

Council Clippings

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Presidents

Corner...

Kerry Funck,
Council President

How are you doing with membership? Anyone having a great year? Willing to share? Let me know how you're doing. I would like to compile everyone's ideas into a booklet. Maybe this booklet will give others ideas to increase membership. We need a change every now and then and knowing what has worked and what really bombed will help others.

E-mail me your ideas at kerry.funck@sjsd.k12.mo.us

or drop me a note through inner school mail to Skaith. And don't forget Dr. Colgan and I want to be members so, just ask.

I am getting ready to attend the State PTA Convention in Columbia and hope to bring back some valuable information to share with all of you.

Don't forget about American Education Week Nov. 16th-22nd and National Children's Book Week that same week.

Thank you for all you do for the children of St. Joseph.

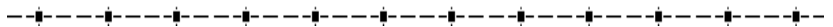
Reflections 2003-2004

"I am really happy when..."

Tom Schneider recently distributed to the fine arts teachers in the district one copy per building of this year's Reflections guidelines. We are also working with the k - 8 district Language Arts Coordinator. A memo was attached to each booklet highlighting some of the key points. Please remind your Reflections chairmen and teachers that the deadline for submitting the top three entries in each of the four categories (music, literature, photography and visual arts) is **Friday, January 16, 2004**. The entries need to be delivered to Tom Schneider's office at Troester Media Center (TMC). Please note the new location of Tom Schneider's office. The PTA Council will check the entries, package and ship the entries to state for judging. The September/October "Clippings" contained an extensive article on the Reflections program complete with page numbers for the entry forms etc.

Remember that **each submitting PTA unit must have current by-laws and have paid at least some dues money to the state PTA** for your Reflections entries to be judged at the state level. You do not want to disappoint your students and teachers who have worked hard on their entries!

The Reflections program is exciting and fun for the students. It is an opportunity for teachers to showcase the work of their students. Encourage your chairmen and teachers to get an early start. If you have questions contact the Missouri PTA office (800-328-7330) or the local PTA Council Chair, Allene Wright (364-5132 or allene@magicablepc.com).



Giving Thanks

(Author Unknown)

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

Plan of Works for School of Information

My goal is to coordinate the arrangements for the School of Information for PTA Council to be held in connection with the May Council meeting.

My Plan of Work is as follows:

1. Select a committee and have meetings to gather materials needed for the School of Information, request guest speakers, and arrange for a meal.
2. Submit articles for March and April "Clippings".
3. Send information to all units, chairmen, and Council Officers.

Submitted by:

Joyce Clibon
Chairman, School of Information

Reminder

Audit Reports need to be turned into the State Office. This is a new requirement this year. There is a bright pink cover letter that needs to be filled out and returned with the audit report. The bright pink paper was in the Summer Packet the Presidents received.

"As for courage and will - we cannot measure how much of each lies within us, we can only trust they will be sufficient to carry us through the trials which may lie ahead." -Andre Norton
Submitted by Laura DePriest

Just a reminder!

Don't forget to send in your Davis-Langemach Award applications. You must know someone who deserves this recognition!!!! If you need an application ask your PTA officers or send me a note inter-school mail at Hosea and I'll send you one. My mailing address is:

Linda Peters
406 Kentucky Street
St. Joseph, MO 64504

WE'VE MOVED

The Missouri PTA office has moved to a new location at the Missouri School Boards' Association building. The new address is....

Missouri PTA
2100 I-70 Drive Southwest
Columbia, Missouri 65203

Toll free number: 800-328-7330

Local number: 573-445-4161

Fax: 573-445-4163

Email: mcptoffice@aol.com

Web: www.mopta.org

St. Joseph PTA Council Reflections Plan of Work for 2003-2004

2003-2004 Theme: "I'm really happy when..."

The goal of the Reflections program is to provide the opportunity for each and every student in the St. Joseph School District to participate in the Reflections Cultural Arts program by encouraging all member units to become actively involved.

1. Provide information to promote the program to school district personnel and local units.
2. Encourage each unit to have the maximum total of 12 items to be submitted from their school. (Three from each of the four categories: photography, music, literature and visual arts.)
3. Determine a deadline date and organize Reflections materials to be submitted to the state contest.
4. Host a reception event for all students chosen for the state and/or national level.

Submitted by
Allene Wright
Reflections Chair
PTA Council

Reminder!

Council Dues

Were due Oct. 15th, please get this in as soon as possible.

Council Clippings Article Assignments for December
Articles are due November 10, 2003

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Founders Day</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Membership</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Salute to Schools</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</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.

