

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council



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Presidents

Corner...

Welcome back from winter break. 2009 is now well under way. Hopefully you have had a chance to open your winter packet from Missouri PTA. It is filled with useful information for your unit. I know it is really hard to have time to sit down and go thru all this information but you will find it very helpful.

Now is the time to get your nominating committee underway. Information concerning the process is also in your winter packet. Refer to your bylaws for information about specifics concerning your nominating committee. It should specify how many members are needed and how the committee should function. This group needs to be elected by the general membership. The committee must report their nominations and call for nominations from the floor at least 30 days prior to a vote. The process must be completed by March 31, 2009 and the list of officers should be sent in using the form in your winter packet.

The end of January and February will continue to be busy. On January 30th we will be having our first Legislative Meeting at 4:15 at Hillyards. These meetings are very informative and I know that if you will attend one of these meetings you will see the benefit to coming to all 4 meetings this year. Then on February 2nd we will be celebrating Founders Day at the Ramada Inn. February 14th is the Buchanan County Spelling Bee which will be held at Truman Middle School.

Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to get their Reflections entries turned in this year. A huge thanks to Azure Hailey and Lori Prussman for organizing it for PTA Council. Also thanks to Azure Hailey, Lori Prussman, Carla Ewart, Robert Wood and Spencer Wood for spending the day at TMC. It was great to have plenty of people helping us that day. Without the support that PTA Council gets from staff, parents and volunteers, this would be impossible to pull off.

What Can Parents Do To Be Involved?

The North Central Regional Educational Laboratory has some great ideas for both educators and parents. I would like to concentrate on what parents can do to stay involved in their students schooling. These

Continued...

✓ Don't Stop Being Involved!

Many parents are less likely to be involved in their child's school after elementary school. **Please be sure to stay involved**, however this may look. Studies show that students whose parents remain involved through high school are three times more likely to complete a bachelor's degree than children of parents who are not involved in school. Parent involvement at this level can be as simple as talking to teachers frequently via phone or email, showing interest in planning for post-high school activities, and monitoring school work via Parent Connect.

-Nadienne Hoffman
Parent Involvement Coordinator
St. Joseph PTA Council

Plan of Work for School of Information For the 2008-2009 School Year

The School of Information for the St. Joseph PTA Council will be April 6th after the regular executive board meeting of the PTA at the Hillyard Tech. School. There will be break out sessions for the officers of: President, secretary, treasurer, membership, and Reflections. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Submitted by:
Joyce Clibon
Chairman of the School of Information

**St. Joseph PTA Council
Nominating Committee Report
2009-10 Nominative Slate**

Presidents Corner continued...

I really want you ALL to know that I appreciate every one of you. As I have said before, you guys make my job easy. I also want to say a big “thanks” to Dr. Smith, Steve Huff, and Sherri Patterson for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend our meetings each month. We are truly blessed to have them backing us and being involved in all that we do. It is obvious that they love all our kiddos and want to see them all be very successful.

As I finish this month’s Clippings it is 4 below zero outside and I don’t like to think about it but there are some who don’t have warm homes or plenty of food on there tables tonight. Please keep these people in your Prayers.

God Bless You All,
Peggy Wood
St. Joseph PTA Council President



Protecting the rights of children and youth in trouble has long been a core of PTA’s advocacy work. In PTA’s 2009 Public Policy agenda are two critical components to reform: the Deinstitutionalization for Status Offenders (DSO) provision of JDBA so that children in need of services be treated differently than



2009 PTA Public Policy Basics

- Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair

As the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy association in the United States, PTA's legacy of influencing federal policy to protect the education, health, and overall well-being of children has made an indelible impact in the lives of millions of children and families. PTA continues to be a voice for children within federal policy; in 2009, PTA will focus primarily on three policy priorities:

Parent Involvement and Engagement

One of PTA's founding principles is its dedication to engaging parents in the education of their children. Since the PTA's inception, it has provided workshops and resources on child development to parent groups and community leaders. Recognizing the importance of parent involvement in a child's education, PTA has worked to ensure that provisions encouraging parental involvement were included in the 2001 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), now known as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). PTA looks forward to having the opportunity to strengthen parent involvement and engagement in the upcoming reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA-NCLB).

