

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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## Presidents

### Corner...

Welcome back from winter break. 2007 is now well under way. I hope you have opened that package in the big white envelope that came from the Missouri PTA over the winter break. It is filled with useful information for your unit. The Dues membership Reporting Form is located on page 58. Yes, you can continue to collect memberships. You have done a great job so far. As a council, we have collected over 6,300 memberships. Remember to ask me to join as I need to be a member of your unit to be eligible for various council membership awards. I am currently a member of ten units: Neely, Bode, Central, Parkway, Robidoux, Skaith, Mark Twain, Truman, Eugene Field, and Webster. We need to continue to work to meet our goal as a council and go 10% over last year's membership numbers. We are about 500 memberships short of last year. Take note of the state membership challenge – "20 in 2". Each unit registering 20 new members during January and February will be eligible to win one of several prizes from the state PTA.

Additionally, information about the annual audit sheet and the audit process are explained beginning on page 30 of your packet. This should be submitted to the state PTA office each year when an audit of your books is complete. Council does not need a copy of your audit as your audit status will be reflected in the state report council receives. For most units, the books should be audited between June and October. The end of your unit's year is specified in your bylaws. This is an important step in being a fiscally responsible unit. In addition, it is a protection for your unit and its officers. Finally, units with gross incomes over \$25,000 must file taxes by the fifteenth day of the fifth month after the end of your year according to your bylaws. That means you must include any money that goes through your unit, even if you pay it out for a product. If you need additional information please contact Christy Callaway at 232-2184 or at [bkcallaway@stjoelive.com](mailto:bkcallaway@stjoelive.com).

Now is the time to get your nominating committee underway. Information concerning this process is also in your winter packet on page 44. Again, refer to your bylaw for information about specifics concerning your nominating committee. It should specify how many members are needed and how the committee should function. This group needs to be elected by the general membership. The committee must report their nominations and call for nominations from the floor at least 30 days prior to a vote. The process must be completed by March 31, 2006 when the list of officers on page 1 of the winter packet should be sent in to both the state and council.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get in those Reflections entries and to Diana Slawson for organizing it for PTA Council. It is a great opportunity for our students to express themselves in a variety of forms. But without the support PTA Councils gets from staff, parents and volunteers, this would be impossible to pull off. A reception will be held at the Keatley Center in the spring to announce winners in various categories and divisions. Also, new this year, winners will be recognized at the MOPTA State Leadership Conference in April 27-28 in Kansas City.

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### Continued Presidents Corner....

The end of January and February will continue to be busy. On January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 the first legislative rally will take place at Hillyard's Technical School. Then on February 10<sup>th</sup> is the Buchanan County Spelling Bee will be held at Truman School. Good luck to all the contestants. February 8<sup>th</sup> is the Pony Express Regional Kids First Rally sponsored by the Missouri PTA. More information is available in the Winter Packet. See the Speak UP! sheet. The months' events will conclude with our Founder's Day Dinner on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Holiday Inn. We hope to see each of you there.

**Congratulations** to Lindbergh Elementary PTA and Bode Middle School PTSA for writing and obtaining Lowe's grants for their schools. Bode received \$5,000.00 to aide in the purchase of band lockers and Lindbergh will create a new playground surface with their \$25,000.00 grant. Thanks you for BELIEVING in our schools.

### Council Clippings Article Assignments for March 2007

#### Articles are due February 10, 2007

<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>Spelling Bee</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ways and means</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Nominating committee report</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>School of Information</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>PTA Legislative Day Report</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.**

Our first round of grant applications has been awarded in the amount of \$700.00 per school. The Saint Joseph PTA Council would like to thank all the schools and PTA units for working together to come up with some create ways to enhance out students' social, emotional, physical and mental development. Some larger items are being purchased with money from several sources. The following abbreviated list of items will be purchased:

<u>Humboldt</u>	<u>organized recess games</u>
<u>Lake</u>	<u>sound system speakers</u>
<u>Robidoux</u>	<u>accelerated reader rewards</u>
<u>Pershing</u>	<u>classroom books</u>
<u>Benton</u>	<u>increase reading level/chili supper</u>
<u>Bode</u>	<u>band instrument storage</u>
<u>Skaith</u>	<u>lunchroom monitor</u>
<u>Mark Twain</u>	<u>3 wireless hubs</u>
<u>Gene Field</u>	<u>professional development/rdg.&amp;wrtg</u>
<u>Noyes</u>	<u>student enrichment evening activities</u>
<u>Coleman</u>	<u>stage curtain replacement</u>
<u>Ellison</u>	<u>banner for character education</u>
<u>Neely</u>	<u>outdoor camera to monitor playground</u>
<u>Hyde</u>	<u>2 day on-site consultant for reading</u>
<u>Spring Garden</u>	<u>gymnasium divider</u>
<u>Edison</u>	<u>quarterly incentive activities</u>
<u>Webster</u>	<u>math library k-2</u>
<u>Parkway</u>	<u>classroom books</u>
<u>Truman</u>	<u>Graph Skills Classroom Units</u>
<u>Hosea</u>	<u>guided reading books</u>
<u>Hall</u>	<u>laminator</u>
<u>Pickett</u>	<u>books/materials for guided reading</u>
<u>Central</u>	<u>Guided Program of Study for 9<sup>th</sup> graders at risk</u>
<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>Communication Arts AP materials</u>
<u>Lindbergh</u>	<u>books for first grade</u>

### Salute the Schools

Muffins, chocolates and thank-you notes were delivered to all of the St. Joseph School District's employees that are not associated with a PTSA. These employees have the jobs that we as parents and students don't always acknowledge, such as the maintenance, printing, personnel, administration, and dietary deparatments. The PTA Council appreciates all you do for our children.

