

Council Clippings

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Presidents

Corner...

Deb Conrad, Council President

As fall is fast approaching, many of us have left behind those lazy days of summer. Now begins the hustle bustle of running the kids to this event, attending that meeting, and feeling somewhat overwhelmed. But it is also a time of formulating inspiring ideas, meeting new people, and getting involved for our students, parents and teachers.

PTA membership represents the most common form of involvement in our schools for most parents. Now is the time to capitalize on membership. At our September Council meeting, the air was filled with excitement about membership ideas and numbers. It sounds like many units realize the importance of getting membership off with a big bang. Our Council goal for the units is 100% or 10% over last year's numbers. Remember, Dr. Colgan and myself want to be members of each and every unit. Now is the time to enlist as many voices as possible to **Be On A Winning Team...Join PTA!**

A great way to learn more about PTA, exchange ideas and make new friends is by attending the Missouri PTA Convention this year October 28-30 in Springfield. Each unit president should have received a convention packet. Early bird registration needs to be turned in by Sept. 21st. You can also register later for a slight additional cost. Information and registration forms are also available at www.mopta.org or by calling the Missouri PTA office at 1-800-328-7330. Don't forget that there are sections of the state and national website that only members can access by using the two codes on the back of your membership card.

A few house keeping items to remember for this month. Early bird memberships are to be postmarked to the state PTA office no later than Sept. 27th. The state hands out awards and prizes for Early Bird winners with the most memberships turned in by this date. Units need to have their council dues paid by October 15th to be in good standing. Council dues can be sent to Christy Callaway at Coleman School via school mail or at 2125 N 33rd St. Saint Joseph, Missouri 64506. Our next St. Joseph PTA council meeting will be an executive meeting on October 3rd. This means PTA presidents and other unit board members should attend. It will be a great opportunity to exchange ideas with other units so we hope to see all of you there!

MOPTA NEWS

90th Annual Missouri PTA Convention

The Call to Convention registration packet has been mailed to every Missouri unit and council president! The University Plaza Hotel in Springfield will be the place to be October 28-30, 2005 and we hope your unit is making plans to send delegates. We're kicking everything off with a [5K walk/run](#) bright and early Friday morning followed by a wide variety of [workshops](#), outstanding [keynote speakers](#), a packed exhibit hall, [resolutions](#) to adopt, bylaws to amend, an exciting (and sometimes emotional) awards showcase, and much more. Remember to encourage student members and school staff to attend!

October (*Child Health Month; National Fire Prevention Month*)

- 1** Dues to State Office
- 1** [Worldwide Day of Play](#)
- 10** Columbus Day
- 16-27** Bus Safety Week
- 23-31** National Red Ribbon Celebration
- 28** Missouri PTA 3K/5K Walk/Run - Springfield
- 28-30** Missouri PTA Annual Convention - Springfield

Council Clippings Article Assignments for November 2005

Articles are due October 10, 2005

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>State Convention Report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council 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.



REFLECTIONS 2005/2006

This years theme is "**I Wonder Why.....**" There are four ways to enter the Reflections Contest: 1). Visual Arts 2). Music 3). Photography and 4). Literature. It would be very exciting to see all St. Joseph Schools participate in Reflections this year.

If anyone needs help at their school with Reflections I would be more than happy to help. You can e-mail me at slawson@stjoelive.com or call me at my home 233-0627.

The deadline for this years entries will be January 13, 2006 at 4:00pm. The reception is tentatively set for April 20, 2006 at the Keatley Center @ 28th & Mitchell from 6:00 - 7:30.

Diana Slawson
Reflections Chair

Plan of Work – Treasurer

I, Christy Callaway, am submitting a plan of work for the position of treasurer. For the yea Aug 1, 2005-July 31, 2006, I will have custody of all funds of the St. Joseph PTA Council, shall collect all monies and write all checks and keep an accurate record of these. I shall present a financial statement at each monthly meeting, submit the year end books to an auditor, and shall have IRS forms prepared at the proper time.

Plan of Work for Spelling Bee

As the coordinator for the County Spelling Bee, I have set the date (tentatively, I still have no confirmation about the Math Counts competition in February at MWSU) for Saturday, February 11, 2006 beginning with registration at 8:30 A.M. at Truman Middle School. I will contact all schools in the county regarding registration for their students by October 31, 2005. I will also enlist the help of judges, pronouncers, and registrars. I will also serve as site coordinator for the physical requirements (seating, speaker systems, etc...) of this event.

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich
Spelling Bee Chair

“No one ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him; it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction.” Charles Kendall Adams
Submitted by Alex Dobyan

Plans of work

My Plan of Action for Reflections is as follows:

- 1). Have all packets with rules, regulations and entry forms delivered to all St. Joseph Schools the week of 9/5/05.
- 2). Follow-up with the Reflections chair and/or PTA President at each school monthly for any questions or help they may need.
- 3). A deadline date of January 13, 2006 has been set as the deadline for all Reflections entries.
- 4). A reception has been scheduled at the Keatley Center this year on Thursday April 20, 2006 from 6:00 to 7:30.

