

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council



Happy
St. Patrick's Day

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Presidents

Corner...

Hello, to all of my fellow volunteers! As we are looking on we can see the end of another proud PTA year. I am so appreciative of all the hard work you have done to keep each of your units going! Without you PTA would be sorely hard pressed to continue the work we do. As you know PTA is NOT a fundraising organization we are an **ADVOCATING** organization and if you take a look back we have done some great work! We will be going to Jefferson City on April 1st to make sure our lawmakers know that we still care how they are handling our public education! Anyone interested in joining us please contact me!

The Missouri PTA has decided to extend the deadlines for awards and for having your officer information in to the state office to April 30, 2014 due to the inclement weather and so many districts having a lot of snow days. So if your unit is running a little behind take a deep breath and know that you have some extra time to get back on track!

Thank you to everyone that made Founders Day Celebration such a wonderful evening and Congratulations to all who were received awards. You have worked hard and deserve the recognition! I am truly honored to have read some of the applications we received and want to let everyone know it was not an easy choice for me on the few committees I sat on!

If there is anything St Joseph PTA Council can do for you please let me know. I can be reached by email at sjpta@hotmail.com or by phone at 816-390-7287. Thank you again for all your hard work throughout this year!

Joyce Brewka
St Joseph PTA Council President

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

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St. Joseph, MO 64507
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Founders Day 2014

Thursday, Feb. 6th at Stoney Creek Inn was the night that St. Joseph PTA Council celebrated PTA Founders Day. It was an exciting night full of good food and great company. It is so wonderful to get everyone together at this event and celebrate our honorees. Thank you to the committee for their work on the event.

Honorary MO Distinguished Service Awards: Sue Wagner & Sarah Siemens
Caroline B Ullman Honoree: Amanda-Fay Moore, Teacher of the Year
MO PTA Building Fund Honoree: Rhonda Hoselton, Support person of the Year
Carpenter Board Honoree: Barb Harris
Principal of the Year: Michael Otto, Parkway
Davis-Langemach Honoree: Craig Curtis, Robidoux
Outstanding Unit: Pershing PTA

We made a special presentation to retiring SJSJSD employee, Steve Huff. Steve has been a supporter of PTA and has always been there when we needed him for anything. Steve will be greatly missed.

Noyes PTA and Hall PTA officers along with their principals were also recognized for their dedication to the students and staff in their last year as PTA.

Our Outstanding volunteer awards went to the following...Robert Thuman, Coleman; Darla Pierce, Edison; Linda Stewart, Ellison; Cristina Tewell, Field; Lynn Jenkins, Hall; Dacia Boston, Hosea; Craig Green, Humboldt; Kendra Wilson, Hyde; Will Stuck, Lake; LeeAnn Smiley & Jennifer Erickson, Lindbergh; Stephanie Golden, Mark Twain; Lois Bezler, Noyes; Keith Evans, Parkway; Trena Wilhelmsen, Pershing; Jean Myers, Pickett; Bekka Matthews, Skaith; Lorenna Anderson, Bode; Heidi LaFave, Robidoux; Diane Bokay, Spring Garden; Debbie Fujinami, Truman; Matt Ziesel, Benton; Diana Slawson, Central; Julie Hinckle, Lafayette.

Certificates were also presented to schools who participated in the "Help a Child to See" campaign for the Clarence J Carpenter Memorial Fund board.

We also honored our school board members with certificates. Those attending were Sue Wagner, Sarah Siemens, and Martin Rucker. Books were donated in their honor to each of the libraries.

A special thank you to Mollie Siemens, St. Joseph PTA Council Character and Spiritual Leader and Central HS senior for giving the thought for the night and to Lafayette JROTC under the direction of Commanders, Major Tim Burns & SFC Jesus Enriquez for Presentation of Colors. Also thank you to Pastor Joanne Springes for Invocation.

Our special guest speaker was Dorothy Gardner, MOPTA President Elect.

We finished the night with closing remarks from Superintendent Dr. Fred Czerwonka.

Submitted by Lori Prussman

Council Clippings Article Assignments for

April 2014

Articles are due March 10, 2014

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>School of Information</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Budget (proposed)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Application for Character & Spiritual Award</u>

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.

