



## DATES TO REMEMBER


### January - Character Trait

*"Diligence / Perseverance"*

January 17	4:30pm – School Site Council Meeting, Library
January 18	Dine & Donate @ <i>Chic-Fil-A</i>
January 19	7:00pm – ELAC Parent Meeting, Library
January 23-27	9am – 2pm – Kindergarten Registration Begins
January 26	7:00pm – Study Island Parent Training, Library
January 27	6:00pm-7:00pm – PTA <i>Books and Bites</i>

### February - Character Trait

*"Tolerance / Patience"*

February 1	Happy Ground Hog Day!!!
February 2	7:00pm – PTA Meeting, Library
February 6	6:00pm – Public Safety Academy Meeting, Library
February 9	8:45am – ELAC Meeting, Reading Room
	Progress Reports to go home
February 13	NO SCHOOL – Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Happy Valentine's Day! 
	4:30pm – Site Council Meeting, Library
	Dine & Donate @ <i>Panda Express</i>
February 20	NO SCHOOL – Washington's Birthday

### School Mission –

"Cordelia Hills will be a welcoming, supportive and inclusive community-based school where family involvement and community support will be encouraged at all levels. The school will act on the belief that every student can achieve academic success if the environment is supportive of their individual learning needs. Therefore, the needs of our students will be the focus in making all decisions. Staff will work collaboratively in order for each student to achieve his/her academic goals and develop the citizenship skills necessary for a successful future.

## Kindergarten REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**9:00am - 2:00pm**

Students ***MUST*** be 5 on or before November 1, 2012 to be eligible to register for Kindergarten – please note that this is a change of age due to a new state law.

### *Required Documents Include:*

- Original Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Records
- Name, address, phone and fax numbers of previous school attended
- Proof of Residency (**TWO** current forms at time of registration)
  - PG & E
  - Cable
  - Water
  - Garbage
  - Mortgage, Lease or Rental agreement

All documentation **must** be provided to complete registration.

### Reminder: *Revised School Calendar*

We will no longer have a two-week Spring Break. March 26-29 will now be full school days.

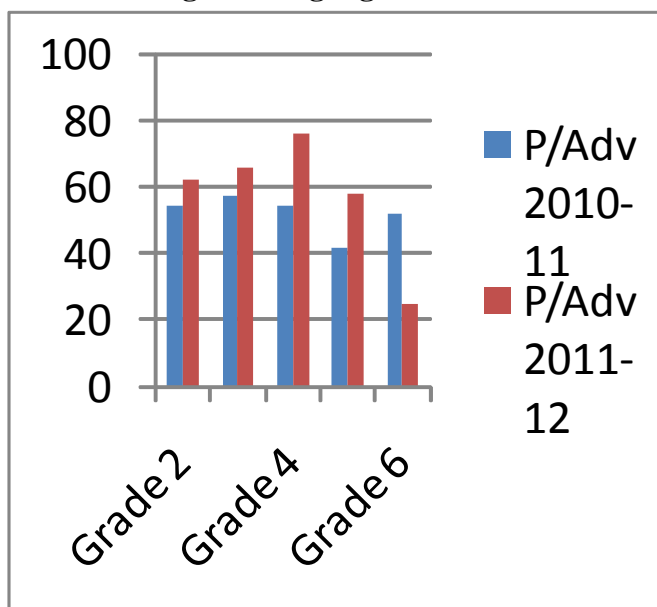
## Message from Nancy Allen, Principal

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed our three-week break and had a relaxing and fun time over the holidays with your families. With refreshed staff and students, we are settling into school with renewed vigor. January to May is prime time for academic progress. Everyone knows the expectations and routines, and it is a great time to LEARN.

