

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Preparation of this month's article comes at a busy time. It seems everyone is filled with numerous winter activities. As parents, we are hurriedly running to various activities like play practice or basketball games. PTA council and units have additional activities such as general meetings, Founder's Day, and the Spelling Bee. As spring approaches, parents, teachers and students must continue forward.

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee sponsored by your St. Joseph PTA Council was held on Saturday February 4th at Truman Middle School. The event was organized and ran smoothly thanks to the event chairperson, Karen Heyde Lipanovich and her many volunteers. Additional information concerning winners is included in this edition of Clippings. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Our legislative chairperson, Sharon Kossek, continues to be hard at work collaborating with various organizations to bring us monthly legislative forums. These forums are held the last Friday of the month at Hillyard Technical School at 4:00. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet your legislators and find out about the many issues concerning our students, parents and teachers. Remember, one of the biggest advantages to our group is our voice. On March 14th a school board candidates' forum will also be held at Hillyard Technical School at 7:00 p.m. This will be a unique opportunity to gain insight on the candidates' positions on educational issues. Please plan to come!

Several housekeeping issues should also be addressed at this time of the year. Don't forget now is the time to be presenting your slate of officers. The slate should sit for 30 days during which time other candidates can choose to run against the slate. By March 31, 2006 your slate of officers should be voted on by the general membership. Don't forget to send a copy of your officers to the council and state PTA office. This insures your unit receiving the necessary paperwork over the summer.

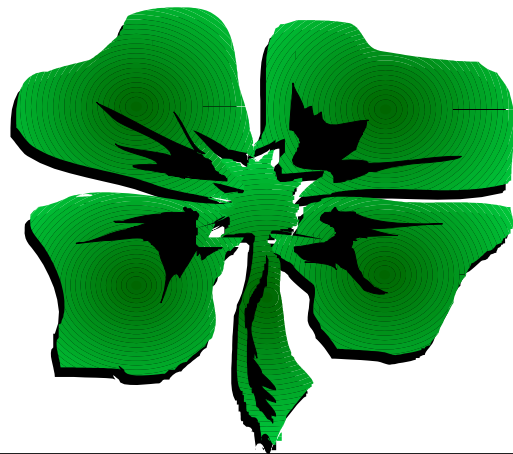
Additionally, be sure your bylaws are current. If your bylaws need to be reviewed this spring or summer, it is important to start now. Just like your slate of officers, a committee must review the bylaws. If any changes (other than those mandated by the state and national PTA) are recommended those changes must be presented to the general membership and sit for thirty days before being voted on by the general membership. These are two important issues to address to maintain your PTA standing. Finally, remember April 3rd will be our School of Information.

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SCHOOL OF INFORMATION

April 3, after the regular monthly Council meeting, will be the School of Information. It will begin at approximately 7:15 PM and be finished by 8:15 PM. There will be break out sessions for President, treasurer, secretary/Reflections, and membership. Great door prizes in each workshop with the grand prize for two to the State PTA Convention at Tan-Tar-A in October. Plan to attend, learn lots of stuff, and maybe win a door prize!!

Joyce Clibon, Chairman



Continued Presidents report...

.....Please plan to attend. Workshops will be offered to presidents, membership chairs, treasurers, secretaries and reflections chairs. This is an opportunity for your unit to get information about each position and meet new officers from other units. Not to mention the great prizes offered by Joyce Clibon, PTA Council School of Information chairperson. Remember, our next general meeting March 6. Hope to see you there.

Deb Conrad
Council President

"We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same."
-Anne Frank (1929-1945)

Submitted by Alex Dobyan

MO PTA Dates to remember.....

- March** (*American Red Cross Month*)
(*Music in our Schools Month*)
(*Women's History Month*)
- 1** Postmark deadline for Dues to Qualify for State Awards
Principal's Day
- 5-11** National School Breakfast Week
- 15** Deadline for Phoebe Apperson Hearst-National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award
- 12-18** National Poison Prevention Week
- 17** St. Patrick's Day
- 31** New 2006-2007 PTA Officers Form Due to State Office



Council Clippings Article Assignments for April 2006 Articles are due March 10, 2006

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

An Alphabet for Parents

a message from Sylvan Learning Center, Lee's Summit

When I have a child in school, I will . . .

