. Jen Mantia](#) did in keeping costs down.

We have completed the Grade level Requests for 2011-12. The final total for grade level requests was **\$3,605.50**. The grade level request buys the little items that enhance the school experience but aren't covered in the school budget.

The PTA has a balance of \$7,410.83 in its account in Oxford Bank. Don't forget to support the fifth grade shop, place your Manna orders next month and keep clipping those box tops.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SPRING FLING LUAU

Friday, May 11, 6:30-8:00pm

Let's roll up our Hawaiian shirt sleeves, rub some coconut oil on our arms and get ready for the Luau. In order to make this a great event for the children, **We Need Your Help.** Please check the boxes where you are able to help and return the slip below to the PTA

Attn: Gineen Vargas or email : gineenvargas@gmail.com

***New to Cowlshaw this year? This is a great opportunity to meet other families by volunteering.**

Set Up (starts at 4:15 pm)

Ticket Table

Snack/Refreshment Area

Cake Walk

Provide goodies for Cake Walk

Games

Raffle Table

Clean Up

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____



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GREEN RIBBON WEEK APRIL 23-27, 2012

COWLISHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES EARTH DAY ALL WEEK LONG!

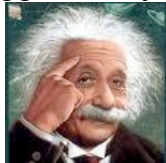
Monday, April 23 – IT'S EASY BEING GREEN – GREEN or EARTH SHIRT DAY! Weather you have a shirt with geographical art, a picture or drawing of our Earth, the brightest-green tee, or someone went somewhere and all you got is that lousy t-shirt, show your support of green efforts... on your chest! Wear your love for the Earth on your sleeve, and show your green pride.



Tuesday, April 24 – USE YOUR ENERGY – WALK TO SCHOOL DAY! Conserve fossil fuels and reduce pollution by using good-old-fashioned muscle power to get to school!



Wednesday, April 25 – UNPLUGGED – CRAZY HAIR DAY! Keep those heat-style tools unplugged today; let your hair get crazy and conserve some energy!

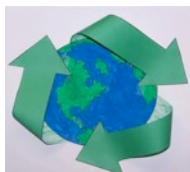


Thursday, April 26 – LESSON THE LAUNDRY LOAD! – PAJAMA DAY! Conserve water! Do less laundry! Wear your PJs to school (teachers & staff, too)!

****PLEASE NOTE:** As stated in the District 204 Parent-Student Handbook, clothing must cover the torso. Underwear must be covered also. Neither thin-strapped pajamas nor slippers are allowed in school. Shoes must be worn with pajamas. Students that do not abide by these rules will be sent to the office to change their clothes.



Friday, April 27 – SHOW YOUR GREEN PRIDE! – SPIRIT WEAR DAY! Keep the Green spirit going... all year long. Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle!





POSTER/COLORING PAGE CONTEST FOR EARTH DAY: Starting April 9th, students at Cowlshaw will have a chance to participate in a poster/coloring page contest to show their support for the upcoming **Earth Day (April 22, 2012)**. K-2nd grade will have a coloring page that will be provided and worked on in art class. 3rd-5th grade will have a blank piece of white construction paper provided in art class as well. Your child's work on this project is optional and can be worked on at home. Students can use markers, crayons and colored pencils. 3rd-5th grade may also use recycled items (such as foil, small plastic containers, lids, etc) to decorate the poster. The student's name and grade need to be labeled on the back. The contest will end on April 18, 2012, so we can use them to decorate the school during Green Ribbon Week (April 23-27, 2012). The winners will be announced at the end of the day on April 20, 2012, and prizes will be awarded.

**Please contact Jennifer Billadeau with any questions
at [630-862-9553](tel:630-862-9553) or jbilladeau@dstax.com**

**COWLISHAW PTA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE USED KEY &
GYM SHOE COLLECTION:**

Let's do our part to help protect our environment by collecting old and unused keys (which are melted down & reused to make other metal items) and used gym shoes (which are grinded down & used to make playground surfaces, carpet padding, insulation, basketballs, frisbees & other Nike products).

Collection bins will be near the main entrance starting April 16 through April 27. These items will be donated to SCARCE for re-use. Start cleaning out your closets...and help the environment!

Thanks :)



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Thanks so much
for your support!

Return Order Date: **04/20/12** | Delivery Date: **05/03/12**

PLEASE NOTE: These extremely high quality and exceptionally great tasting Butter Braid products have been known to make customers want more!
In the case that this may happen to you, please be advised to order more than one as you will not be able to get more until another fundraiser comes to your area.