Diana Slawson, Reflections Chair

Plan of Work for Sergeant-At-Arms

As Saint Joseph PTA Council Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2005-06 school year, I plan to complete the following:

1. Keep the registration of attendance in a bound book at all meetings.
2. Have at least three door prizes at each general meeting and two at the executive meetings.
3. Perform any other duties as they pertain to this position.
4. Tell the president if a quorum is present.
5. Provide nametags when needed such as special occasions.

Tresa Marshall
Sergeant-At-Arms
St. Joseph PTA Council 2005-06

Plan of Work for Second Vice President 2005-2006

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.

The Plan of Work for the Awards Committee Chairman is:
To be a resource person to all units in the St. Joseph PTA Council and to keep them informed of deadline dates. To provide information for filling out the application forms. To submit articles for publication in the CLIPPINGS. To submit award applications on behalf of PTA Council. To keep the procedure book up to date to be passed on to my successor.

Linda Peters
2nd Vice President PTA Council

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 St
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

(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
1121 N. 18th St
St. Joseph, MO 64501
816-671-4410

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Signature _____

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

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for
Date _____
Confirmation Sent _____

Check out date _____
Signature _____
Check in date _____
Signature _____

Number of Components Issued _____
Number Returned _____
Number Used _____ @ _____

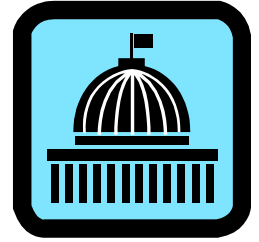
Date _____
Total Due _____

Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

St. Joseph PTA Council Legislation Committee 2005-06 Program of Work



As the 2005-06 St. Joseph PTA Council Legislation Committee Chairperson, I plan to participate in the following activities for the year:

1. Attend St. Joseph PTA Council monthly meetings and present legislative information of importance to members.
2. Prepare articles for the **St. Joseph PTA Council Clippings**, as needed.
3. Attend political activities to hear and ask opinions of potential/current candidates and gain their opinions about education-related issues.
4. Register Buchanan County residents to vote, as a voter Registrar, as needed.
5. Email, fax, write, or call my state and federal Senators and Representatives or local officials as needed regarding issues concerning education or children.
6. Create a St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Network for individuals who will quickly respond to emails from the St. Joseph PTA Council Legislation Chairperson when a local, state, or federal educational issue needs support via email, fax, letter, or phone call. (Please only communicate with federal officials via email, fax, or phone call. Mail is still detained due to national security issues.)
7. Provide a general lobbying guideline book for St. Joseph PTA Council members.
8. Support St. Joseph School District issues that affect education such as a levy, bond, or other issues.
9. Serve as a member of the Missouri PTA Legislative Network where I will respond to requests for action by Missouri PTA and encourage others to be a member of the Network.
10. Serve as a member of the National PTA Legislative Network where I will respond to requests for action by National PTA and encourage others to be a member of the Network.
11. Attend the St. Joseph Regional MSTA/Classroom Teachers' Association monthly Legislative Forums, held January through April at Hillyard Technical Center, serving as a greeter or moderator as needed representing St. Joseph PTA Council.
12. Invite legislators to visit and tour St. Joseph School District facilities.
13. Attend the Missouri PTA Legislative Rally or other rallies held in Jefferson City, Missouri, and advocate for PTA issues.
14. Visit the Missouri Legislative Capitol to visit with area Senators and Representatives.
15. Attend the annual Northwest Missouri/Kansas City MSTA Legislative Brunch held at an area Kansas City International Airport hotel.
16. Visit the offices of United States Senators Kit Bond and Jim Talent and US Congressman Sam Graves and other Missouri Congress members in Washington, DC, March 6-8, 2006, and speak to important educational issues.
17. Provide Legislative Committee guideline information sheets to be distributed at the St. Joseph PTA Council School of Information.
18. Thank state and federal Senators and Representatives with cards or letters of appreciation.
19. Assist with other activities as assigned by the St. Joseph PTA Council President.

