

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Preparation of this month's article comes at a busy time. It seems everyone is filled with numerous winter activities. As parents, we are hurriedly running to various activities like play practice or basketball games. Our children are well into the second semester of school and preparing for the end of the year testing. PTA council and units have additional activities such as general meetings, Reflections, Founder's Day Dinner, and the Buchanan County Spelling Bee. As spring approaches, parents, teachers and students must continue forward.

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee sponsored by your St. Joseph PTA Council was held on Saturday, February 10 at Truman Middle School. The event was organized and ran smoothly thanks to the event chairperson, Karen Heyde Lipanovich and her many volunteers. Additional information concerning winners is included in this edition of Clippings. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Our legislative chairperson, Sharon Kossek, continues to be hard at work collaborating with various organizations to bring us monthly legislative forums. These forums are held the last Friday of the month at Hillyard Technical School at 4:00. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet your legislators and find out about the many issues concerning our students, parents and teachers. Remember, one of the biggest advantages to our group is our voice. Please plan to come!

Several housekeeping issues should also be addressed at this time of the year. Don't forget now is the time to be presenting your slate of officers. The slate should sit for 30 days during which time other candidates can choose to run against the slate. By March 31, 2007 your slate of officers should be voted on by the general membership. Don't forget to send a copy of your officers to the council and state PTA office. This insures your unit receiving the necessary paperwork over the summer.

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Additionally, be sure your bylaws are current. The state has a new bylaws disk available upon request. Check their website at [www.mopta.org](http://www.mopta.org). If your bylaws need to be reviewed this spring or summer, it is important to start now. Just like your slate of officers, a committee must review the bylaws. If any changes (other than those mandated by the state and national PTA) are recommended those changes must be presented to the general membership and sit for thirty days before being voted on by the general membership. These are two important issues to address to maintain your PTA standing.

Finally, April 2 will be our School of Information. Please plan to attend. Workshops will be offered to presidents, membership chairs, treasurers, secretaries and reflections chairs. This is an opportunity for your unit to get information about each position and meet new officers from other units. Not to mention the great prizes offered by Joyce Clibon, PTA Council School of Information chairperson. Remember, our next general meeting is March 5. Hope to see you there.

## **Council Clippings Article Assignments for April 2006**

**Articles are due March 10, 2006**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Presidents Report</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u></b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Budget (proposed)</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Application for 2006-2007 Character &amp; Spiritual Award</u></b>

**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.**

**Clarence J Carpenter  
Memorial Fund Board  
Treasurer Report**

Beginning Balance as of 11/20/06		\$21,112.40	
RECEIPTS/INCOME:			
Donations	\$30.00		
Interest	\$2.91		
Donations	\$50.00		
Donations	\$100.00		
Interest	\$2.06		
CD Interest #7986	\$117.26		
Total Receipts	\$302.23	\$302.23	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
CK#648- Bonebrake Vision	\$395.00		
CK#649- East Ridge Vision	\$140.00		
CK#650- Fields Eye Site	\$305.00		
CK#651- Rosenak Optical	\$88.00		
CK#652- Spec Shoppe	\$1,070.00		
CK#653- Tobin Eye	\$135.95		
CK#654- Dr Stephanie Files	\$428.40		
CK#655- Dr Stephanie Files	\$183.40		
Total Disbursements	\$2,745.75	\$2,745.75	
Ending Balance as of 1/22/07		\$18,668.88	
Balance Comprised of:			
Bank Midwest Checking Acct.	\$4,516.53		
Bank Midwest CD #7986	\$6,055.70		
Bank Midwest CD #1590	\$8,096.65		
TOTAL		\$18,668.88	



**REFLECTIONS 2006/2007**

**My Favorite Place.....**

I would like to personally thank all the teachers and Reflection Chairs who put a lot of hard work and time in getting the following entries ready for State competition.

**Elementary Schools:**

**Coleman** 10 entries, **Ellison** 9 entries, **Eugene Field** 13 entries, **Hall** 6 entries, **Humboldt** 3 entries, **Hyde** 4 entries, **Lake Contrary** 7 entries, **Mark Twain** 3 entries, **Neely** 3 entries, **Parkway** 9 entries, **Pershing** 6 entries, **Skaith** 6 entries, **Webster** 3 entries,

**Middle Schools:**

**Bode** 9 entries, **Robidoux** 7 entries, **Truman** 3 entries.

**High Schools:**

**Benton** 6 entries, **Central** 12 entries, **Lafayette** 5 entries.

Invitations will be sent out for the Reflections Reception that will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Keatley Center. The center will open at 6:00pm for viewing of the entries with the award ceremony starting at 6:30pm.

Special thanks to Christy Callaway, Deb Conrad, Angie Davies, and Heather and Ashley Slawson for helping me package the Reflections entries. You guys are the best!

