

# Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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## Presidents Corner...

Deb Conrad, Council President

Happy Holiday! It doesn't seem possible that we could be at this point in the school year already. With our unseasonable warm fall and the endless activities everyone is involved in, time flies by too quickly. So, as we approach the holidays, it is a welcome time to slow down, spend time with family and friends and enjoy.

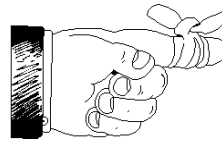
The St. Joseph PTA Council has also had an eventful fall. Membership kicks offs at the local units have been great! Thank you, thank, thank you to all those units who have stepped up to the challenge. Robidoux won the state Early Bird Membership award for the middle school division by significantly increasing membership numbers from last year. Coleman and Eugene Field Elementary schools have already met their 100% of enrollment challenge and many schools have met the 10% over last year's membership challenge. We are so excited about the numbers, but lets keep pushing to gain more memberships. Dr. Colgan and I are members of about half of the schools. We really want to be members of ALL local units. Please ask, so we can buy. It is important to us to meet this goal. I know each unit will want to help us.

At our last general council meeting, a nominating committee was elected to begin the task of placing volunteers in positions for the 2006-07 St. Joseph PTA Council. The members include: Peggy Wood, Diana Slawson, Jena Kirschner, Linda Peters and Mark Wheatley (Principal representative). Christina Lund was elected to serve as a replacement member in the event someone elected is unable to participate. Please let one of these people know if you know someone who is interested in serving as a board member or committee chairman. We are always looking for new people with fresh ideas to carry out our mission.

January and February are shaping up to be busy months for PTA. January 13, 2006 is the deadline for Reflections entries. This year's theme is "I Wonder Why..." Please contact Diana Slawson at 233-0627 or [slawson@stjoelive.com](mailto:slawson@stjoelive.com) for additional information or assistance. We hope everyone will participate in all four events (visual arts, music photography and literature). This theme will carry over to February when we celebrate our Founder's day on Thursday the sixteenth. This year's festivities will be held at the Holiday Inn. Remember the Principal of the Year Award nominations. Watch for more information to be coming soon!

Finally, the County Spelling Bee will be held at Truman Middle School on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. So brush your kids up on their spelling. Grant applications are also due. Please see the application form included in this issue of Clippings. According to our standing rules a unit must have the following to be eligible: at least one membership turned in to the state office, Council dues paid, an application completed and current by-laws.

Have a restful holiday season. Be ready to begin 2006 with some great PTA events. Our next meeting is at Hillyard Technical School on December 6, 2005 at 7:00p.m.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5, 2006: PTA Executive meeting at 7:00 at Hillyard  
January 9, 2006: PTA General meeting at 7:00 at Hillyard  
January 9, 2006: PTA Council Grants Due  
January 9, 2006: Principal of the Year Application Due  
January 13, 2006: Reflections Due  
February 4, 2006: County Spelling Bee 8:30 a.m. at Truman Middle School  
February 6, 2006: PTA Council Executive meeting at 7:00 at Hillyard  
February 16, 2006: Founder's Day Dinner at Holiday Inn

"The best and the most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched...but are felt in the heart."

-Helen Keller (1880-1968)

Submitted by Alex Dobyan

### Council Clippings Article Assignments for January 2006 Articles are due December 5, 2005

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**All articles must be emailed to Lori Prussman at [aokmom@hotmail.com](mailto:aokmom@hotmail.com), subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE. Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.**

# The Public is Invited to the



St. Joseph School District Board of Education

## ***Candidates' Forum***

*Sponsored by the St. Joseph PTA Council*

Tuesday, March 21, 2006; 7 p.m.

**Hillyard Technical Center; Room 103**

Three, six-year terms are available on the  
St. Joseph School District Board of Education.

**Election: April 4, 2006**

For more information contact,  
Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair,  
sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us or 816.671.4170

# Convention Report

“Be The One. Know More. Do More” was the theme of the 90<sup>th</sup> annual Missouri PTA Convention. Peggy Wood, Angie Davies and Deb Conrad represented the St. Joseph PTA Council at this year’s event. They were among hundreds of delegates from throughout the state of Missouri who attended the convention at the University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO, on October 28-30, 2005. Missouri PTA President Tina Zubeck, Platte City, presided over the convention.

This year’s convention featured two keynote speakers. Mark Brown, Emmy nominated speaker, delighted the audience with his insights on “Our Children, Our Future.” He spoke in humorous tone about raising our children with expectations, love and structure. John Foppe, author of “What’s Your Excuse? Making the Most of What You Have,” motivated the audience Saturday night by sharing his heartwarming stories of overcoming adversities such as birth defects that force him to use his feet for everything from shaving to driving.

In addition, the convention featured a 5K Walk/Run, promoting healthy lifestyles with proceeds going toward the Missouri PTA Scholarship Fund; an Awards showcase, highlighting scholarship recipients and the winners of the Reflections awards, a National PTA cultural arts program. There were also many workshops presented for the delegates to attend. The St. Joseph Council concentrated on parent involvement, membership, school and community relations, and advocacy and leadership development.

## **SALUTE THE SCHOOLS 2006**

Salute the schools is the month of January. I plan to deliver a thank you from the council to all district staff not associated with a PTA.