My Name: _____ My Phone #: _____
 Organization: Cowlshaw Elementary School
 Checks Payable: Cowlshaw PTA
 Contact Name: Karen Ahern Contact : 630-428-6100 or krahern@wowway.com

** Please collect payment when taking order. **

-Sell 5 braids and receive a Drawstring Backpack!
2 Extra prizes awarded to the Two Top Sellers!!
 Butter Braid pastries are handy for anytime and for:
Mother's Day Breakfast or Dessert

PRODUCT INFO.
 Each 1lb. 6 oz. braided pastry (icing included) will serve 11 people.
 Just allow your frozen pastry to thaw and rise until about double in size, then bake for a great, homemade tasting pastry!

Customer Name	Phone Number	Almond Crème	Apple	Cherry	Cinnamon	Cream Cheese	Raspberry	Items	Amount
1.		\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12		\$
2.									\$
3.									\$
4.									\$
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rite bite fundraising
 630-262-3778
 info@ritebitefundraising.com

www.ritebitefundraising.com
www.butterbraid.com

Please join our Spring Fundraising Campaign - Butter Braids. We will be taking orders until **4/20/12** with deliver on **Wednesday, 5/3/12**. This is just in time for Mother's Day.

Thanks,
 Karen Ahern
krahern@wowway.com

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Cowlishaw PTA Movie Night presents...



Bring your blanket, pillow and join us for the fun!

When: Friday, April 20th
Doors open @ 6:30pm - Movie starts at 6:50pm
Where: Cowlishaw Gym

Cost: PTA Members: FREE
Non-Members: \$1 per person

Water, Chips and Candy will be available for purchase for \$1 each.

*****Please remember this is a family event. Parent supervision is required.**

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Thanks to those that came out to the Skate Night in February!

The PTA made \$196!

Dinner Night Out at Panda Express!

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Locations participating:

Route 59 & Liberty, and Fox Valley Mall Food Court.

Present this flyer or mention Cowlshaw and **20% of your purchase will be donated** to Cowlshaw Elementary PTA.

848 N Route 59, Aurora
195 Fox Valley Center, Aurora

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Manna Card Fundraiser

Due: Friday April 13.

Gift cards will be returned Friday April 27. Time to think of spring purchases! Get a gift card to pay for spring clothes, sporting equipment, outdoor activities, and home improvement projects at **Dick's Sporting Goods, Sports Authority, Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Menards**. Plan ahead by prepaying the PTA for a gift card, at no additional expense to you! The PTA makes a profit on gift cards sold. There are always gift cards to pay for everyday purchases such as groceries and gas.

Gift cards will be returned on the following Friday in backpack mail when you mark the box on the form. If you prefer, they can be picked up at Jen Phelan's house on Thursday from 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm or by special arrangement.

The Manna Schedule for the Year

Return completed orders by 3:30pm on this date to school with your payment	Pick up gift cards at Jen & Howard Phelan's home, 816 Livingston Ct, on this date, Between 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, April 13	Thursday, April 26
Friday, May 11	Thursday, May 24

Order forms are printable from the website cowlshaw.ipeds.org. Click on "PTA" on the left side of the screen, then "Documents," and "Manna Order Form." For specific company information on gift cards, click on "Vendor Guidelines" on the Manna Group website at <http://www.mannagroup.net/index.htm>.

Direct questions to Jen Phelan, home 630-548-2518, phelanjh@wideopenwest.com

Thank you for your support of the PTA!

Manna Gift 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: _____

Marked box on left indicates Manna purchased cards & certificates should 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/stolen gift cards/certs.