Laura Caton, Chair



### 2007/2008 Nominating Slate of Officers and Committee Chairpersons

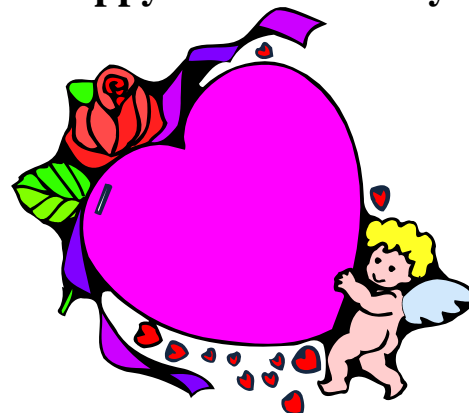
President – Peggy Wood  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Diana Slawson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Angie Davies  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Linda Peters  
 Recording Secretary – Jena Kirschner  
 Corresponding Secretary – Christy Callaway  
 Treasurer – Deb Conrad  
 Sgt. At Arms – Becky Huntsman

#### Chairs:

Reflections – Diana Slawson  
 Spelling Bee – Karen Heyde-Lipanovich  
 Founder's Day – Diana Slawson, Linda Peters, Carla Ewart  
 Membership – Christina Lund  
 American Education Week – Linda Peters  
 Salute to School – Laura Caton  
 School of Information – Joyce Clibon  
 Ways & Means – Ana Maria Klundt  
 Button Machine – Jena Kirschner  
 Bylaws – Diane Slawson  
 Clippings (Editor/Mailing) – Lori Prussman  
 Legislation – Sharon Kosek  
 Awards – Angie Davies  
 Character/Spiritual – TBA  
 Parent Involvement – TBA

Clarence J Carpenter Memorial Fund Board:  
 Deb Conrad  
 Christy Callaway  
 Deb Punzo

### Happy Valentines Day



# Legislative Report

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## US Senator McCaskill and US Senator Bond Contact Information

You may wish to contact newly elected US Senator Claire McCaskill via phone call to congratulate her on her recent election. (Hard copy documents are still not recommended as they may take months to reach the recipient.) Her website is expected to be announced soon. Current contact information available for our US Senators is as follows:

Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO)  
UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON DC 20510  
202-224-6154 (Phone)

Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond (R - MO)  
274 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON DC 20510  
(202) 224-5721 (Phone)  
Web Form: [bond.senate.gov/contact/contactme.cfm](http://bond.senate.gov/contact/contactme.cfm)



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## You are invited to the 2007 Legislative Forums

Please mark your calendars to attend the 2007 Legislative Forums to be held at Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon in Room 103. The forums will begin promptly at 4:15 p.m. and end promptly at 5:15 p.m. The public is invited; refreshments will be served. This will be your opportunity to ask questions regarding issues on the state and federal levels. PTA Council plays an active role with Deb Conrad, Peggy Wood, Joyce Clibon, and Sharon Kosek assisting. Dates for the forums are Friday, **January 26**; Friday, **February 23**; Friday, **March 30**; and Friday, **April 27**. Billie Sharp of Hillyard is the coordinator.



Meet our state representatives and senator as well as Congressman Sam Graves' legislative assistant, Chad Higdon. Participating in the forums are Senator Charlie Shields (District 34), Representative Ed Wildberger (District 27), Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf (District 28), and Representative Martin Rucker (District 29).

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## Pony Express Region Kids' First Rally – February 8, 2007

Join other Pony Express Region PTA members for the Kids' First Rally to be held at the Platte County Resource Center, 11724 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, MO 64153. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. The following PTA units have been invited to participate in the rally: Avenue City, Cameron, Clinton County, Cowgill, Liberty, North Kansas City, Park Hill, Platte City, and St. Joseph.

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## PTA Victory: Channel One Dropped by Parent Company

The year 2006 ended with a victory for children's media advocates. Primedia, the parent company for Channel One, announced that it would be discontinuing the education segment that houses Channel One. Channel One is a marketing company and television show that delivers news and advertising to children in schools. The programs must be shown in their entirety, including the commercials, the vast majority of which are for junk foods, sodas, and sports drinks. Schools can also receive several hours of documentaries that contain no commercials. PTA opposes the exploitation of students through commercial operations that require students to view advertising or to study specific instructional programs as a condition of the school's receiving a donation of money or a donation or loan of equipment. Therefore, PTA has sought Channel One's removal from schools since the company's inception. Last September, PTA joined more than 100 organizations and children's advocates in sending a letter to the 100 leading national advertisers and the top 50 advertising agencies, requesting that they pledge not to advertise on Channel One or BusRadio, a newer product that plays a combination of music, advertising, and contests on school buses.

Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair St. Joseph PTA Council

# COUNCIL CLIPPINGS

## MEMBERSHIP

### JANUARY 2007 SUBMISSION

Amazing effort from each individual unit so far this year with obtaining PTA memberships!

With just a short time remaining in getting those numbers to state (deadline is March 1), we hope each of your membership chairs is making a concentrated effort to recruit more members for each of your units!

Each and every PTA member benefits from the affiliation! PTA works on behalf of its members, providing state and national information, influence, and recognition to help unite parents, teachers, and the community for the common good of all children. Together, members can create a healthy, nurturing environment for improving opportunities for all children and youth.

#### Partnerships

- Local PTAs provide parents, teachers, and community members the opportunity to work together to improve the lives of children and youth through programs that address health, education, and social concerns.
- Local, state, and National PTAs cooperate with other children and youth-oriented organizations to combine resources in addressing child-related issues.

#### Legislative Influence

- Members have clout and a powerful voice in government because of PTA's large membership of more than 6 million nationwide.
- National PTA's Washington, DC, Office provides support for all PTAs with information regarding and analysis of federal issues and through advocacy training. This support is provided mainly through your state PTA.
- Members have access to information providing the PTA perspective on current federal legislation, including National PTA's legislative hotline (888) 4-ALL-KDS (425-5537).
- Each PTA president receives a subscription to the National PTA magazine *Our Children*, which includes a legislative section.
- Members can get up-to-date information on legislative activity by subscribing to the weekly e-newsletter *This Week in Washington*.
- National PTA's website, [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org), provides legislative news and alerts, as well as background on key issues.

As an added bonus, please remember the incentive goals presented by Council for this year. Each individual PTA/PTSA unit has the potential of earning up to \$100.00 for their school should they meet each of the following goals:

- ♦ **Highest numerical increase compared to last year**
- ♦ **100% Faculty** – Including Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Melody Smith, Associate Superintendent/Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Cheri Patterson and PTA Council President, Deb Conrad
- ♦ **100% Membership or 10% above previous year's membership** – Based on the number of students enrolled at the 7-day count
- ♦ **Units with 20 Business Memberships or more**

*For less than 3 cents a day, you can become a PTA member, joining nearly 6 million other people who share your interest in issues affecting children. Everyone—parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities—are invited to join our not-for-profit organization.*

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Lund  
PTA Council Membership Chair



# Davis-Langemach-Kosek PTA Council Award of Excellence

## Background

The “Davis-Langemach-Kosek 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. This award is also in honor of Mrs. Sharon Kosek who is a past St. Joseph PTA Council President and Legislative chair.

## Determination of Winner

The administrator, teacher, staff member, or volunteer 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.**

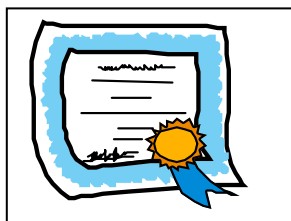
An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

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:**



**Angie Davies**

PTA Council Awards

4703 Huntsboro Ct.

St. Joseph, MO 64506

[angieiscooking@yahoo.com](mailto:angieiscooking@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your interest.

## DAVIS-LANGEMACH-KOSEK PTA COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

NAME OF NOMINEE

SCHOOL / ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS / SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MY NOMINEE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE BY

[illegible]

(Please use back of page if necessary.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



**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: Jena Kirschner  
10489 SE State Rt. A  
St. Joseph, MO 64507  
816-244-1687

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Title\_\_\_\_\_

Send Bill To:

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

Check out date\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sent\_\_\_\_\_

Check in date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Number Used @ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due\_\_\_\_\_

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Confirmation

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

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

# 2007/2008 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Deb Conrad @ Neely School

**School Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**President's Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice's Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice's Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary's Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer's Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Please add name and position of any other officer**

**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Position:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_



# OFFICERS FORM

**Important: Our 2007-2008 School Year Mailing List will be compiled from the information on this form.**

**Please mail this form by March 31, 2007 with the names of the 2007-2008 officers whether NEW or RE-ELECTED. DO NOT use the school address for president mailings.**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGION** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNCIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCHOOL DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE ( \_\_\_\_ )** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASUER** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE ( \_\_\_\_ )** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

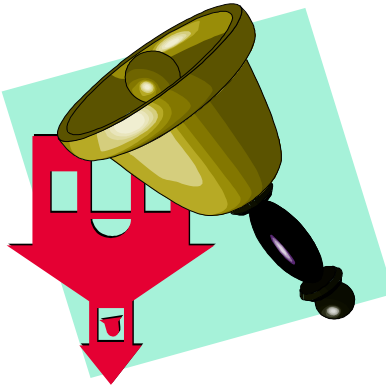
**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

## **SEND COMPLETED FORM TO**

Missouri PTA  
2100 I-70 Drive, SW  
Columbia, MO 65203  
Fax: 573-445-4163

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL



ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1271  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