Submitted by Laura Caton

### **“I WONDER WHY”**

St. Joseph PTA Council Founder's Day  
Thursday, February 16, 2005  
Holiday Inn

Registration at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at  
6:00 p.m.

Attn: Principals and Presidents  
You should have already received your  
invitation

but if for some reason you didn't  
receive one,

please let me know by email at  
kerry.funck@sjsd.k12.mo.us and

I would be glad to send out another  
invitation.

We need reservations by Monday, January  
30<sup>th</sup>

Kerry Funck, Chairperson

# **Grant Request**

## **Through the St. Joseph PTA Council**

### **For the 2005-2006 School Year**

**Each school may apply for one grant up to the amount of \$700.00.**

**All proposals will require the following information to be eligible for consideration:**

1. General description of the project's purpose and population served.
2. Brief description of the project's implementation plans.
3. Current Bylaws on file, Council Dues paid and at least one membership turned into the state PTA office.
4. Detailed description of project for which funds are requested including:

#### **Purpose and goals of project**

- A. Participants to be served
- B. Breakdown of funds requested by specific categories.

**Completed proposals should be returned to St. Joseph PTA Council at the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting or send to Kerry Funck or Deb Conrad at Skaith School.**

School name:

Contact person:

Address:

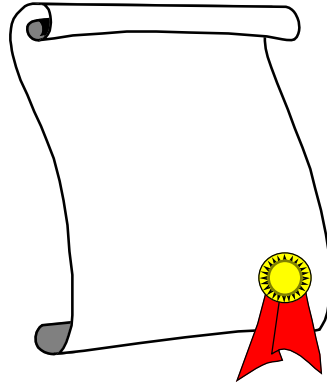
Phone number:

Signature of PTA/PTSA President \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

- I. Describe the purpose of your project, including the population that will be served, types of activities and length of project:
  
- II. Describe the organizational structure of your project. An organizational chart may be attached to help satisfy this requirement. (What staff will be involved? Who will be accountable for funds? Who will order and receive materials?)
  
- III. Describe your project:
  - A. Purpose and goals for the project:
  
  - B. Describe participants to be served, including how they will be selected.
  
  - C. Provide a detailed breakdown of expenses, including categories and anticipated expenditures in each category. Be sure amounts are correct, including any shipping and handling fees.

Describe what alternatives would be necessary if these funds were not available.



## **THE ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AWARD**

**Our school principals provide a great deal of leadership for the children, their families, staff, teachers, other principals of the St. Joseph School District, and our community. They deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts.**

The St. Joseph PTA Council (since 1994-95 school year) will honor one outstanding St. Joseph School District principal at the annual Founder's Day Banquet.

The principal must be nominated by a member of his or her PTA/PTSA unit and should be an exemplary individual for his/her peers.

The principal should actively encourage PTA/PTSA leaders in his or her school; use creativity in working with the school's unit; encourage PTA/PTSA membership; attend PTA/PTSA functions; encourage teachers and staff members from his or her school to be members of PTA/PTSA as well as encourage them to attend PTA/PTSA functions; and work for the overall betterment of PTA/PTSA.

Nomination forms for this award, **MUST** be received by the St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chairman **NOT LATER THAN January 9, 2006!!** Please only one nomination per principal.

**Nominations are to be sent to:** **Kerry Funck**  
**Skaith School**

Only the Award Winner will be announced at the PTA Founder's Day Banquet. He or she will receive a prestigious, engraved PTA Medallion Award and a financial stipend for his or her outstanding leadership in PTA/PTSA. The individual's name will also be put on display in the School Board Room of the St. Joseph School District.

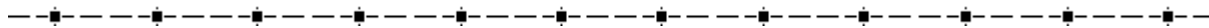
**St. Joseph PTA Council**  
**Outstanding Principal Of The Year Nomination Form**

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

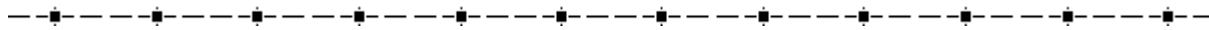
Nominator's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Position in the PTA/PTSA: \_\_\_\_\_



How my principal encourages individuals to become PTA/PTSA members and how my principal encourages individuals to attend PTA/PTSA activities:

Please list and explain **THREE** great ideas or things your principal has done at your school during this school year:

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:

**Linda Peters**  
PTA Council Awards  
4603 S. Lakewood Drive  
St. Joseph, MO 64506



Thank you for your interest!



DAVIS-LANGEMACH PTA COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

*NAME OF NOMINEE* \_\_\_\_\_

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HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS / SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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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. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
St. Joseph, MO 64501  
816-671-4410

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Send Bill To:  
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Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*  
Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1271  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

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For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for  
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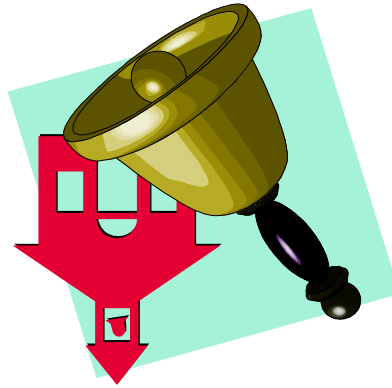
Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS ONLY

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