

Council Clippings

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Presidents

Corner...

Kerry Funck, Council President

We will be celebrating Founder's Day at the end of the month. The committee, headed up by Robin Norton, has been busy at work to make this celebration special. I hope everyone can attend. Thank you, Robin for chairing this event.

Reflections have long been sent to the State PTA Office. I wish luck to all the students and can't wait to see the items that have been submitted.

I will be attending the Legislative Rally at the end of the month and hope to bring back information on issues Missouri PTA will be working on this year. We will also be taking a bus down to Jefferson City February 16th for a rally at the capitol for "Kids First". Let me know if you would be interested in riding with us.

Last month we celebrated Salute to Schools. Laura Caton took muffins around to all the different district offices...TMC, Hillyards, Maintenance, just to name a few. Thank you Laura for doing this.

The County Spelling Bee sponsored by PTA Council and chaired by Jean Donaldson will be held at Truman Middle School February 7th with registrations beginning at 8:30 and the Bee at 9:00.

As you can see PTA has been very busy and continues to be busy. Don't forget to restart you Membership drive we have 6215 members throughout St. Joseph. Can we get to 7000? I am still not a member of all the units. Dr. Colgan would like to be a member of all units also. PLEASE ASK US! All dues must be sent to the state office by March 1st to count towards awards. Look over your awards section to see what you qualify for.

Thank you for all you do!

Kerry Funck



Five Valentines

Sung to Jimmy Crack Corn

Five valentines - to give away
Five valentines - for Valentines day.

"I love you" is what they say
I'll give one to my father today

Four valentines - to give away
Four valentines - for Valentines day.

"I love you" is what they say
I'll give one to my mother today

Three valentines - to give away
Three valentines - for Valentines day.

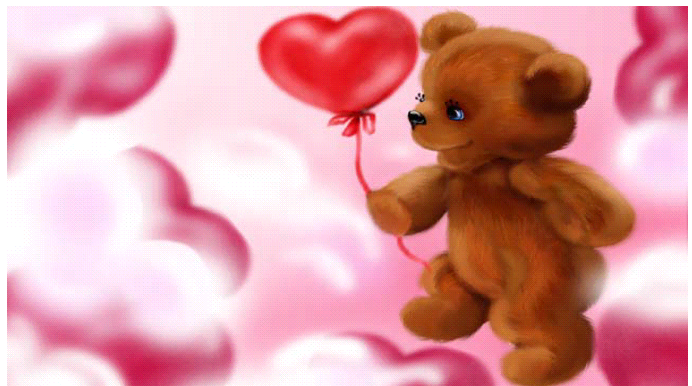
"I love you" is what they say
I'll give one to my brother today

Two valentines - to give away
Two valentines - for Valentines day.

"I love you" is what they say
I'll give one to my sister today

One valentines - to give away
One valentines - for Valentines day.

"I love you" is what they say
I'll give one to my Friend today



Salute the Schools

All the SJSD employees that are not associated with a PTA group should not have all their hard work go unnoticed. They were all presented with a thank you from the Council and muffins and chocolates. There were about 340 people we saluted this month. Some of the departments were: Bookroom, Maintenance, Food Service, Printing, Ruth Huston Learning Center, Hillyards, and Building Bridges. They were all surprised and delighted. And a thank you goes to Diana Slawson for her help in the delivery.

Laura Caton, Chairman

MO PTA News...

- February 16, 2004 plan to attend the “**Kids First**” Rally in Jefferson City. Let your voice be heard.
- **PTA Boot camp---Missouri PTA Leadership Conference** will be held April 30-May 1, 2004 in Tan Tar A Resort in the Lake of the Ozarks. Plan to attend this leadership training event.
- **\$1.00 Dues Increase Effective July 1, 2004.** This increase is effective for the “state portion”. Please amend bylaws, if needed, to compensate this change before the end of this school term to avoid any problems for next year’s members. **Business memberships will also increase \$1.00 from \$4.00 to \$5.00.**

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

Check out the new and improved website.

