

# Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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Corner...

Kerry Funck, Council President

## "Be the One...Celebrate Children...Join the PTA!"

How is your membership drive going? At our last meeting we had a lot of great ideas shared on how to have a successful membership drive. One of the common factors was you have to give something back. Whether it is a water bottle (Coleman, last year), 10 free carnival tickets, free carnival to all PTA members (Skaith), free membership with the purchase of a school t-shirt (Webster), free pass to school dance (Middle School) to a free night stay at a local popular hotel. Do you need a gimmick? Do you have a gimmick? Will parents join just because they believe in the Purposes of PTA?

### The **Purposes** Of The Parent Teacher Association

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

Do parents know that joining PTA they are a member of the largest child advocacy organization in the United States? It is up to us as PTA/PTSA officers to inform parents of the importance of PTA.

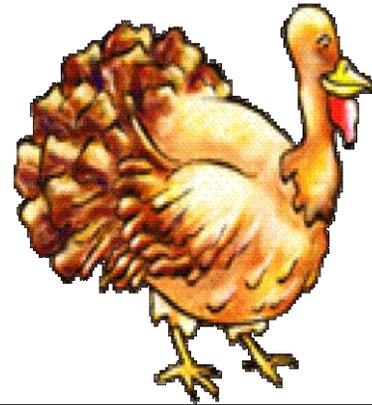
So, what about having a gimmick? I'm torn. I wish parents would join because it is a wonderful organization but if you need to have a raffle, give away something, or have a competition between classes to get memberships make sure you are letting the "would be members" know what your PTA/PTSA does. Let them know about your activities and what PTA has done to improve your school. You might not only get a new member but a new volunteer.

If your membership drive is something to brag about drop me an e-mail and tell me about it. Your successes could help others.

Kerry Funck

## Important Notice

November General Meeting will be held  
at Skaith in the  
Multi Purpose/Lunchroom.



### Thought of the Month

The most damaging phrase  
in the language is: "It's always  
been done that way."

Grace Murry Hopper



Plan of Work for Second Vice President  
**2004/2005**

To be an aide to the president as requested.

To be a director of the Department of Organization for:

- 1). American Education Week
- 2). Salute to Schools
- 3). School of Information
- 4). Button Machine
- 5). Ways and Means

To assist in updating bylaws, standing rules, and procedure books for this department and office.

Shall preside if the president and vice president are absent.

Diana Slawson

**PTA Council 2004-2005**

**Membership Contest**

Four categories worth \$\$\$\$\$

1. **100% membership OR 10% above last years membership (based on number of students enrolled at the 7 day count)**
2. **Highest numerical increase compared to last year. This school will also receive the traveling plaque.**
3. **Highest number of business memberships.**
4. **100% Faculty – including Dr. Colgan and Kerry Funck. This will be awarded based on applications made to the state office for the 100% Faculty Award.**

**Council Clippings Article Assignments for  
 December 2004**  
**Articles are due November 10, 2004**

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>American Education Week Report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Founders Day</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Salute to Schools</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Spelling Bee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Legislation</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.**

**Membership reminders....**

-Remember to pay your dues to the St. Joseph PTA Council.

-Memberships should be sent into the state office at the end of each month.

-Offer an incentive for membership in your school's PTA like a party, carnival, shirt, etc.

- Be sure to ask Dr. Colgan and Kerry Funck to join your PTA. You can send them the card through school mail and they will return the money.

-Business memberships are also a great way for you to increase your members while providing businesses with advantages as well.

# Davis-Langemach PTA Council Award of Excellence

## Background

The “Davis-Langemach PTA Council Award of Excellence” is named after Mrs. True Davis, Sr., and Mrs. Vernon Langemach, both highly admired St. Joseph ladies, who are past State PTA Presidents.

## Determination of Winner

The administrator, teacher, or staff member, who has been nominated, must have made a major difference in the life of a student of the St. Joseph School District. It should be something that will be of major impact in the child’s life and must have taken place between the first day of school and the last day of school.

A nomination may be made by a parent/family member, administrator, teacher, staff person, or other adult community member. (No self nominations please.)

The administrator of the nominee as well as the nominating party must sign the form to assure validity.

**Each month one winner will be selected and recognized by the St. Joseph PTA Council. The winner will be awarded a certificate of recognition. In addition, a book valued at \$25 will be given in honor of the winner to the school where they are employed. If they are not employed at a school, then they may select which school will receive the book.**

An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

Nominations submitted will be kept for consideration for that school year unless they are chosen as a winner.

The child’s name will not be released to the public.

In order to be considered as the next month’s award recipient, three copies of the nomination must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

**Nominations should be sent to:**

**Bea Dobyán**  
PTA Council Awards  
4603 S. Lakewood Drive  
St. Joseph, MO 64506



Thank you for your interest!



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component)

Send request to: Maria Reynolds

1115 E. Highland Ave.

St. Joseph, MO 64505

816-364-2848

[rama@magiccablepc.com](mailto:rama@magiccablepc.com)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Send Bill To:  
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Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*  
Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1271  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

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For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for  
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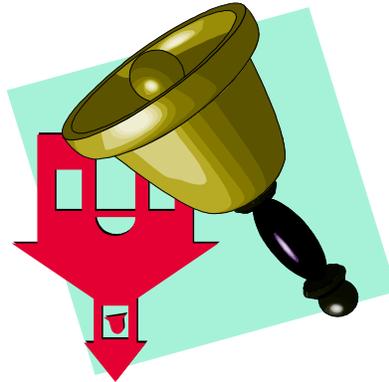
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