*Always ask him what went well at school today;
Boast about the good things he tells me;
Celebrate his mistakes because everybody learns that way (but never criticize);
Do a diary together, recounting family gatherings, outings, letters and messages;
Encourage him to be himself and expect his very best;
Forget the adult worries and remember he's just a little boy;
Gather, go and get experiences galore! – because out of doing comes the learning;
Hug him often – at least once every day (even when he's big);
Invite him to be the greatest, smartest, happiest child in the world. Tell him that & treat him that way;
Join in when he's reading or studying, realizing that my actions speak louder than anything I can say;
Keep on learning myself – all that I can see, do and be – living life to its fullest;
Listen to him when he's troubled and laugh with him when he's joyous;
Make the difference in his days by mentioning that we really care;
Notice when his hair is combed (at least when he comes down to breakfast);
Offer him opportunities to decide things for himself, what to wear, when to do his chores: give him power over his life with all the risks that entails;
Pin up his artwork, tests, writings, heroes, photographs for all the family to enjoy;
Question his teacher and his coaches often about how he feels he's doing at school and on his team;
Relax and enjoy his childhood. Read to him often – remember how fleeting are his childhood years;
Squeeze praise into every day's time slots. Save a private moment for sharing what he chooses to share.
Turn the TV off sometimes to talk together, at the dinner table, before he goes to bed...
Use his talents to the fullest – helping out with the garbage, the dishes, the cooking at church, in the community so that he realizes that his presence makes the difference to others;
Volunteer when needed! Be that model of helpfulness in school demonstrating that learning is his and my most important business;
Wait patiently for him. He may be a late bloomer – a deep thinker – a slow mover;
Xtra, extra, extra! That's what moms and dads are all about;
Yes, I'm the one that counts. It is my values and strengths he will imitate;
Zoom ahead together in life, aware and confident he is God's unique gift to me;
... With my help, he'll make it!*

Anonymous

Submitted by Peggy Wood,
Parent Involvement Chairman

Your Saint Joseph PTA Council spent over \$17,000.00 to assist in various projects at our area schools through grant requests submitted. The following provides a brief overview of the requested items from each school.

Skaith – Add a lunchroom supervisor

Hosea – lunchroom enhancements (awning and mural)

Neely – purchase books for independent reading for kindergarten

Truman - Accelerated Reader tests

Coleman – washer and dryer

Benton – document camera (Elmo)

Humboldt – a book for each child to take home during parent-teacher conferences

Spring Garden – supplement current special education programs with items like audio books, literature sets, Special Olympics and home/life skills projects

Hyde – guided reading books for k-2

Bessie Ellison – creation of a reading nook in the library (lamps, tables and chairs)

Bode Middle School – novel literature sets for reading and writing classes

Parkway – purchase books for reading (k-6)

Hall – Sound system for music programs and PTA meetings

Webster – purchase books and quizzes for Reading Counts (k-6)

Noyes – purchase services for on-going training in Readers Workshop

Central – purchase DECA Comprehension Exams (200 students current in group) as classroom practice tests.

Lafayette – InterWrite Tablet in Communication Arts classrooms (to display student work)

Mark Twain – purchase security camera equipment and installation for safety

Pickett – purchase books for classroom libraries divided among all classroom teachers

Edison – Citizen of the Week Program prizes

Robidoux – Accelerated Reader prizes

Pershing - Adding base-ten blocks to the Cognitively Guided Instruction process (k-6)

Eugene Field - Assist with cost of in-services to improve reading instruction for k-6

Lake Contrary – purchase a large projection screen and projector to present information for PTA events, parent involvement activities and professional in-services.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Reflections 2005/2006. The theme this year, "I Wonder Why....."

We had two additional schools participate this year bringing our total to 19 schools participating. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Reflections contest a success. The recognition reception will be held in April at the Keatley Center. Thank you! Diana Slawson

Bessie Ellison Elementary School	3 visual arts
Bode Middle School	3 literature, 3 visual arts, 3 photography
Central High School	3 visual arts, 3 literature
Coleman Elementary	3 visual arts, 1 photography, 3 literature, 1 music
Eugene Field Elementary	3 visual arts, 3 photography, 3 literature, 1 music
Hall Elementary	3 visual arts
Hosea Elementary	3 visual arts
Humboldt	2 visual arts
Lake Elementary	3 visual arts
Mark Twain Elementary	3 visual arts
Neely Elementary	3 visual arts
Noyes Elementary	3 visual arts
Parkway Elementary	3 visual arts, 1 photography
Pershing Elementary	3 visual arts, 1 literature
Pickett Elementary	3 visual arts
Robidoux Middle School	3 visual, 3 literature, 3 photography
Skaith Elementary	3 visual arts, 3 literature
Truman Middle School	3 visual arts
Webster Elementary	3 visual

PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 4, 2006, at Truman Middle School. A total of 91 contestants competed for awards in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSD PTA Council.

