

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council



## Welcome Back to School!!!

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### Presidents

#### Corner...



#### WELCOME TO HISTORY!!!!

This year is history making, as Missouri PTA will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Missouri State Convention at the KCI Expo Center, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. I encourage each unit to send at least one representative. Several council members will be present, so you will know others attending and could carpool.

Not only is this a history making year, but you will be able to learn so much from the workshops, and other unit representatives in attendance from across the state. Our National PTA President Betsy Landers will also present an all conference workshop on Friday evening. Join us as we celebrate!

While historical, the year can also start off very busy from projects, to programs, meeting new people, membership sales, this time of year can also be over-whelming for even the most seasoned person. Do not be afraid to step back and ask for assistance.

Whether you need a question answered or you need help planning an event, reach out, and include new friends and members who are willing to help. Your board is not expected to do all the work, if you have a parent or family member who is willing to sort, file or cut at home, take advantage of their willingness to help. By reaching out to new volunteers you allow people to see you are not a closed clique, you find new talent, ideas and experiences to make your unit making it stronger.

As a council, we are here to help you and serve your needs. You can reach us with questions or ideas through Facebook at St Joseph MO PTA Council, by email at [sjpta@hotmail.com](mailto:sjpta@hotmail.com) or by phone or text at 341-0101. We look forward to hearing from you.

Brigitte Lindstrom  
SJPTA Council President

### St. Joseph PTA Council Request/confirmation Form For Button Machine

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # Home \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Project or function \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Needed \_\_\_\_\_ Send request to:  
(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component) Jena Kirschner

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 10489 SE State Rt. A

Title \_\_\_\_\_ St. Joseph, MO 64507

816-244-1687  
[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)  
Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To:

**Make Checks Payable to:**  
**ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL**

#### For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for \_\_\_\_\_ Check out date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Check in date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Number Returned \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number Used \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

#### Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is confirmed for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board  
Treasurer's Report  
June 30, 2012

|                                                                  |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Beginning Balance March 1, 2012                                  | \$6,770.60             |
| Total Deposits/May & June:                                       | \$159.35               |
| Interest for May                                                 | \$0.29                 |
| Interest for June                                                | \$0.06                 |
| Deposit May (Hosea PTA \$50.00, Little \$15.00,<br>Hays \$35.00) | \$100.00               |
| Deposit June (Refund from Murphy/Watson)                         | \$59.00                |
| <br>Total Disbursements/May & June                               | <br>\$5,499.00         |
| #837: Bonebrake Vision                                           | \$20.00                |
| #838: Murphy/Watson                                              | \$59.00                |
| #839: Spec Shoppe                                                | \$255.00               |
| #840: Tobin Eye Inst.                                            | \$165.00               |
| *Transfer to Money Market for summer                             | (\$5,000.00)           |
| <br>Balance on hand as of <b>June 30, 2012</b>                   | <br><b>\$1,430.95</b>  |
| <br>Bank Midwest CD #4155                                        |                        |
| Beginning Balance Dec. 1, 2011                                   | \$10,392.93            |
| Interest earned (Nov. 16, 2011)                                  | \$28.50                |
| Interest earned (May, 16, 2012)                                  | \$15.59                |
| CD Balance                                                       | \$10,437.02            |
| *CD cashed in and opened a Money Market acct.                    |                        |
| Additional interest earned on CD                                 | \$0.51                 |
| Ending balance of CD                                             | \$10,437.53            |
| <br>Money Market opened (beginning balance)                      | <br>\$10,437.53        |
| *Transfer from checking account for summer                       | (\$5,000.00)           |
| Interest earned June 20, 2012                                    | \$1.57                 |
| Balance of Money Market as of June 30, 2012                      | <b>\$15,439.10</b>     |
| <br>Total Balance as of <b>June 30, 2012</b>                     | <br><b>\$16,870.05</b> |

**Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2012**  
**Articles are due September 10, 2012**

|                                                          |                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director report</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Parent Involvement</u>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>               |

**All articles must be emailed to Lori Prussman at [aokmom@hotmail.com](mailto:aokmom@hotmail.com), subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE .**  
**Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.**

"In the end we are all separate: our stories, no matter how similar, come to a fork and diverge. We are drawn to each other because of our similarities, but it is our differences we must learn to respect." –Anonymous

Submitted by Jacy Atkins

**Attention treasurers**

It is time to fill out your year-end reports...