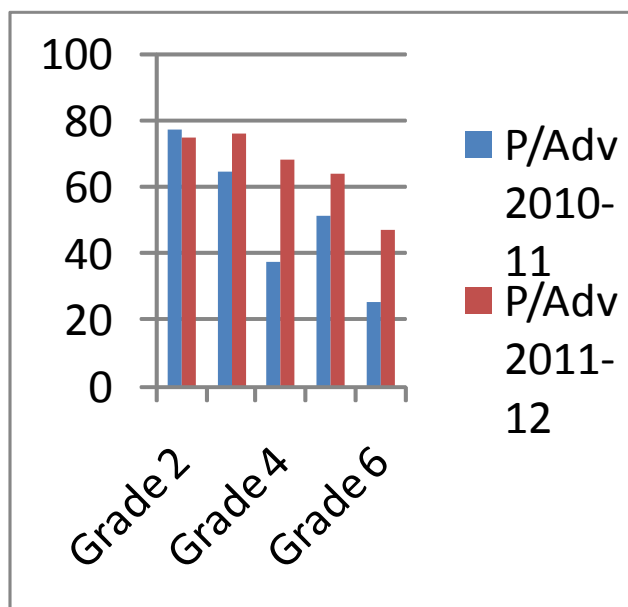
Students took their second Benchmark tests in December. These tests help teachers see the progress that students are making toward learning their grade level standards that they need to know by the end of the year. I have attached a couple of charts comparing last year's results with this year's. As you see, we continue to make progress.

### **Cordelia Hills Benchmark 2 Comparison**

**English Language Arts**



**Mathematics**



Recently elected to our **English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)** were Gee Tan, Olga Moya, Judy Pham, and Emmy Hernandez. These parents work with Mr. Suarez and myself to improve how we serve the needs of our English Learners. We have **a special evening meeting on January 19 at 7:00 in the library** that will include showing parents how to use our computer programs at home.

Do you have questions about **Study Island**? We have a **parent meeting on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 pm in the library** to show you how to use the program with your children and answer questions. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend.

There has been a change in the way that we are handling **birthday greetings on our marquee**. In order to better align with school board policy and to be more equitable, we are now offering to post birthday greetings for a suggested donation of \$5. Donations will go toward funding student rewards and technology. You can still write out your greeting on our old form, but we will be revising it soon to reflect the changes.

As you probably noticed at the beginning of this newsletter, we are beginning to register students for Kindergarten for next year. Please let any friends or neighbors who may not know that it is time to register their youngsters who are ready to begin school.

Thank you for all you do to support your children and our school. Our staff tries to make Cordelia Hills a wonderful place for students learn and grow each day, and we could not do it without you!



# Cordelia Hills PTA

## Upcoming Events

**January 18**

*Dine and Donate*  
6 AM – 10 PM  
New Chick fil A  
Drive Thru Location



Bring Flyer...  
Need one?

[www.cordeliahillspta.org/html/dine.html](http://www.cordeliahillspta.org/html/dine.html)

**January 27th**

*Books N Bites*  
Free Book Swap  
6 pm – 7 pm



**Make PTA part of your new year!**

**February 2nd**

PTA Meeting  
7:00 PM – 7:45 PM  
School Library

**February 14th**

*Dine and Donate*  
Panda Express



## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

### What's going on with CHE PTA?

Find out @ <http://www.cordeliahillspta.org>



### Want to receive our PTA updates?

Email [maureenkerr@cordeliahillspta.org](mailto:maureenkerr@cordeliahillspta.org), and you will be added to CHE PTA's on- line notifications.

### Wish you knew how to get involved or volunteer to help?

Cordelia Hills PTA emails out a monthly newsletter . weekly announcements of events & activities, and opportunities.



**Attend A PTA Meeting! Save the date Thurs. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*School Library 6 pm*

You are invited to attend all general meetings, *so that you can learn more about activities, events, and fundraisers at our school.* Come find out more... your interest, ideas and questions are welcome.

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*Cordelia Hills PTA extends our gratitude to our wonderful school staff and all of the volunteers who make our school special!*

