

Council Clippings

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Unmet needs grant

The Council is continuing with the Unmet needs grants this year. These funds will allow the Council to help supplement needs your Unit or students have that you can't quite pay for alone.

- Write a letter/email to the Council explaining what your needs are, what other funding venues you have tried, and how this funding will benefit your Unit/students.
- You can request any money amount needed, however the Council may not fund your entire request.
- You should explain how you have exhausted other funding opportunities.
- Email requests to Tammi Gumm; gummi_bears@att.net.
- The Executive Council Board Members will review each request, and determine if the request will be granted and/or how much money will be funded to the requestor. The Council's Executive Board will inform the requestor of the Board's decision.
- The Board will award recipients until the funds have been depleted.
- You may be asked to write an article for one of our publications explaining how the funding was a benefit to your Unit/students.

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And like us on Facebook!



"Every morning you have two choices: continue to sleep with your dreams, or wake up and chase them." –unknown

Submitted by Madeline Arn

Council Clippings Article Assignments for March 2019

Articles are due February 15, 2019

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit in good standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Founders Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood

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.



Founders Day Dinner
Thursday, February 7th
Oak Grove Elementary School

Registration 5:30
Program 6:00

Spelling Bee is Saturday, February 9th at
Truman Middle School.
Registrations begins at 12:30

I hope everyone is having a great new year so far. School is back in session and going strong. There is lots of learning going on already. Teachers and students are getting back into the routine. It's so important to keep up that routine at home.

February is heart awareness month. Heart disease affects children as well as adults. There are so many people that some type of heart disease has touched. Babies are born with heart defects every day. They vary in the severity. February also is well known for the color red which also represents heart disease.

Thanks for everything,

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher & Council Chair

Every vote counts.....



Let your voice be heard!



Join us **JUNE 20-23**
in **COLUMBUS, OHIO!**



Registration is now open for National PTA Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

Early bird registration.....save \$75.00 until March 18th!

Go to pta.org for more information! Just an FYI, there will be a measure brought forth to increase the National PTA portion of dues! Be on the lookout for more information concerning this increase. Delegates attending the National Convention will vote on the measure during the convention.

Just a friendly reminder that March is election month for new officers for 2019-2020! Results from you March election deadline is March 31st. Submit to MOPTA and St. Joseph PTA Council to be in good standing.

Registration is now open.....

<https://mopta.org/2018-2019-missouri-pta-convention/>



Unit in Good Standing...

To be a unit in good standing with the State PTA you must...

- Submit your financial review by Dec. 1
- Submit your annual report by Dec. 1
- Submit your IRS tax confirmation by Dec. 1
- Submit membership monthly
- Bylaws must be current (no need to submit a copy if current)
- New Officers list must be submitted by March 31st each year

Reports are now past due! If you have not submitted them to State PTA and Council, please do so as soon as possible!

- **Updated report included in this issue.**

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

- Increase membership 10% over last year
- March 1st Deadline
- \$250 PTA Store gift cards
- 4 units will win!

UNLOCK THE MEMBERSHIP POTENTIAL

2018-2019 Unit in Good Standing

Unit	Current bylaws	Membership	Fin. Review/audit	Year end report	IRS filing	Current officers	In good standing
Carden Park	Current__2/12/21	Yes	Yes 7/3/18	Yes 7/3/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Coleman	Current__11/1/21	Yes	Yes 7/1/18	Yes 10/31/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Edison	Current__3/28/19	Yes	Yes 7/9/18	Yes 9/19/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Ellison	Current__9/13/19	Yes	Yes 9/20/18	Yes 10/9/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Field	Current__11/1/21	Yes	Yes 7/23/18	Yes 11/15/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Hosea	Current__9/19/20	Yes	Yes 7/24/18	Yes 9/21/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Hyde	Current__11/6/21	Yes	Yes 8/1/18	Yes 10/26/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Lindbergh	Current__2/23/21	Yes	Yes 8/20/18	Yes 9/11/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Mark Twain	Current__1/3/20	Yes	Yes 6/1/18	Yes 11/1/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Oak Grove	Current__8/14/21	Yes	Yes 9/6/18	Yes 9/6/18	Yes 990-EZ	Yes	Yes
Parkway	Current__1/13/21	Yes	Yes 7/23/18	Yes 11/19/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Pershing	Current__10/4/20	Yes	Yes 8/4/18	Yes 10/9/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Pickett	Current__12/3/18	Yes	Yes 1/8/19	Yes 1/8/19	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Skaith	Current__6/28/21	Yes	Yes 8/17/18	Yes 9/10/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Bode	Current__1/23/2022	Yes	Yes 11/29/18	Yes 11/29/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Robidoux	Current__5/10/21	No	Yes 8/13/18	Yes 11/3/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	No
Spring Garden	Expired	No	Yes 12/11/18	Yes 12/11/18	Yes E- postcard	No	No
Truman	Current__12/15/19	Yes	No	No	Yes E-postcard	Yes	No
Benton	Current__12/4/21	No	Yes 11/29/18	Yes 11/29/18	Yes E-postcard	No	No
Central	Current__2/23/21	Yes	Yes 11/26/18	Yes 11/26/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Lafayette	Current__12/17/21	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
PTA Council	Current__1/10/20	Yes	Yes 8/31/18	Yes 11/16/18	Yes E-postcard	Yes	Yes
Updated 11/9/18 11/19/18	11/28/18 12/30/18 1/31/19						

As we prepare for Founders Day dinner thought we would share a bit about our history.....

