

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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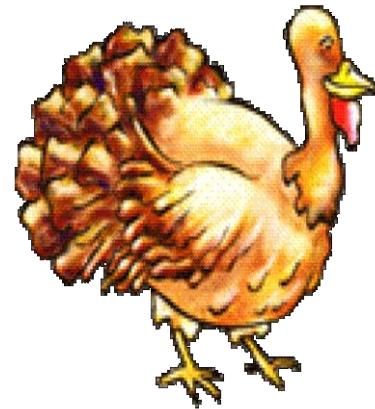
Deb Conrad, Council President

November has arrived, and with it a variety of PTA activities. Many PTA programs should be underway by the local units, such as membership and general PTA meetings to inform members about what each unit is doing. Eight units have contacted me to purchase a membership. I hope to be a member of every unit, and so does Dr. Colgan.

Don't forget about Reflections. This year's theme is I wonder why.... It is easy for the time to slip by and before we know it the Reflections deadline will be here (January 13, 2006). Start this project early. Your school's art and music teachers have received information on the program. Please ask them what your PTA unit can do to help them. This is a great opportunity to showcase at a state and national level some of the awesome artists, photographers and musicians in our district.

By the time readers receive this issue, the state Missouri PTA convention in Springfield will be completed for another year. Several representatives from the St. Joseph PTA Council are attending, and I hope to see many units represented as well. If you missed the opportunity this year, plan to attend next fall. Please tune into next month's issue for reports from the convention field.

In November, we also celebrate American Education Week. This year the event will be held at the East Hills Mall November 7-14, 2005. A variety of activities will be scheduled from musical performances to art displays. This is a great opportunity to come out and see what is going on in the Saint Joseph Public Schools. It is a combined effort by the Saint Joseph area PTA Council, MSTA, NEA and the school districts Fine Arts Department. Don't miss it! Finally, with November upon us, The Saint Joseph PTA Council and I would like to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving. Take time out of your busy schedules to relax and enjoy family and friends. It's a great way to reenergize for the winter ahead.



History of American Education Week

The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week.

Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 29 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA (National Education Association) and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week...observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

In the earliest observances, there was a different theme for each day of American Education Week. But in 1929 that changed as representatives of the sponsoring groups came together to select a single theme, reflecting a current national concern.

Thus, history is still alive today as we celebrate the 84th year of American Education Week with our theme this year, "A Strong America Starts with Great Public Schools."

List of Major Saver Preferred Card participating business

Please remember to thank them

Hoof & Horn Restaurant

Godfather's Pizza

Maid-Rite and Cabana Grill (Saint Joseph locations)

Sonic Drive -In (Saint Joseph locations)

Legends Sports Café

Whiskey Creek

B & J Skate Center

Country Kitchen

The Golf Club

Denny's Diner (Saint Joseph locations)

Dairy Queen (Saint Joseph locations)

Bredeaux Pizza

Captain D's (Saint Joseph locations)

Belt Bowl

La Mesa

**St. Joseph School District – Fine Arts
Department
American Education Week Schedule
November 7-11, 2005**

Monday (11-7-05)

6:30-7:00 pm Skaith Singers (Jennifer Frazier)

7:00-7:30 pm Truman Concert Choir (Karen Heyde)

7:30-8:00 pm Spring Garden Choir (Ryan Davidson)

Tuesday (11-8-05)

6:00-6:30 pm Benton Vocal (Amber Welter)

7:00-7:30 pm Lafayette Vocal (Brian Daniels)

7:30-8:00 pm Lafayette Vocal (Brian Daniels)

Wednesday (11-9-05)

Thursday (11-10-05)

6:00-6:30 pm Central "Encore" Show Choir (Megan Davidson)

6:30-7:00 pm Central Jazz Band (Chad Lippincott)

7:00-7:30 pm Central Jazz Band (Chad Lippincott)

7:30-8:00 pm Central Drumline (Chad Lippincott)

8:00-8:30 pm Central "Encore" Show Choir (Megan Davidson)

Friday (11-11-05)

People spend a lifetime searching for happiness; looking for peace. They chase idle dreams, addictions, religions, even other people, hoping to fill the emptiness that plagues them. The irony is the only place they ever needed to search was within. by Ramona L. Anderson
Submitted by Alex Dobyen

**Council Clippings Article Assignments for
December 2005**
Articles are due November 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>American Education Week Report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Founders Day</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Salute to Schools</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Spelling Bee</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Legislation</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 St.
St. Joseph, MO 64504



Thank you for your interest!

**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
Auditors Report
September 1, 2005

Audited Balance as of July 31 st , 2004	\$33,848.99
Total Receipts and Transfers	8,009.15
Total Disbursements	(41,157.46)
Ending Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	<u>\$ 700.68</u>
Bank Statement Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	\$ 1,630.68
Outstanding Deposits	-----
Outstanding Check:	
#1252 MSTA \$ 25.00	
#1270 Bode PTSA 700.00	
#1306 Project Grad. 100.00	
#1311 Lindberg PTA 40.00	
#1313 Skaith PTA <u>65.00</u>	(930.00)
Checkbook Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	<u>\$ 700.98</u>
Money Market Account #903906	
Beginning Balance as of July 31 st , 2004	\$27,072.64
Interest Earned	286.26
Transfers to checking	(4,500.00)
Ending Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	<u>\$22,858.90</u>
Certificate of Deposit – purchase December 21 st , 2004	\$ 9,364.95
Interest Earned	75.28
Ending Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	<u>\$ 9,440.23</u>

Audited Checkbook Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	\$ 700.68
Money Market Account Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	\$22,858.90
Certificate of Deposit Balance as of July 31 st , 2005	\$ 9,440.23
Total Council Funds on hand as of July 31 st , 2005	<u>\$32,999.81</u>

Points of Audit:

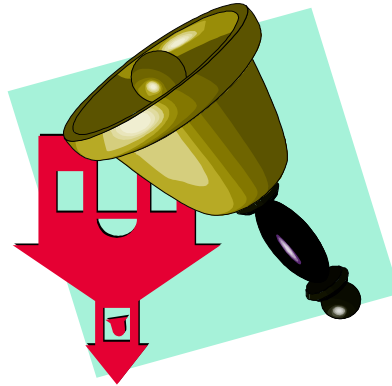
1. The Income Account should include Misc. Income of \$100.00 for Outstanding Checks written off. This amount was included in the checkbook balance but was never put back on the books. Total Income should be \$8,009.15.
2. There should be separate ledger sheets for each category of income. All transfers from the Money Market Account should be noted somewhere on the books.
3. The Awards Account should be \$306.65. The amounts on the ledger sheets were not added correctly.
4. The Misc. Contributions Account should be \$150.00. The amounts on the ledger sheets were not added correctly.
5. The Total Expenses Amount should be \$41,157.46 to reflect these two corrections.
6. The Certificate of Deposit should be listed on the Treasurer's Annual Report.
7. Some form of verification on the Certificate of Deposit and the interest earned on it should be in the Treasurer's Records.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathy Cordero, Auditor

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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