Diana Slawson, Reflections Chair

## PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 10, 2007, at Truman Middle School. A total of 96 contestants competed for awards in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSJSD PTA Council.

The Buchanan County champion is **David Palmer**, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Truman Middle School. He is the son of **Wattie and Laura Palmer**. Second place at the County level went to **Austin Fangman**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. He is the son of **Joe and Carol Fangman**. Both **David** and **Austin** now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the St. Joseph News Press, on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at St. Francis Xavier.

Other winners in the Elementary Division were; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- **Brooke Jagodzinski**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Hyde, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- **Josh Shorba**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Noyes, 4<sup>th</sup> Place- **Casey Daugherty**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Francis, and 5<sup>th</sup> Place- **Brittany Stone**, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Pickett. Other winners in the Middle School Division were 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- **Bridget Hassler**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, East Buchanan C1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- **Mareah Martin**, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Truman, 4<sup>th</sup> Place- **Ashley Ellis**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Paul Lutheran, and 5<sup>th</sup> Place- **Samantha Huckuntod**, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Truman.

The pronouncers were **Karen Heyde-Lipanovich**, Middle School Division, and **Rhonda Slawson**, Elementary Division. The judges were **Debbie Elder**, **Randy Harr**, **Joe Marmaud**, **Shanda Furr**, **Michelle Krambeer**, and **Shelley Hughes**. Registrars were **Ana Maria Klundt**, **Deb Conrad**, **Peggy Wood**, **Debbie Elder**, **Lara Gilpin**, **Cheryl Hale**, **Sharon Kosek**, and **Jena Kirschner**. **Mark** and **Jean Donaldson** served as grievance judges.

An event this size cannot be successful without the help of many capable and dedicated people. In addition to the work of the pronouncers, judges, and registrars, **Brett Hall and the Central JROTC** came out in force to provide help with parking and directions. The Truman custodial staff; **Doug Shoots**, **Felix Cortez**, **Donna Burns**, and **Kaleb Sargent** coordinated a well-equipped and spotless environment. Thanks also to Principal, Beery Johnson, Truman, and Principal, Lara Gilpin, Spring Garden for their help during the Middle School Bee.

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich  
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator

### School of Information

The PTA Council School of Information will be held immediately after the regular Council meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hillyard Technical School

There will be breakout groups for the office of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and Reflections.

Each group will have a door prize: President-four Council members working two hours at your PTA sponsored event, Secretary-copy of the magazine the PTA magazine *Our Children*, Treasurer-an audit of your unit's books, Membership-ten memberships to be sold by Joyce Clibon, Reflections-certificates made for students who participate in the Reflections contest at your school.

The GRAND door prize of an all expense paid trip for two to the State Convention will be drawn at the close of the evening and all that come are illegible to enter.

Please come for a good time and to meet Council leaders who will help your year as an Officer much easier!!

Submitted by Joyce Clibon, Chair

You and your family are invited to the

# Children's Arts Fund Kickoff

(for kids of all ages)

## *A Celebration of Laughter*

free and open to the public

**All types of  
arts activities**



**Design a t-shirt**

**Sunday, April 1, 2007**

2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Create  
your own Jester**

Missouri Theatre  
717 Edmond Street  
St. Joseph

**Live entertainment  
on stage at 2 p.m.**

Arts Activity Tables by  
Allied Arts, American Guild of Organists, CAP, Midwest Artists Association,  
PAA, RRT, St. Joseph Community Chorus, and Saint Joseph Symphony

***Children must be supervised by their parents/guardians at the event.***

For more information: 816.233.0231 or <http://www.stjoearts.org/>

Sharon Kosek, Arts Fund Chair

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# March 2007 - Legislative Report

## 2007 Legislative Forums

Friday, February 2, was the first Legislative Forum for 2007. (It was rescheduled as the state legislators had another engagement that they needed to attend.) Senator Charlie Shields, Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, and Representative Ed Wildberger participated in the forum. Representative Martin Rucker's grandmother passed away earlier that day so he was not in attendance. St. Joseph PTA Council leaders, President Deb Conrad, First Vice President Peggy Wood, Joyce Clibon, and Sharon Kosek assisted with the event. The second forum was held February 23. The two remaining 2007 Legislative Forums will be held at Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon in Room 103 on Friday, **March 30**; and Friday, **April 27**. (The forums begin at 4:15 p.m. and end at 5:15 p.m.) This is your opportunity to ask questions regarding issues on the state and federal levels. Billie Sharp of Hillyard is the coordinator.



The January/February issue of Missouri PTA's *Contact* magazine features an article about our St. Joseph PTA Council involvement in the MSTA Legislative Forums.