QTY	GROCERIES	%	AMT	QTY	RESTAURANTS	%	AMT	QTY	RETAIL	%	AMT
	Dominicks \$25	5%	\$25		Panera \$10	10%	\$10		Kohl's \$100	5%	\$100
	Dominicks \$100	5%	\$100		Papa John's Pizza \$10	9%	\$10		Lands End \$25	15%	\$25
	Jewel Foods \$25	5%	\$25		Pizza Hut \$10	9%	\$10		Lowe's Home Impr \$25	5%	\$25
	Jewel Foods \$100	5%	\$100		Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25	8%	\$25		Lowe's Home Impr \$100	5%	\$100
	Meijer \$25	4%	\$25		Red Robin \$10	10%	\$10		Macy's \$25	10%	\$25
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	Target \$25	3%	\$25		Restaurant.com \$10	30%	\$10		Menards \$25	4%	\$25
	Target \$100	3%	\$100		Rockbottom \$25	7%	\$25		Menards \$100	4%	\$100
	Walgreens \$25	7%	\$25		Starbucks \$10	8%	\$10		Once Upon A Child \$25	9%	\$25
	Walmart / Sam's Club \$25	3%	\$25		Starbucks \$25	8%	\$25		Payless \$10	14%	\$10
	Walmart / Sam's Club \$50	3%	\$50		Steak & Shake \$10	9%	\$10		Pier 1 Imports \$25	10%	\$25
	RESTAURANTS				Subway \$10	4%	\$10		Pottery Barn / Wm Sonoma \$25	9%	\$25
	Applebee's \$10	9%	\$10		Sweet Tomatoes \$25	9%	\$25		Sears \$25	5%	\$25
	Arby's \$10	9%	\$10		Texas Roadhouse \$25	9%	\$25		Shoe Carnival \$25	5%	\$25
	Boston Market \$10	14%	\$10		TGIFridays \$25	9%	\$25		Shutterfly \$25	10%	\$25
	Buffalo Wild Wings \$25	8%	\$25		Wendys \$10	5%	\$10		Sports Authority \$25	9%	\$25
	Buona Beef \$10	9%	\$10		RETAIL				Staples \$25	6%	\$25
	Burger King \$10	5%	\$10		Ace Hardware \$25	5%	\$25		Talbots \$25	10%	\$25
	Caribou Coffee \$10	9%	\$10		Amazon.com \$25	5%	\$25		The Childrens Place \$25	14%	\$25
	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25	9%	\$25		American Eagle \$25	10%	\$25		TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25	8%	\$25
	Chili's / On The Border \$25	12%	\$25		Barnes & Noble \$10	10%	\$10		Toys R Us / Babies R Us \$20	2%	\$20
	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10	12%	\$10		Bath & Body Works \$10	14%	\$10		Ulta Cosmetics \$25	4%	\$25
	Chuck E Cheese \$10	9%	\$10		Bath & Body Works \$25	14%	\$25		SPECIALTY		
	Cold Stone Creamery \$10	10%	\$10		Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	7%	\$25		AMC \$25	9%	\$25
	Cracker Barrel \$10	10%	\$10		Best Buy \$25	3%	\$25		Brunswick Zone \$10	9%	\$10
	Dairy Queen \$10	5%	\$10		Best Buy \$100	3%	\$100		Fandango \$10	10%	\$10
	Dave & Buster's \$25	15%	\$25		Build A Bear Workshop \$25	9%	\$25		Mario Tricoci \$25	9%	\$25
	Denny's \$10	8%	\$10		Burlington Coat Factory \$25	9%	\$25		Regal Entertainment \$25	10%	\$25
	Domino's Pizza \$10	9%	\$10		Carson Pirie Scott \$25	10%	\$25		Visa \$50	3%	\$50
	Dunkin Donuts \$10	5%	\$10		Claire's Boutique \$10	10%	\$10		TRAVEL		
	Egg Harbor \$15	4%	\$15		Crate & Barrel \$25	7%	\$25		American Airlines \$100	5%	\$100
	Home Run Inn \$25	20%	\$25		DSW \$25	10%	\$25		Choice/Clarion/Comfort Hotels	5%	\$100
	IHOP Intl House of Pancakes \$25	9%	\$25		Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	7%	\$25		Disney Hotels \$100	3%	\$100
	Lettuce Entertain You \$25	14%	\$25		Eddie Bauer \$25	10%	\$25		Hyatt Hotels \$100	9%	\$100
	Lettuce Entertain You \$100	14%	\$100		Fannie May \$20	25%	\$20		Marriott Hotels \$100	9%	\$100
	Lou Malnati's Pizza \$25	8%	\$25		Game Stop \$25	4%	\$25		GASOLINE		
	Macaroni Grill / Maggiano's \$25	12%	\$25		Gap / Old Navy \$25	15%	\$25		BP Amoco \$50	3%	\$50
	Mimi's Café \$25	10%	\$25		Gordman's \$25	10%	\$25		Delta Sonic Car Wash \$16	20%	\$16
	Mrs. Field's Cookies \$5	19%	\$5		Gymboree \$25	14%	\$25		Marathon \$25	4%	\$25
	Noodles & Company \$10	7%	\$10		Home Depot \$25	5%	\$25		Marathon \$100	4%	\$100
	Noodles & Company \$25	7%	\$25		Home Depot \$100	5%	\$100		Mobil Exxon \$50	3%	\$50
	Oberweis \$10	10%	\$10		iTunes \$25	4%	\$25		Shell \$50	3%	\$50
	Olive Garden / Red Lobster \$25	10%	\$25		JCPenney \$25	5%	\$25		Speedway \$25	5%	\$25
	Outback \$25	9%	\$25		JCPenney \$100	5%	\$100		Speedway \$100	5%	\$100
					Kohl's \$25	5%	\$25				