

# Corbell Parents, are you ready to



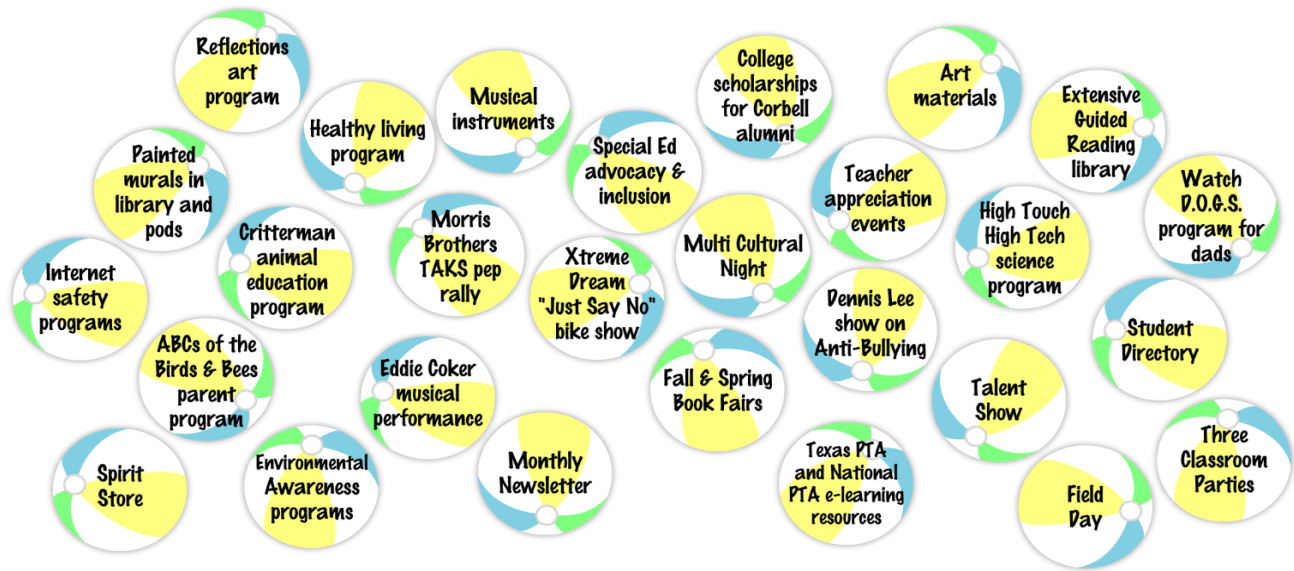
As Corbell students prepare to “Ride the Wave of Success” this year, your PTA is busy getting their surfboards ready! But the PTA can’t accomplish anything without members! If you’re not sure about joining, read on...

## **I don't know what the PTA really does.**

FACT: Well, let’s start with the PTA’s Mission.

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

In short, the PTA exists to bring programs and resources to Corbell students and their families. How do we do this? The PTA collects dues from its members and conducts ONE fundraiser per year. With these funds, the PTA provides:



Can you imagine Corbell *without* all that?!?

## **I don't have time to join the PTA.**

FACT: **Joining the PTA doesn't have to mean volunteering.** Sure, we value every minute our parents give to help our mission, but membership is also about being connected to a network of other parents and teachers who care about your child.

## **I don't have any input in the PTA's decisions.**

FACT: All important decisions – especially concerning how money is spent – must be approved by the membership. **PTA members have a voice IF they choose to use it!** Members are invited to every PTA general meeting, and this year, the agendas will be posted a few days prior to each meeting so members will know what is being discussed.

## **I'd like to get involved, but I don't know how.**

FACT: **It just takes a little surfing!**

- All volunteer opportunities are posted on Corbell’s Lotsa Helping Hands website: [www.lotsahelpinghands.com](http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com).
- A new Corbell website is under construction and will have a calendar of events with more information about how you can get involved in your child’s education. In the meantime check the Corbell PTA page on our school site: [www.friscoisd.org/Corbell](http://www.friscoisd.org/Corbell).
- On Meet the Teacher Night, August 20<sup>th</sup>, I encourage you to visit the Volunteer table in the cafeteria where you can sign up to be on a committee or just lend a hand when you have time.

**Now that you know how important and beneficial it is to be a PTA member, let me tell you how easy it is to join. Just print the attached membership form, fill it out, and bring it and your membership dues to Meet the Teacher Night on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Come see us at the membership table in the cafeteria!**

And now, with the first day of school right around the corner, here are a few bits of important information your PTA board would like to pass on. Corbell takes pride in being a GREEN campus, so all the information you need will be available on our new website.