"Million dollar ideas are a dime a dozen. The determination to see the idea through is what's priceless."

- Robert Dieffenbach

Mollie Siemens

Reflections Award Ceremony

April 10th

6:00-6:30 Cookie and Punch Reception

6:30 Awards Ceremony

At the Keatley Center

**PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS
BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 15, 2014, 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 Finals champion is **Connor Scroggins**, a 6th grader at Ellison Elementary School. Second place at the County level went to **Bella Wiebelt-Smith**, a 5th grader at Cathedral School. Both **Connor** and **Bella** now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the St. Joseph News Press, on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at St. Francis Xavier. The first alternate for the regional bee is **Grace Tang**, a 5th grader from Coleman Elementary. The second alternate is **Jakob Palmer**, a 7th grader from Robidoux Middle School. Finals competition included the top five spellers in both the elementary and middle school divisions.

The top five winners in the Elementary Division were; 1st Place- **Connor Scroggins**, 6th grade, Ellison, 2nd Place- **Grace Tang**, 5th grade, Coleman, 3rd Place- **Emmaleigh Coe**, 5th grade, Noyes, 4th Place- **Bella Wiebelt-Smith**, 5th grade, Cathedral, and 5th Place- **Joshua Fuller**, 6th grade, Lake Contrary. The top five winners in the Middle School Division were 1st Place- **Jakob Palmer**, 7th grade, Robidoux, 2nd Place- **Alex Colhour**, 7th grade, Truman, 3rd Place- **Emma Donaldson**, 7th grade, Bode, 4th Place- **Alana Shoemaker**, 8th grade, Robidoux, and 5th Place- **Blake King**, 7th grade, Truman.

The pronouncers were **Lori Witham**, Middle School Division, and **Rhonda Slawson**, Elementary Division. The judges were **Deanna Majors**, **Joe Marmaud**, **Megan Lowe**, **Tom Slawson**, **Daria DeShon**, and **Julie Bravo**. Registrars were **Jennifer Kelly**, **Heather Weddel**, **Brooke Kissel**, and **Daria DeShon**. Grievance judges were **Joyce Stohr** and **Kristin Hutchison**.

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, the Truman custodial staff, **Gunnar O'Meara**, **Sarah Whitacre**, **Rick Hazelton**, and **Brian Grippando**, coordinated a well-equipped and spotless environment. **Daria DeShon** and **John Morris** provided and assisted with sound and recording equipment. And finally, thanks to the principals, vice-principals, teachers, parents, and friends who came out to support these wonderful students.

Respectfully,
Karen Heyde-Lipanovich
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator

Family & Community Involvement

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Submitted by Charisse Giseburt

This excerpt from Heather Sanders on Confessions of a Pioneer Woman blog February 5, 2014

Parents are their children's first educators. We coo at them and make crazy faces while we sound out words. We play games with blocks and shapes until they know a circle, triangle, square. We read, read, read to them until they practically memorize their favorite books. We hold their hands, encourage them to walk, listen, sing, and repeat word after word after word.

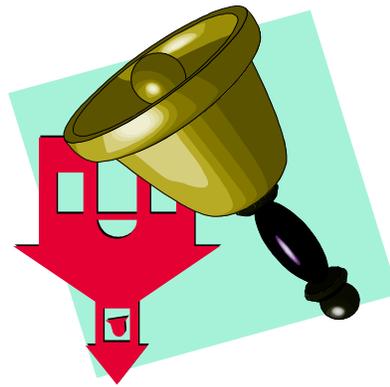
Why then, when they become school age do we believe we are no longer needed? Why do we expect the "teachers" to take over while we take a step back? We are still their primary teachers, regardless of whether we homeschool or have them in public or private settings. We still need to know what they are learning and supplement with interesting conversations (at least) or perhaps, books, resources, films or field trips. We need to know how they score, not because the grade is the point, but because education is the point; did they LEARN? Are they learning?

If not, the parent is the disciplinarian (when needed) and advocate (if not).

Education is absolutely, positively for everyone, but not everyone is in charge of our child's education—we are; parents need to take responsibility.

Education is for everyone, and EVERY ONE of us needs to make sure we aren't pointing fingers and play our part.

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