Our Roots...

National PTA

The organization now known as the National PTA was founded on February 17, 1897 in Washington, DC as the National Congress of Mothers. Fathers and teachers joined in increasing numbers, so the name was changed in 1925 to National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Alice McClellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst are recognized as the co-founders of the National PTA.

Because of the mandated dual school system that existed in nineteen Southern states and the District of Columbia, the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was organized in 1926 in Atlanta, Georgia, with Selena Sloan Butler as founder. The National PTA helped set up the organization and worked closely with the group, whose objects and child welfare goals were the same.

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers were united on June 11, 1970. The unified organization, continuing as the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, serves ALL children. The archives of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers have been given an honored place alongside and as a part of the corresponding records of the founding organization.

Membership has been and will continue to be open to any and all those who subscribe to its stated Objects and Basic Policies.

At national, state, and local levels, the PTA has acquired an impressive record of accomplishments for the well-being of children and youth. Among other things, it has helped to secure child health services, child labor laws, school attendance laws, juvenile courts, public kindergarten, school lunch programs, funds for vocational education, school libraries, and juvenile delinquency research and control. Not resting on past accomplishments, the PTA continues as the largest child advocacy organization in the United States, and its sole agenda is the welfare of all children and youth.

Missouri PTA

During the 16th annual convention of the National Congress of Mothers held in St. Louis, Missouri, thanks to the efforts of Mary Harmon Weeks and Mrs. Frank DeGarmo, Missouri (then 500 members strong) was organized into a state branch on March 25, 1912, with Mrs. James Nugent as its first state president.

In 1928, two years aft the founding of its national counter part, the Missouri Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was organized, with Mrs. Henly Cox as its first president. During the term of Irma Detjen as State president and with Walter Rusan as president of the Missouri Colored Congress, Missouri became the first state PTA to invite its counterpart to join in membership. In April 1955 the two organizations became one united Missouri PTA.

SJSD to Implement New Visitor Management Procedure

(December 21, 2018) Beginning in January 2019, the St. Joseph School District will be implementing a new visitor management process at each of our schools. The procedure will enable each school building to screen all visitors against sexual offender registries in all 50 states and establish a consistent sign-in process across the district.

Please understand that the new process is not intended to discourage parents from visiting their children's schools. On the contrary, we welcome visitors and encourage all parents to be an active part of their children's educational experience. The goal is simply to enhance the safety and security of both students and staff by prohibiting school access to those who pose a potential threat.

How It Will Work:

Once the system is in place, all visitors, including parents, will be asked to report to the main office upon their arrival at the school.

A secretary or other office staff member will request that each visitor provide their driver's license or other state or federally issued ID.

The visitor's name, address, and photo will be checked for a match to a national sexual offender database.

If a match is identified, the building principal or designated representative will immediately be notified and respond according to district procedures.

If no match is found, visitors will be issued a date-specific visitor's badge. These badges must be worn at all times while on the school grounds. School personnel have been directed to escort anyone not wearing a badge to the office. Visitors must check in and receive a visitor badge each time they visit.

All visitors will be required to check out at the main office prior to leaving the building. Visitor badges will be collected, and office staff will destroy the badges so they cannot be reused.

Children who do not have a valid ID may be allowed to visit as long as they are accompanied at all times by an adult who has completed the ID process and been issued a badge.

Frequently-asked-questions about the visitor management process [can be viewed by clicking here](#).

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority in the St. Joseph School District. We will continue to review and update our policies and procedures to meet the needs of our district.

St. Joseph Community

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

3 & 4 year olds

(and 5 year olds not planning to attend public kindergarten)

WHAT IS IT?

A hearing, health and vision screening by a health professional and a DIAL 4 developmental screening by a certified parent educator.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE REASONS TO ATTEND THE SCREENING:

1. Learn about your child's developmental progress.
2. Sign up for St. Joseph School District or Head Start preschool programs. Screening is **mandatory** for enrollment in either of these programs. Eligible birthday range for Head Start: 8/1/2008-7/31/2010
Eligible birthday range for School District: 8/1/2008-7/31/2009
3. Stay informed about available resources in the community.

Appointment times are limited.

Call 671-4300 or log onto

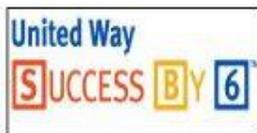
<http://www.sjzd.k12.mo.us/PAT/domain83>

***If the St. Joseph School District cancels school due to inclement weather, your appointment will be rescheduled 2 weeks later at the same time on the same day of the week.

SCREENING DATES & TIMES

TUESDAY - February 26	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
WEDNESDAY - February 27	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
THURSDAY - February 28	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
SATURDAY - March 2	8:00 am - 12:45 pm
MONDAY - March 4	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
TUESDAY - March 5	8:00 am - 3:00 pm

All screenings held at the Keatley Center
1202 S 28th Street
St. Joseph, MO 64507
816-671-4300



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