

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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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 practices 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 had 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 9 at Truman Middle School. The event was organized and ran very smoothly thanks to the event chairperson, Karen Heyde-Lipanovich and her volunteers. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

Our Founder's Day Dinner was held Tuesday, February 12 at the Holiday Inn. It was a very fun and exciting evening. Special thanks to Carla Ewart, Lori Prussman, Deb Conrad, Becky Huntsman, Christy Callaway and Jena Kirschner for all their hard work on this project. This was truly a super Founder's Day thanks to all these volunteers. I really believe it was one of the best !!!!!!!

A very special thanks to Lori Prussman for taking care of Reflections this year. Lori is a great asset to our PTA Council and any project she takes on is always done perfectly. Also, thanks to Azure Hailey for her help with Reflections.

Our legislative chairperson, Sharon Kosek, 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 !!!!!!!

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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, 2008 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.

Monday, March 3 is our General Meeting at Hillyard Technical Center. Please plan to attend as Kelly from Major Saver will be our guest to answer any questions about our fundraiser this spring. This is an excellent time to ask any questions you might have. See you then.

Peggy Wood

PTA Council President



## **Council Clippings Article Assignments for April 2008**

**Articles are due March 10, 2008**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Presidents Report</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>School of Information</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Council Award</u></b>
<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.**

## PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Truman Middle School. A total of 96 contestants competed for awards in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSD 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 8, 2008, 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**, **Chandler Easley**, **Shelley Kirschner**, and **Shelley Hughes**. Registrars were **Azure Haley**, **Peggy Wood**, **Debbie Elder**, **Lara Gilpin**. **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; **Vance Gossett**, **Jan Phelps**, **Donna Burns**, and **Dickie ?????** 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

## REFLECTIONS 2007/2008

### Theme "I can make a difference by..."

We had a great turn out for Reflection this year. I'm pleased to report that 22 of 25 schools participated! That's up from 19 last year. Thank you to all of the Unit Reflections Chairs for all of their hard work in helping with this great showing. We could not do this without your help. A special thank you goes to Darren and Kevin at TMC, they graciously were our collection team. They allowed us space in their office to have everyone drop off their entries. And one last very special thank you goes to Azure Hailey for all of her help in getting the entries ready to mail off to the State office. This is truly a team effort and I really appreciate everyone's help.

#### Elementary Schools:

**Coleman** 6 entries, **Ellison** 3 entries, **Eugene Field** 11 entries, **Hall** 3 entries, **Hosea** 3 entries, **Humboldt** 3 entries, **Hyde** 1 entry, **Lake Contrary** 3 entries, **Lindbergh** 4 entries, **Mark Twain** 3 entries, **Neely** 3 entries, **Noyes** 3 entries, **Parkway** 8 entries, **Pershing** 3 entries, **Pickett** 3 entries, **Skaith** 6 entries, **Webster** 3 entries

#### Middle Schools:

**Bode** 7 entries, **Robidoux** 5 entries, **Truman** 6 entries.

#### High Schools:

**Central** 10 entries, **Lafayette** 2 entries.

Congratulations to all of the students on a great job! I wish them the best a state judging.

Our reception will be held at the Keatley Center on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Viewing will be at 6:00 pm and awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 pm. Invitations will be mailed to all participants.

Lori Prussman, Reflections Chair

## Ideas for Parent Involvement

Continued from last month...

Written by MOPTA

Listed below are ideas shared within workshop focus groups on the six standards, and how they interact to improve Parent Involvement. Please share these with parents, teachers, administrators, and your school board.

**Standard 3. Supporting student success – Families and school staff collaborate to support student's learning and success**

- Hold parent curriculum nights or "Parent University" so parents can learn how to do their child's homework such as math, science, or reading night
- Hold an interactive Parent/Child night-let the child guide you through his/her day
- Design a standards of Learning for each grade level - what should be grade appropriate
- Explain the No Child Left Behind Act, and MAP testing and their impact on student learning
- Make sure teachers have a place on the district website that parents can print forms, information, and assignments
- Promote and encourage your building to use parents as "Book Buddies"
- Have teachers make a "Helping Hands" list of what they need to have help with on hand at Back to School night posted along with a parent sign-up - help parents know what teachers NEED
- Keep a parent suggestion box for ideas on how to help student learning in the office/entry way - check it often
- Once a week, or when appropriate have interactive parent/child homework that can be done together
- Enlist your PTA and especially your Council to promote ideas on student learning from building to building. Good ideas SHOULD be passed along

Look for Standard 4 in the next issue.

