

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council



Happy
St. Patrick's Day

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Presidents

Corner...

Wow, what a night. Thank you everyone for attending the Founders Day dinner. What a great night. It was so nice to see everyone. Thanks to Angie Riggs and her committee for hosting such a wonderful night. We look forward to next year.

It was awesome to hand out all of the awards. I would like to thank you for the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. As you could tell I was very surprised. I sat down thinking my night was done and what a surprise. I would like to thank my nieces; Brooke and Hailey, for helping out with the presentation. They were very sneaky. I had no idea they were behind me. I greatly appreciate you thinking of me in that way.

I would also like to thank Karen Heyde-Lipovich for chairing the Spelling Bee again this year. She does a great job. Everything ran so smoothly. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came and help register the participants. It is so exciting seeing all those bright and smiling faces full of nervous energy just waiting for the bee to start. There was a really nice article in the St. Joseph Newspress. Thanks to them for the coverage.

We have so much going on right now. A very busy time of the year for PTA. Some things to keep in mind...March is election month. As soon as you vote on your new officers please make sure to mail in your new list of officers information to Council. The form is in this month's Clippings and also online at our website; www.stjoeppta.org. The State PTA is making a new form that will need to be sent to them. They will email it out the current presidents as soon as it is ready.

Also keep in mind a budget committee and passing your budget for next year by May. This really needs to be done so that next year can start fresh and on schedule. They need a budget to begin work.

Reflections Awards ceremony will be April 14th at the Keatley Center. Refreshments will be served and viewing of the artwork will be from 6:00-6:30 and awards presentation will begin at 6:30. Participants will receive an invitation this month. Thank you to Darren Verbick and Renee Beggs for chairing Reflections this year. They have done a great job!!

PACT process is going very nicely. All of the building walk through's are complete and the process of compiling the information gathered will be put together for the March 29th PACT meeting presentation. Full

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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 _____ Send request to:
(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component) Jena Kirschner

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

Signature _____

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Title _____

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To:

Make Checks Payable to:
ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for _____ Check out date _____

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Confirmation Sent _____ Check in date _____

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Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Backpack Buddies Walk-a-Thon

The Second Annual Backpack Buddies Walk-a-Thon will take place at the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Registration is at 10:00 and walking will take place from 10:15-10:45 that morning (one mile walk).

Every person who walks will receive a free Chic-fil-a sandwich and anyone who walks and turns in a minimum donation of \$5.00 will receive a Backpack Buddies T-shirt.

This year we are suggesting the walkers come in teams of 5. The team of 5 who turns in the most monetary donations on April 23, will each receive a free dinner at the Texas Roadhouse. Buffalo Wild Wings is providing gift certificates for each team member that comes in second place.

This Walk-a-Thon serves as a community fund raiser for the Backpack Buddies program that is sponsored by the Second Harvest Community Food Bank. Each Friday during the school year, 749 backpacks with healthy food for the weekend, are distributed in the St. Joseph School District Elementary Schools. The costs of providing one backpack for one student for the entire school year is \$140.00. This Walk-a-Thon helps to offset these expenses.

Please contact Stacy at sfisher@ourcommunityfoodbank.org to register your team today.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mike Buckler
Backpack Buddies

Salute to Schools

On Friday Jan 21st, Lisa Holmes along with Lori Prussman delivered 420 cupcakes, made by Delish bakery, to various school support office buildings. They were as follows: Administration, Maintenance building (also includes ESOL, Print Shop, Food Service & Transportation), Webster Learning Center, Enright Center, Parents As Teachers, TMC, Hillyards, Colgan ARC and Crayons to Computers.

Along with the cupcakes, we also gave them a 'Thank You' card that was printed up by the print shop.

Everyone was very excited to see these cupcakes on a cold Friday morning.

I am proud to say that we came in under budget at around \$320.

Lisa M Holmes,
Salute to Schools Chair

Council Clippings Article Assignments for

April 2011

Articles are due March 10, 2011

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>School of Information</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Budget (proposed)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Application for Character & Spiritual Award</u>

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.

"Be true to your work, your word, your friends."

Submitted by Jameison Welch



Presidents Corner

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Details are in this edition of Clippings.

We have one more Legislative Forum to be held on Friday, April 8th at Hillyards, 4:30-5:30 in room 103. Please take advantage of the opportunity to visit with your legislators.

Finally, awards deadline is Friday, April 15th to the State PTA office. A full list of awards is on their website; www.mopta.org.

Don't forget 2012 is MO PTA's 100th birthday. They are collecting donations, so if you would like to be a part of the celebration that would be greatly appreciated. Find complete details on MO PTA website.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do for our students in the St. Joseph School District.