Financial review/audit

End of year report/annual review

File your 990N

Find all the reports and link to IRS on our website

[www.stioepta.org](http://www.stioepta.org)

Don't forget that you must present your audit to your General assembly and it must be voted on.

Send copies to Brigitte Lindstrom and to the State PTA office to remain in good standings!!

## Family Involvement

Family Involvement is extremely important to the success of students, teachers, staff and the overall St. Joseph School District. Below you will find the annual VEST report. VEST stands for Volunteer, Educators, Students Together. VEST and PTA are linking arms to bring the schools, families and community together. If you are not registered to volunteer in the district, please consider visiting the website <http://www.sjsd.k12.mo.us/domain/88> to learn more about how to become involved. There are many opportunities throughout the year to volunteer or help with a PTA sponsored event. We all want the best for our students and what better way to help then to become actively involved in education.



### VEST 2011-2012 School Year Annual Report July 11, 2012

The 2011-12 school year marked the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary (24<sup>th</sup> year) of the VEST (Volunteers, Educators, Students, Together) Program.

This school year, the VEST program recorded **727 active volunteers**. These volunteers include Connect-Tomorrow mentors from Altec, Healthy Buddy mentors from MWSU, America Reads tutors from MWSU and A+ tutors from Benton and Lafayette.

The total number of **volunteer hours recorded was 30,686**. Of this number, 8,215 were indirect hours – those volunteers serving on a one time basis. 527 hours were from Healthy Buddy mentors, 559 were A+ volunteer hours, and 102 were from Altec mentors.

According to the Independent Sector, a national organization that tracks volunteer activity in this country, an hour of volunteer service in 2011 is worth \$21.79 per hour. This amounts to a contribution of **\$668,647** for enhanced curriculum, shared talents and expertise, mentoring and overall community support for schools.

The 3 schools with the highest number of hours were: Edison with 4,353 hours, Central having 4,128 hours, and Pickett recording 3,804 hours. Pickett had the greatest number of recorded volunteers with 155 active volunteers, Coleman totaled 92 active volunteers and Skaith recorded 85 active volunteers for this school year.

30 of the active volunteers recorded more than 100 hours individually.  
Submitted by: Charisse Giseburt

## Health/Wellness & Safety Chair – Lisa Little

Thank you to the many PTA Volunteers who have assisted with the Kids Tour of St Joseph this summer. We have one more ride left on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Registration begins at 9am and the ride begins at 10am. This ride will be held near Corby Pond. The rides are for children ages 5 – 12. Each child should have their own bike and are required to wear a helmet.

### Bicycling for Fun and Wellness

. Posted in [Health and Wellness](#)

If you're looking for a healthy activity that you and your whole family can enjoy together, why not consider cycling? You might remember riding down the street as a child to visit your friends on your bike but did you realize that biking is a great way to get healthy and have a fun activity that your entire family can enjoy? There are many benefits to cycling that anyone at any age or level of physical fitness can enjoy.

Cycling can guard against a wide range of chronic problems and improve on existing problems as well. Also, as it is an aerobic exercise, bicycling prevents heart disease and gives you a better overall level of fitness, both in muscle tone and flexibility. Normal cycling, just getting on your bike and not racing off, is an excellent form of aerobic exercise. You can reduce the risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, and diabetes.

The [Missouri Bicycle Foundation](#) is a corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. A statewide, not-for-profit organization promoting good health and physical activity through bicycling and walking, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and education of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

## *Call to Convention*

*Missouri PTA 97<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
Hilton Kansas City Airport  
October 19 – 21*

*Key note speaker will be National PTA President Betsy Landers!!!*

*Come help us celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*



### **PTA Council meeting dates 2012-2013**

- September 1st
- October 1st
- November 5<sup>th</sup>
- December 3rd
- January 7th
- March 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 1st
- May 6<sup>th</sup>

All meeting will be held at Hillyard Tech. Center, Room 103,  
3434 Faraon. Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm,  
registration is at 6:50 pm.