The Buchanan County champion is **Holly Novak-Dinkel**, a 6th grader at Bessie Ellison. She is the daughter of **Michele Novak** and **Mark Dinkel**. Second place at the County level went to **David Palmer**, a 7th grader at Truman Middle School. He is the son of **Wattie and Laura Palmer**. Both **Holly** and **David** now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the St. Joseph News Press, on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at St. Francis Xavier.

Other winners in the Elementary Division were; 2nd Place- **Caleb Hazelwood**, 6th Grade, Pickett, 3rd Place- **Mareah Martin**, 6th Grade, Skaith, 4th Place- **Justin Smith**, 6th Grade, Lindbergh, and 5th Place- **Brett Robertson**, 6th Grade Coleman. Other winners in the Middle School Division were 2nd Place- **Brandon Collins**, Truman, 3rd Place- **Michael Carpenter**, Truman, 4th Place- **Lauren Kellam**, Bode, and 5th Place- **Ally Sexton**, 7th Grade, Spring Garden.

The pronouncers were **Karen Heyde-Lipanovich**, Middle School Division, and **Rhonda Slawson**, Elementary Division. The judges were **Barbara Beeson**, **Randy Harr**, **Joe Marmaud**, **Patty Roach**, **Sharmyn Thompson**, and **Shelley Hughes**. Registrars were **Ana Maria** and **Mya Klundt**, **Deb Conrad**, **Peggy Wood**, **Debbie Elder**, **Lara Gilpin**, and **Mark, Jean and Lorelei Donaldson**. **Jean Donaldson** served for 5 years as the spelling bee coordinator. Her daughter, **Lorelei**, won the County Bee in both her 7th and 8th grade years and won the Regional level her 7th grade year.

An event this size cannot be successful without the help of many capable and dedicated people. In addition to the work of the pronouncers, judges, and registrars, **Brett Hall** and the **Central JROTC** came out in force to provide help with parking and directions. The Truman custodial staff; **Doug Shoots**, **Felix Cortez**, **Donna Burns**, and **Kaleb Sargent** coordinated a well-equipped and spotless environment. Thanks also to Principal, Beery Johnson, Truman, and Principal, Lara Gilpin, Spring Garden for their help during the Middle School Bee.

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator

St. Joseph PTA Council

School District of St. Joseph Candidates' Forum March 21

The St. Joseph PTA Council invites the public to a SJSD Board of Education Candidates' Forum for the three, six-year positions available. The forum will be held Tuesday, March 21, in Room 103 of Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon Street, beginning at 7 p.m. The election is Tuesday, April 4, 2006. All five candidates have agreed to participate.

Those candidates are Diane Watson, Dennis Snethen, Bob Hughs, Ed Catron, and Barbara Moore. The list is in the order they will appear on the Tuesday, April 4, ballot. Mrs. Watson and Mr. Hughs currently serve on the Board. There are a total of seven Board positions of which the members volunteer to serve. Ed Murphy will be term limited off of the Board after 12 years of dedicated service. Other Board members currently serving are Leo Blakley, David Hornaday, Dr. Teresa Humphreys, and Representative Martin Rucker.

During the forum, each candidate will be given a timed, two-minute period to state their qualifications. After this portion of the program, each one will be given two minutes to answer each of the following questions:

1. What positive changes would you suggest for the School District of St. Joseph?
2. Why should we elect you as a St. Joseph School District Board of Education member?

After this portion of the program, the public will be invited to write down any questions they might have to be answered by the candidates.