- ▶ **CALENDAR and BOARD ROSTER** – The 2010-2011 PTA Calendar of Events is located on the Corbell website: [www.friscoisd.org/Corbell/CorbellPTA](http://www.friscoisd.org/Corbell/CorbellPTA). Your PTA Officers and Committee Chairmen will be listed on our new website. In the meantime the many of their names and email addresses can be found below. Please call on any of us whenever you have questions.
- ▶ **MEMBERSHIP** – Look for a membership reminder in your inbox in the next few days. PTA membership forms are also available on Corbell's website and will be at the Membership table at Meet the Teacher Night. If you're not able to turn in your form and dues on August 20<sup>th</sup>, you can bring them to the school's front office at any time. *Note: All families who join on August 20<sup>th</sup> may purchase new Corbell t-shirts for \$7 instead of \$10!* Please contact Janelle Griffiths with your membership questions: [janelleg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janelleg@sbcglobal.net).
- ▶ **VOLUNTEERING** - There will be a Volunteer table in the cafeteria on Meet the Teacher Night. Please stop by to check out the many volunteer opportunities available this year. NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE FRISCO ISD BACKGROUND CHECK PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING! The online form must be completed EVERY YEAR. Please go online and take care of this as soon as possible: <https://forms.friscoisd.org/backgroundcheck/Check01.aspx>. Please contact Amy Houck with your volunteering questions: [volunteeratcorbell@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteeratcorbell@yahoo.com).
- ▶ **FUNDRAISING** - The Wild Walk is back! Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual walk-a-thon is Corbell's one and only fundraiser, and continues to be a huge success. The Walk will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and we need A LOT of parent volunteers to make this event happen! If you'd like to be a part of the fun, or if you have a business that would like to sponsor the event, please contact Michelle Cassano: [mbcassano@yahoo.com](mailto:mbcassano@yahoo.com).
- ▶ **PROGRAMS** – As you now know, much of your PTA's energy and budget are focused on providing programs that are beneficial to you and your children. We have planned a year full of quality programming that we hope will enrich our families' lives and provide a little fun too. Check out the programs schedule at [www.friscoisd.org/Corbell/CorbellPTA](http://www.friscoisd.org/Corbell/CorbellPTA). Please direct your programming questions to Wanda Foskey: [fosk@bellsouth.net](mailto:fosk@bellsouth.net).
- ▶ **BOOK FAIR** – Your PTA will again host Scholastic book fairs in the fall and spring. To be a part of either fair, contact Sara Fortenberry: [sara.fortenberry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sara.fortenberry@sbcglobal.net) or Robin Craft: [robin@ro-bears.com](mailto:robin@ro-bears.com).
- ▶ **CULTURAL ARTS** – Corbell students will have many ways to explore arts, culture and talent this school year. Your PTA hosts the Reflections Program in the fall, a Multicultural Night in the winter and our very popular Talent Show in the spring. Please direct your cultural arts questions to Holly Ulmer: [hollyulmer@tx.rr.com](mailto:hollyulmer@tx.rr.com).
- ▶ **HOSPITALITY** – Are you the parent of an incoming Kindergartner? Not sure whether to cry or celebrate? Our Hospitality chairs will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "BooHoo/Yahoo" breakfast in the library right after you drop off your little one on the first day of school. Please join us! Contact your hospitality experts for more information – Kathryn Smith: [bsskas2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bsskas2000@yahoo.com) or Lisa McManus: [cornomac1@aol.com](mailto:cornomac1@aol.com).
- ▶ **ROOM PARENTS** – A valuable way to volunteer is being a room parent for your child's class. Look for sign-up sheets at Meet the Teacher Night on August 20<sup>th</sup> or contact our Room Parent Coordinators – Carrie Bourne: [carrie.bourne@genenismetro.org](mailto:carrie.bourne@genenismetro.org) or Lori Mayer: [mayerfam@hotmail.com](mailto:mayerfam@hotmail.com).
- ▶ **SPIRIT STORE** – Corbell parents spoke and your PTA listened - the Spirit Store is new and improved! We have returned to the original purpose of the Store – to provide school spirit items *only*. Also, we have eliminated the frequent distraction of monthly stores at lunch. It will now be open for students during lunch once in the fall and once in the spring, as well as at three evening PTA events. Photos, price lists and order forms for spirit store items will be available online all year long on our new website. For more details, contact Debbie Rajunov: [md.pie@tx.rr.com](mailto:md.pie@tx.rr.com).
- ▶ **SAGE** (Special and Gifted Education) - SAGE is a new committee within Frisco ISD PTA for parents, teachers and students in Special, 504 and/or Gifted Education. Your SAGE chair works to promote a close alliance between parents and educators of diverse learners in hopes of benefiting all children. Direct your SAGE questions to Kelly Jehling: [kellyjehling@hotmail.com](mailto:kellyjehling@hotmail.com).
- ▶ **STORE PROGRAMS** – From Kroger to IHOP to Chick-fil-A, Corbell families have several opportunities to support local Frisco retailers while benefiting our school. Look for a complete schedule of Store Programs soon on our new website, and contact Shari Zibby with questions: [sszibby@tx.rr.com](mailto:sszibby@tx.rr.com).

I encourage you to Catch the Wave and join us for an exciting year! Please contact me anytime at [kcmecom@tx.rr.com](mailto:kcmecom@tx.rr.com).

Sincerely,  
Kathy Mecom, PTA President 2010-2011

# Catch the Wave! JOIN THE PTA

## Corbell Elementary PTA Membership Form 2010-2011

PTA engages and informs families, provides free resources and programs, advocates for better education and health, and builds a bond between home and school. Simply put: your support helps our children ride the wave of success!

### Annual Membership Dues

Family Membership:        \$15  
 Individual Membership:    \$10  
 Grandparent Membership:   \$5

**PTA Member Information:**

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please include ANY/ALL email addresses so your family can stay informed!)*

**Grandparent PTA Member Information:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(the monthly Corbell newsletter will be emailed (preferably) to keep grandparents informed of their grandkids' activities)*

**Your Child's Information:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
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**Members Have a Voice!** How would *YOU* like Corbell PTA to impact the health, education, and well-being of *YOUR* child and family?

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Type of Membership(s):    Family \_\_\_\_\_    Individual \_\_\_\_\_    Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_    Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ **(make checks payable to Corbell PTA)**

***Let's go surfing:*** [www.friscoisd.org/corbell](http://www.friscoisd.org/corbell)