## **Health/Wellness & Safety Chair – Lisa Little**

### **PLAN NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “WALK TO SCHOOL DAY” – October 3, 2012**

Communities and schools are using Walk or Bike to School Day as the first step to change community culture and to create options for getting around that are more inviting for everyone, both young and old. International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. Today, thousands of schools across America – from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico – participate every October.

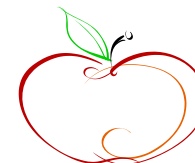
Save the Date and check out this link for more information

[www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org)

St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Jacy Atkins on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2012-2013.

Jacy is a senior at Central High School.

We are looking forward to working  
with Jacy this year.



## Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund

### Board of Trustees Annual Report 2011-2012

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association in 1937 in memory of Clarence J. Carpenter, former principal of Neely Elementary School and principal of Bliss Junior High School at the time of his death. A volunteer board of 12 members manages the fund – the St. Joseph PTA Council elects 9 and the Council President and Coordinator of Health Service also serve on the board. The Superintendent of Schools is an advisor to the Board. We currently have 2 Honorary Trustees: Mrs. Robert Beaver and Mrs. William Mooney, Jr. The Board meets in September, November, January, March, and May. Officers of 2011-2012 were Sandy Frazer - Chairman, Marcia Rippe - Vice-chair, Barb Harris - Recording secretary, Heather Weddle - Corresponding secretary, and Lori Prussman - Treasurer.

This year a total of 85 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this care was \$7,709.80. This was an increase of 27 students from the previous year causing an increase of \$2,251.80 for this care. There were no dental bills presented this year.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2012 CAMPAIGN received \$3,182.60 in donations.

In recognition of her many years as a participating optometrist for the Carpenter Fund, Dr. Joyce Stroud was honored at the Founder's Day Dinner. The St. Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund, in her honor.

At the May meeting a budget of \$7,250.00 was approved. New officers elected for the coming year are: Sandy Frazer - Chair, Marcia Rippe - Vice-chair, Barb Harris - Recording secretary, Heather Weddle - Corresponding secretary, and Lori Prussman - Treasurer.

The Board wishes to thank all the units and individuals for the donations they have made to make it another successful year for the Board to give eye and dental care to the students of the St. Joseph School District.

Submitted by Sandy Frazer



“Blasting Off”. This is the 2012 – 2013 Missouri State PTA Theme. Our membership numbers for the 2011-2012 year certainly took a huge leap from last school year. The St. Joseph Pony Express PTA Council saw an increase of approximately 1411 more memberships over last school year. I would like everyone to take a minute and celebrate this accomplishment!

One of the big themes we focused on last year was “One Child, One Voice”. I would like to challenge each Unit to increase their membership numbers by 100, and earn the Exclusive 100 Award, the 100% Faculty Award, the Student Membership Award, and the Early Bird Award. Earning these awards would certainly ensure each unit was “blasting off” in their efforts to ensure each child at their school is represented by a PTA membership.

I believe we are on the way to growing our memberships, but we also need to remember the reason why we are PTA members...it is much bigger than the Sonic discount☺ We are also working on growing our member base, keeping families involved in their children's lives, building bridges of communication between school and home, and “blasting off” children's educational opportunities!

I encourage Unit members to come to the Council meetings, share your successes with membership development, and possibly learn new strategies to bring back to your Unit. Look for new and exciting incentives at Council meetings...I promise it will be worth attending☺

Nici Hayes, Membership Chairperson

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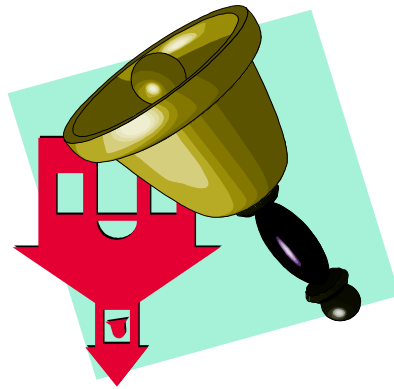
Did you know that we have a **PTA theme song**???

Listen at this link.....

<http://www.pta.org/5177.htm>

NOTICE OF MEETING

## ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL



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