Council Clippings Article Assignments for March Articles are due February 10, 2004

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ways & Means</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections Report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Spelling Bee Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>PTA Legislative Day Report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Awards</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.



St. Joseph PTA Council February 2004 - Legislative Update

Sharon Kosek, Legislative Chair

St. Joseph PTA Council Thanks Missouri Senator Charlie Shields

Missouri Senator Charlie Shields spoke about Missouri's current budget crisis at the January 8, St. Joseph PTA Council meeting. The St. Joseph PTA Council appreciates Senator Shields' efforts in supporting education. Please send him a note of thanks for making his presentation at our January 8 meeting. His address is 47 SE Erin Court, St. Joseph, MO 64507.

February 16 – Kids' First Rally in Jefferson City

PTA members, teachers, educational leaders, and other interested individuals are expected to gather at the Capitol in Jefferson City on Monday, February 16, 2004, in support of putting "Kids First." The rally will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Capitol. **The St. Joseph PTA Council in its continuing support of putting "Kids First" has reserved a Heartland Motor Coach to take 55 passengers to the Rally in Jefferson City. PTA officers and members, teachers, students, and other PTA friends have been invited to attend.** If you are interested in participating, please email or call Kerry Funck at kerry.funck@sjsd.k12.mo.us or 671-4370 (Skaith School/work), or 364-5630 (home) and see if there is still space available. February 16 is Washington's Birthday. There is no charge for participants to ride the bus. You would be responsible for buying your own food. It is hoped that over 30,000 will attend the rally from across the state. For more information, check the Missouri PTA web site, mopta.org. The event is Sponsored by the Missouri Education Roundtable Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals • Missouri Association of School Administrators • Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals • Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA) • Missouri Federation of Teachers and School-Related Personnel • Missouri National Education Association • Missouri School Boards Association, and • Missouri State Teachers Association.

Legislative Forum to be held Friday, February 27

You are invited to attend the next Legislative Forum on Friday, February 27, at Hillyard Technical Center in Room 103. Traditionally participating in the event are Senator Charlie Shields, Representative Maurice Lawson, Representative Ed Wildberger, Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, and a legislative assistant from Congressman Sam Graves' office. The forums begin at 4:15 p.m. and end promptly at 5:15 p.m. Light refreshments are provided. During the forum, each legislator is asked to make a few opening remarks. The floor is then open to the public to ask questions of a particular legislator or all of the legislators. The forums are free and open to the public. The St. Joseph PTA Council is proud to be one of the sponsors of this event which is held the last Friday of January, February, March, and April of each year.

St. Joseph School District – Possible Board Candidates

At the time this article was submitted, six candidates had signed their intent of candidacy for the St. Joseph School District Board of Education. The potential candidates must gather enough registered voters' signatures to have their names on the ballots. Seeking signatures for the six-year term are Leo Blakley, Martin Rucker, and Ed Catron. Seeking signatures for the two-year term are Dean Mausolf and Bob Hughes.

If there are enough candidates to do so, a candidates' forum will be hosted by the St. Joseph PTA Council in March. If an election is needed for St. Joseph School District Board of Education candidates, it will be held Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Be sure you are registered to vote so that you may participate in this election.

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!

**St. Joseph PTA Council
Request/confirmation Form
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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 _____

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Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council

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St. Joseph, MO 64501

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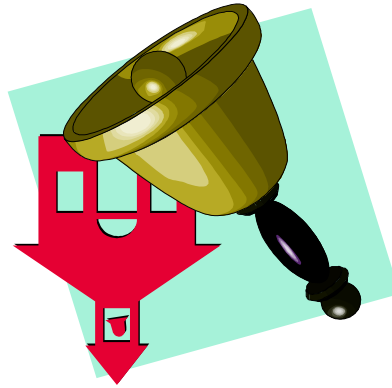
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