Sharon G. Kosek

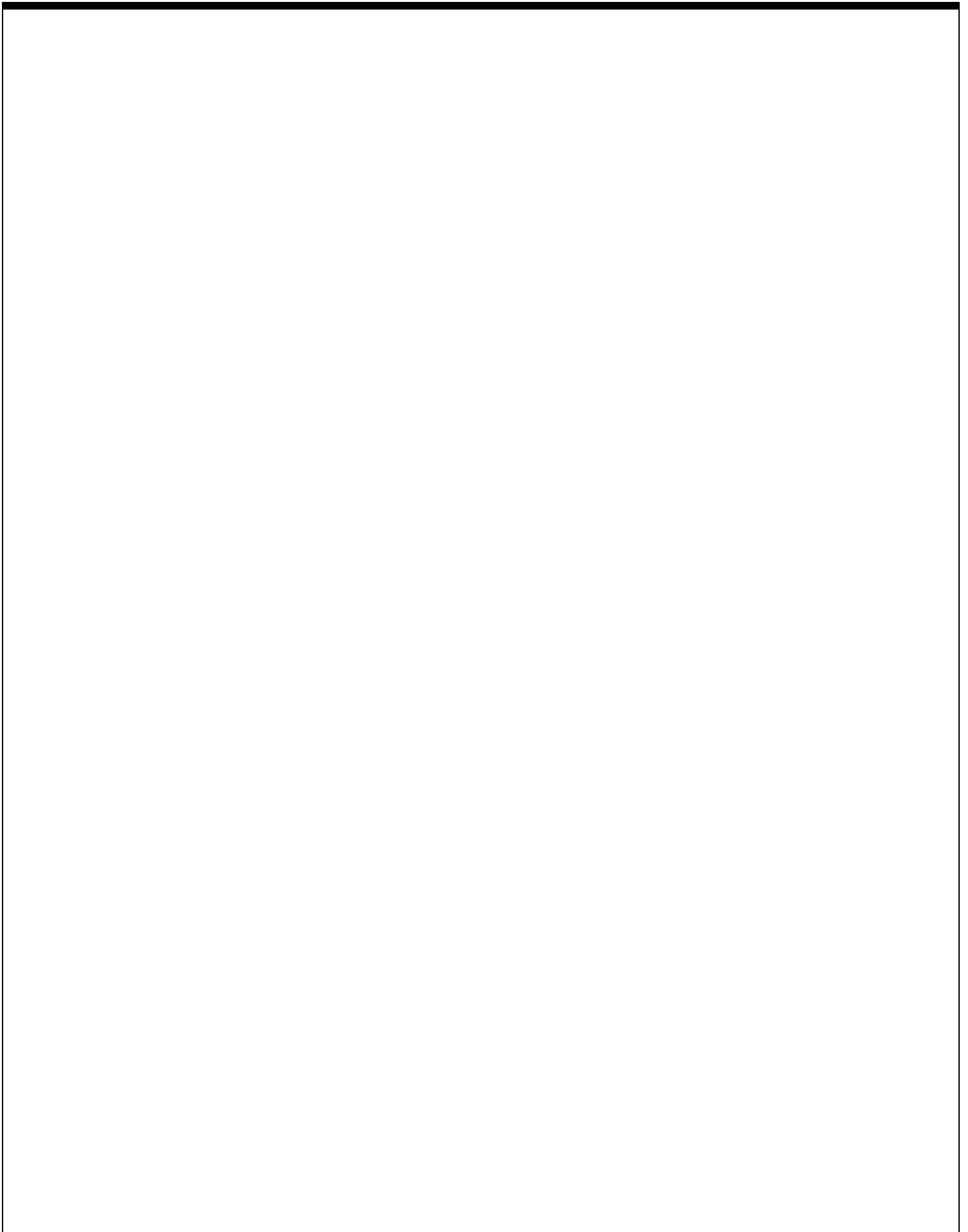
Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair

It is again time to review your bylaws. This should be done every year with new and old members alike. In addition, St. Joseph has several units whose bylaws will expire this school year. Please don't save this for the night before, but also don't be afraid to tackle it. The state continues to make the process easier. A disk can be obtained through the state PTA office via e-mail at www.mopta.org or by disk if you send in the page in the president's summer packet to Missouri PTA, 2100 I-70 S.W. Drive Columbia, MO. 65203. If you can't find any other information contact the state PTA office at 1-800328-7330. Once you have complete the review, it can be e-mailed or sent to the state for their review. If you need assistance, you can also contact a St. Joseph PTA Council board member. It is important to keep your bylaws up to date to be eligible for council and state awards and grants.

Bylaws chairperson, Diane Slawson
 2930 Penn – 07
 232-1893

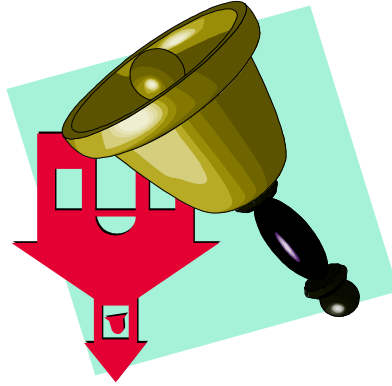
St. Joseph PTA Council Unit Numbers
 & Bylaws Expiration Information

<u>School</u>	<u>Bylaws Expire</u>	<u>Unit #</u>
St. Joseph Council	10/26/06	
Benton	4/13/07	005340
Bode	*12/30/05	023707
Central	12/15/06	032390
Coleman	8/06/07	005351
Edison	*1/23/06	005355
Ellison	4/28/07	005141
Eugene Field	*5/08/06	005357
Hall	*2/04/06	005361
Hosea	*09/22/05	005339
Humboldt	3/21/07	005342
Hyde	*1/23/06	005336
Lafayette	12/15/06	005356
Lake	*1/17/06	012491
Lindbergh	1/13/07	005345
Mark Twain	1/23/07	005331
Neely	*5/8/06	005334
Noyes	*7/25/06	005353
Parkway	2/15/07	010229
Pershing	*4/10/06	005344
Pickett	*3/05/06	005363
Robidoux	10/27/07	010230
Skaith	3/29/07	005335
Spring Garden	3/21/07	005338
Truman	12/30/07	005359
Webster	*3/21/06	005330



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