Research indicates that students with involved parents, regardless of family income or background, are more likely to score higher on tests, earn higher grades, enroll in higher level academic programs, attend school regularly, have better social skills, demonstrate improved behavior, adapt well to school, graduate from high school, and pursue postsecondary education. *PTA's 2009 Public Policy Agenda will focus on the key parent involvement provisions under Section 1118 of Title I and the Department of Education's Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs) program.*

Opportunity and Equity for All Children

From the outset, PTA has championed the importance of equal opportunity for all children, regardless of socioeconomic background, and addressed associated problems of child labor, childhood diseases, and a judicial system more concerned with punishment than with rehabilitation of juveniles. PTA continues to advocate for all children to have the opportunity to grow and achieve through education. To that end, PTA will advocate for adequate funding for schools and for family-focused, strength-based interventions to combat chronic absenteeism, truancy, and juvenile delinquency. *As part of its 2009 Public Policy Agenda, PTA will advance its agenda for opportunity and equity for all children with the reauthorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA-NCLB), the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), and federal appropriations to support student achievement and parent engagement.*

St. Joseph PTA Council 2009-2010 Nominating Committee Report (continued)

(Committees)

Department of Organization

American Education Week

Salute the Schools

School of Information

Ways and Means

Button Machine

Nominees

Robin Kelly

Deb Conrad

Joyce Clibon

Casey Loch

Jena Kirschner

Department of Promotion

Bylaws

Clippings/Typist

Clippings/Mailing

Legislation

Awards

Character and Spiritual

Parent Involvement

Nominees

Barb Harris

Lori Prussman

Lori Prussman

Sharon Kosek

Mary Cargill

To be announced in the fall

Nadienne Hoffman

Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board

Term

2009-2012 (3-year term)

2009-2012 (3-year term)

2009-2012 (3-year term)

2009-2011 (2-year term)

Nominee

Patricia Carrington

Lori Prussman

Peggy Wood

Marcia Rippe

Respectfully submitted
Sharon G. Kosek
Nominating Committee
Chair



Happy Valentines Day

You are Invited to the 2009 Legislative Forums



Friday, January 30, 2009

Friday, February 27, 2009

Friday, March 27, 2009

Friday, April 24, 2009

**The forums are sponsored by
St. Joseph PTA Council and St. Joseph Region
MSTA**

Hillyard Technical Center – Room 103
3434 Faraon, St. Joseph, Missouri

4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
The public is welcome

Senator Charlie Shields, Representative Ed Wildberger,
Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, Representative Martin
Rucker, and Chad Higdon (for Congressman Sam Graves)
are invited to participate.

For more information: sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us

I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. ~Author Unknown



2009 PTA National Convention

113th Annual PTA National Convention & Exhibition

Friday, June 26–Monday, June 29, 2009

Greater Ft. Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center,
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Join thousands of parents, teachers, students, and leaders who come to national convention each year to enhance their skills, connections, and success!

- Education — Choose from 30+ workshops
- Exhibits — Visit more than 200 exhibits
- Issues — Raise your voice on national business and emerging issues
- Resources — Gather 100s of ideas, handouts, giveaways — interact with 1,000s of other PTA leaders from around the country
- Ft. Lauderdale — Stay and play in this great family vacation destination

Registration and hotel information will be available March 2009. For more information to help you plan, please email nptameetings@pta.org.

2009/2010 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Peggy Wood, 3018 County Line Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64506

This list will be used for St. Joseph PTA Council mailings.

Do not use school address for President mailing address.

Deadline March 31, 2009

School Name: _____

President's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

1st Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

2nd Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Please continue to the back of this page for additional information needed.

School Name: _____

Membership Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Reflections Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

**Please feel free to add additional officer's names, positions, addresses,
phone numbers and email addresses below.**

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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Phone _____ Email: _____

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OFFICERS FORM

Important: Our **2009-2010** School Year Mailing List will be compiled from the information on this form.

Please mail this form by **March 31, 2009** with the names of NEW and/or RE-ELECTED officers. DO NOT use the school address for president mailings.

CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED BY MISSOURI PTA: PRESIDENT, TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND REFLECTIONS CHAIR.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

REGION _____ DATE _____

UNIT NAME _____

CITY _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COUNTY IN WHICH SCHOOL IS LOCATED _____

PRESIDENT _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

TREASURER _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

Information is due to Missouri PTA office by March 31, 2009. If you have not filled all the positions, send what you have by the deadline.

Please complete information on reverse side.

UNIT NAME _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

REFLECTIONS CHAIR _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Missouri PTA
2100 I-70 Drive, SW
Columbia, MO 65203

Fax: 573-445-4163
office@mopta.org

**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
10489 SE State Rt. A
St. Joseph, MO 64507
816-244-1687

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Signature _____

Title _____

Send Bill To:

Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*

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 _____

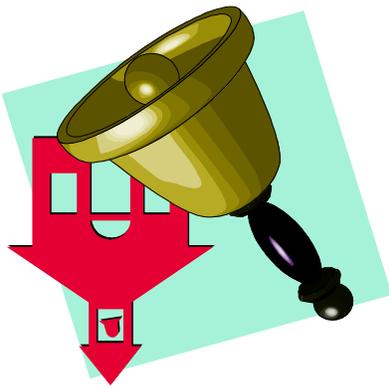
Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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c/o Lori Prussman
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