Submitted by Lori Prussman



"A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes he has the biggest piece of cake."

- Ludwig Erhard

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.

- George Patton

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

- Anne Frank

respectfully submitted by  
Heather Slawson  
Character & Spiritual

## Salute to School

Monday January 28; muffins and chocolates were delivered to all the staff of the school district that are not associated with a school PTA. Administration, maintenance, food service, Ruth Houston, and Buchanan County Academy are just a few. The Council appreciates all the hard work these people do for our children.

Laura Caton  
Salute to School, Chair

## 2008/2009 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 mailings.

Deadline March 31, 2008

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 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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# OFFICERS FORM

**Important:** Our **2008-2009** School Year Mailing List will be compiled from the information on this form.

Please mail this form by **March 31, 2008** with the names of NEW and/or RE-ELECTED officers. DO NOT use the school address for president mailings. (You may also submit any corrections to the 2007-2008 Officers.)

**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, 2008. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

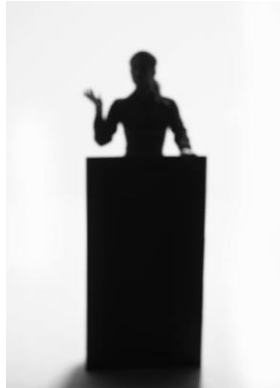
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**SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:**

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

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

*The Public is Invited*  
**St. Joseph School District  
Board of Education**



***Candidates' Forum***

*Sponsored by the St. Joseph PTA Council*

**Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm  
6:30 pm Reception**

**Hillyard Technical Center; Room 103**

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

**Election: April 8, 2008**

**Candidates**

Sue Wagner, Sarah Siemens, David Mason, Jr.,  
Walt Hanabury, Brian Cronk, Stanley Hall, and David Mejia

For more information contact  
Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair  
[sharongkosek@hotmail.com](mailto:sharongkosek@hotmail.com)

*The Public is Invited*  
to the following

**Legislative  
Forums**



**Friday, March 28, 2008**  
(Sponsored by SJ PTA Council)

**Friday, April 25, 2008**  
(Sponsored by MSTTA)

Hillyard Technical Center – Room 103  
3434 Faraon, St. Joseph, Missouri  
4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

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



Clarence J. Carpenter  
Memorial Fund Board

Treasurer's Report

11-06-07 thru 1-21-08

**Beginning Balance as of  
11/05/07**

**\$19,917.46**

**RECEIPTS/INCOME:**

Donation: Truman	\$100.00
Donation: Hall	\$25.00
Donation: Webster	\$75.00
Donation: Neely	\$25.00
Interest on CD Maturity 11-21-07	\$202.89
Interest on Checking 11-30-07	\$4.30
Interest on Checking 12-31-07	\$3.92

**Total Receipts:** \$436.11

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Ck #681- Dr. M.T. Aldrich	\$190.00
Ck #682- Bonebrake Vision	\$95.00
Ck #683- East Ridge Vision Ctr.	\$140.00
Ck #684- Fields Eye Site	\$285.00
Ck #685- Rosenak's Optical Options	\$300.00
Ck #686- The Spec Shoppe	\$738.69
Ck #687- Tobin Eye Institute	\$115.00

**Total Disbursements:** \$1,863.69

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**Ending Balance as of 01-21-08**

**\$18,489.88**

**Balance Comprised of:**

Bank Midwest CD 4910014155	\$9,665.50
Bank Midwest Checking	\$8,824.38

**Total: \$18,489.88**



**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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Check out date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Check in date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Number Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number Used \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

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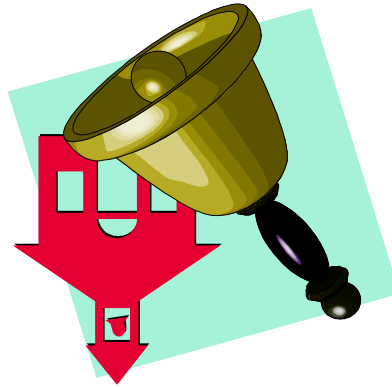
Confirmation

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

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

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL



# ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1271  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