## In Memory of Maggie Lux – former St. Joseph PTA Council President, Preschool President, and SJSB Board of Education Member

Maggie Lux was dedicated to the children of our community by partnering with other parents, teachers, and education leaders to do what was best for kids. Maggie was only one of two individuals who have served in all three volunteer leadership capacities as PTA Preschool President, St. Joseph PTA Council President, and a member of the St. Joseph Board of Education. Maggie also served as president of Hyde School PTA. She was an advocate for equal opportunities for all students and a strong curriculum. Maggie also volunteered as interpreter at Patee Hall and helped to educate the public about Scleroderma, which caused her death. Maggie was featured in an article in the *News-Press* about Scleroderma and told the story of how it affected her life. Maggie will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, her enthusiasm for helping others, and her dedication to children. Her picture as a former president of the St. Joseph School District Board of Education hangs in the District Board Room as a reminder of her dedication to students. (Maggie passed away January 13, 2007.)



## PTA Endorses Student Privacy Legislation

On Thursday, January 25, National PTA officially endorsed legislation aimed at protecting the rights of millions of high school students. The **Student Privacy Protection Act**, to be introduced in early February by Rep. Michael Honda of California, gives parents the ability to "opt in" for their students to receive communications from military recruiters, rather than the current system, which only allows for opting out. Honda introduced, and PTA supported, similar legislation in 2005. In [a letter to Honda](#), PTA National President Anna Weselak wrote, "We are grateful for and support your reintroduction of the Student Privacy Protection Act, a bill that acknowledges that the right to disclose personal information of minors should remain solely with their parents. Current law shields minors from having personal information divulged by federal agencies, commercial websites, and even video rental agencies. However, a provision of the No Child Left Behind Act requires schools to supply to military recruiters the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students."

## PTA Against Public Funds for Private Schools

Congress will need to carefully assess the use of education funding. Building on Results proposes two programs that allow students in underperforming schools to use federal dollars to attend private schools. The Education Department's summary of the report describes the programs as follows:

**"Promise Scholarships**—Public schools that go into restructuring status will be required to offer private school choice, intensive tutoring, or inter-district public school choice through Promise Scholarships to low-income students in grades 3-12. Federal funds will follow the child to his or her new school, to be supplemented by a federal scholarship of \$2,500." **"Opportunity Scholarships**—This new program will support local efforts to expand public and private school choice options within a set geographic area. Modeled after the Washington, D.C. choice program that the federal government has funded since 2004, it would enable students to attend a private school through a locally designed scholarship program. Families could also seek additional tutoring for their children."

PTA supports public school choice, and believes that public school choice can instill competition and competition's inherent benefits into the education system without diverting taxpayer money to private schools. PTA opposes the use of tax dollars to finance education vouchers for private and religious schools. Vouchers, tax credits, deductions, and other such funding sources do not provide the means for bringing about improvements in our public schools.

Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair, PTA Council

# 2006/2007 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Deb Conrad @ Neely School

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**President's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please add name and position of any other officer**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICER'S FORM

**IMPORTANT:** OUR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR MAILING LIST IS COMPILED FROM THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM.

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM BY MARCH 31, WITH NAMES OF NEW AND/OR RE-ELECTED OFFICERS. DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL ADDRESS FOR PRESIDENT MAILINGS. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

REGION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PTA \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY IN WHICH SCHOOL IS LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESIDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

MISSOURI PTA  
2100 I-70 DRIVE SW  
COLUMBIA MO 65203

# Davis-Langemach-Kosek PTA Council Award of Excellence

## Background

The “Davis-Langemach-Kosek 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. This award is also in honor of Mrs. Sharon Kosek who is a past St. Joseph PTA Council President and Legislative chair.

## Determination of Winner

The administrator, teacher, staff member, or volunteer 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.**

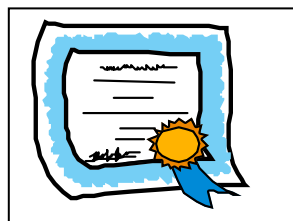
An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

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:



**Angie Davies**

PTA Council Awards

4703 Huntsboro Ct.

St. Joseph, MO 64506

[angieiscooking@yahoo.com](mailto:angieiscooking@yahoo.com)

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

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

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

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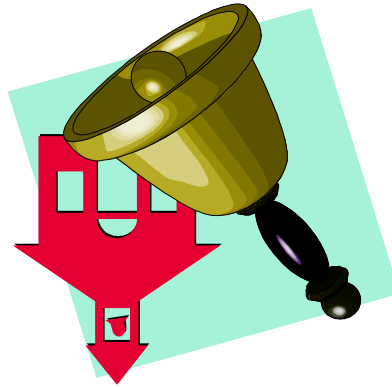
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NOTICE FOR PARENTS

# COMMUNITY MEETING



# ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council  
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