Available at the forum will be typed candidate responses to several questions. Those questions include:

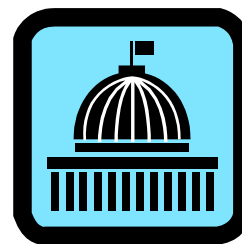
1. Why are you interested in serving on the School Board?
2. What do you have to contribute to the School Board?
3. What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the School Board?
4. What would you do to bolster the strengths of the School District of St. Joseph?
5. What would you do to remedy the weaknesses of the School District of St. Joseph?
6. Why are you the best candidate?
7. What new ideas do you have to introduce to the District/Board?
8. What do you feel is the number one concern facing the School Board?

In addition, each candidate will be asked to complete information regarding their occupation, place of employment, and any additional information they would like to share about themselves.

Contact Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair, at sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us or 816.671.4170 for more information.

Upcoming 2006 Legislative Forums

The public is invited to ask state legislators questions regarding issues that affect them at upcoming Legislative Forums to be held on Friday, March 31, and, Friday, April 28, 2006, at Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon Street, beginning promptly at 4:15 p.m. and ending promptly at 5:15 p.m. Traditionally participating are Senator Charles Shields, Representative Ed Wildberger, Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, and Representative Martin Rucker. Also attending will be Chad Higdon, legislative liaison for Congressman Sam Graves, who will take questions for the Congressman.



**School District of St. Joseph
Board of Education Candidates**

Election Day: Tuesday, April 4, 2006



Six-Year Term Candidates (three to be elected)

Diane Watson*	10 Lindenwood Lane	St. Joseph, MO 64505	816.233.8672
Dennis Snethen	210 Michigan	St. Joseph, MO 64504	816.238.1615
Bob Hughs*	2717 Delaware	St. Joseph, MO 64506	816.676.1408
Ed Catron	3 Hundley Drive	St. Joseph, MO 64506	816.364.4573
Barbara Moore	3317 Primrose Lane	St. Joseph, MO 64503	816.233.6522

The above list is the order they will be on the ballot.

*Currently serving on SJSD Board of Education

You are invited to attend the

**St. Joseph School District Board of
Education**

Candidates' Forum

Sponsored by the St. Joseph PTA Council

Tuesday, March 21, 2006; 7 p.m.

Hillyard Technical Center; Room 103

Three, six-year terms are available on the
St. Joseph School District Board of Education.

For more information contact,
Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair
sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us or 816.671.4170

2006/2007 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Deb Conrad @ Coleman School

School Name:_____

President's Name:_____

Address:_____ Zip:_____

Phone #_____

Email:_____

1st Vice's Name:_____

Address:_____ Zip:_____

Phone #_____

Email:_____

2nd 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 #:_____

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OFFICER'S FORM

IMPORTANT: OUR 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR MAILING LIST IS COMPILED FROM THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM.

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM BY MARCH 31, WITH NAMES OF NEW AND/OR RE-ELECTED OFFICERS. DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL ADDRESS FOR PRESIDENT MAILINGS. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

REGION_____

DATE_____

NAME OF PTA_____

CITY_____SCHOOL DISTRICT_____

COUNTY IN WHICH SCHOOL IS LOCATED_____

PRESIDENT_____ **PHONE**_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ZIP_____

EMAIL_____

TREASURER_____ **PHONE**_____

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CITY_____ZIP_____

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SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

MISSOURI PTA
2100 I-70 DRIVE SW
COLUMBIA MO 65203

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 20th of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:

Linda Peters
PTA Council Awards
406 Kentucky Street
St. Joseph, MO 64504



Thank you for your interest!

DAVIS-LANGEMACH 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

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE _____

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE _____

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St. Joseph PTA Council
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For Button Machine

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Address_____

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Organization_____

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Project or function_____

Email_____

Date & Time Requested_____

Number of Components Needed_____

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

Send request to: Jena Kirschner

1121 N. 18th St.

St. Joseph, MO 64501

816-671-4410

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Signature_____

Title_____

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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

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for

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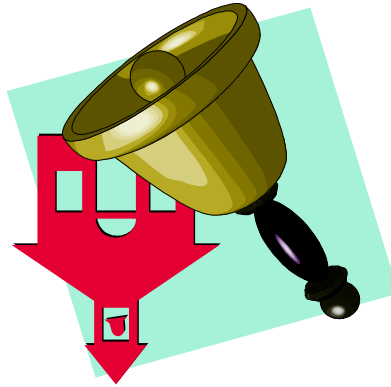
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Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature_____Date_____

NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

SENDING TIDINGS



ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

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