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

(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: Maria Reynolds

1115 E. Highland Ave.

St. Joseph, MO 64505

816-364-2848

rama@magiccablepc.com

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
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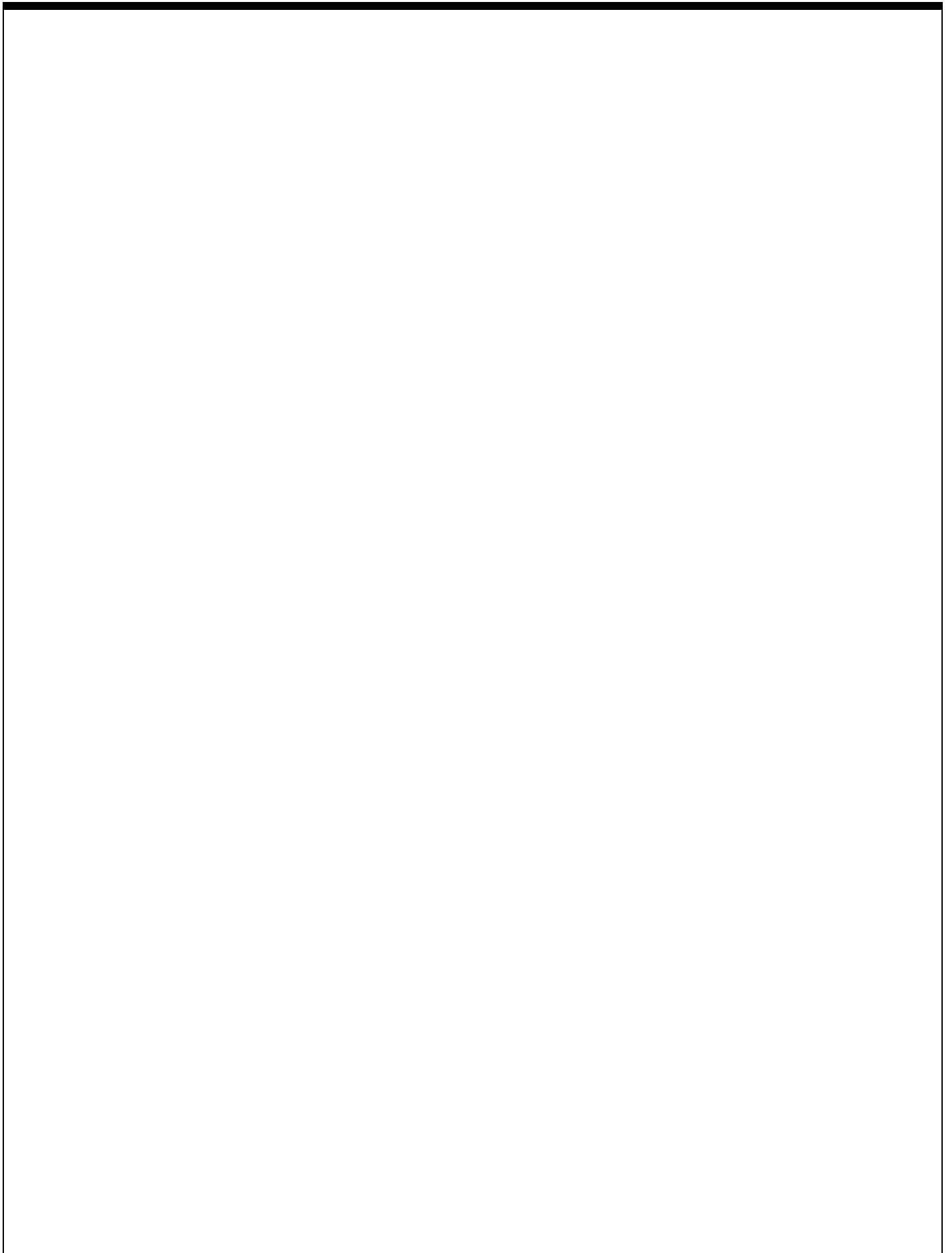
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Confirmation

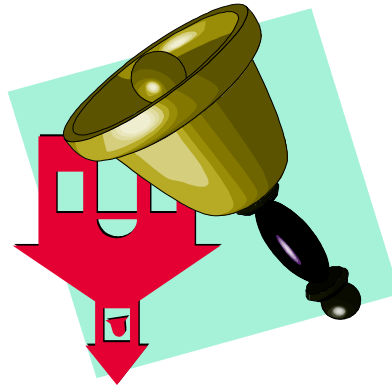
Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____



NOTICE FOR PARENTS

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