Continued success!!!

Lori Prussman

PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Truman Middle School. A total of 92 contestants competed for awards in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSJ PTA Council.

The Buchanan County Finals champion is **Samuel Pettit**, an 8th grader at Robidoux Middle School. He is the son of **Rick and Barb Pettit**. Second place at the County level went to **Brevin Miller**, a 6th grader at Hosea Elementary School. He is the son of **Chad and Shelly Miller**. Both **Samuel** and **Brevin** now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the St. Joseph News Press, on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at St. Francis Xavier. The first alternate for the regional bee is **Kaitlynn Derr**, a 6th grader from Coleman Elementary. She is the daughter of **Todd and Nicole Derr**. The second alternate is **Jacob Sprague**, an 8th grader from Bode Middle School. He is the son of **Scott and Gita Sprague**. The final competition included the top five spellers in both the elementary and middle school categories.

The top five winners in the Elementary Division were; 1st Place- **Kaitlynn Derr**, 6th grade, Coleman, 2nd Place- **Julia Stolfus**, 6th grade, Bessie Ellison, 3rd Place- **Brevin Miller**, 6th grade, Hosea, 4th Place- **Heaven Singian**, 5th grade, Parkway, and 5th Place- **Noah Lane**, 5th grade, Bessie Ellison. The top five winners in the Middle School Division were 1st Place- **Samuel Pettit**, 8th grade, Robidoux Middle School, 2nd Place- **Nokomis Miller**, 7th grade, Truman Middle School, 3rd Place- **Rebekah Thimes**, 8th grade, Bode Middle School, 4th Place- **Cathi-Jo Stains**, 8th grade, Robidoux Middle School, and 5th Place- **Jacob Sprague**, 8th grade, Bode Middle School.

The pronouncers were **Lori Witham**, Middle School Division, and **Rhonda Slawson**, Elementary Division. The judges were **Kevin Koenig**, **Randy Harr**, **Joe Marmaud**, **Tom Slawson**, **Michael Otto**, and **Shelley Hughes**. Registrars were **Lori Prussman**, **Jennifer Kelly**, **Lisa Holmes**, **Msgt. Cynthia O'Daniel**, **Julie Bravo**, **Latisha Little**, **Michael Otto**, **Suzanne Thomas**, and **Glenda Haley**. **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, the Truman custodial staff, **Gunnar O'Meara** and **Karen Cockriel**, coordinated a well-equipped and spotless environment. **Kevin Griffin** and **Ellen Rabatin** provided and assisted with the sound equipment, **Marilyn Beck** and **Scott Horton** assisted in the organization of the gyms, and **Daria DeShon** assisted with recording equipment. Thanks also to the principals, vice-principals, teachers, parents, and friends who came out to support these wonderful students.

Respectfully,
Karen Heyde-Lipanovich
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator

Clarence J Carpenter Board Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance as of 11/15/10	\$11,192.48
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RECEIPTS/INCOME:

11/22 - Skaith donation	\$75.00	
11/30 - Cking Interest	\$ 2.42	
12/31 - Cking Interest	\$2.11	
1/14/11 - Noyes donation	\$75.00	

Total Receipts	\$154.53	\$11,347.01
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DISBURSEMENTS:

#763 - State Farm - Bond	\$90.00	
#764 - Bonebrake Vision	\$30.00	
#765 - Insight Eye Care	\$360.00	
#766 - Fields Eye Site	\$145.00	
#767 - Rosenak Optical	\$190.00	
#768 - Murphy Watson	\$95.00	
#769 - Spec Shoppe	\$614.00	

Total Disbursements	\$1,524.00	\$1,524.00
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Ending Balance as of 1/18/11		\$ 9,823.01
Checking Account Balance as of 1/18/11		\$ 9,823.01

Bank Midwest CD #4155		
Beginning Balance 11/15/10		\$10,284.95
Interest Paid		\$56.41
CD Balance as of 1/18/11		\$10,341.36
* cd matures 5/18/11 - rate of 1%		

TOTAL CASH ON HAND as of January 18, 2011	\$20,164.37
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Ask Yourself the Question, "Will This Matter a Year From Now?"

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff by Richard Carlson

Almost every day I play a game with myself that I call "time warp." I made it up in response to my consistent, erroneous belief that what I was all worked up about was really important.

To play "time warp," all you have to do is imagine that whatever circumstance you are dealing with isn't happening right now but a year from now. Then simply ask yourself, "Is this situation really as important as I'm making it out to be?" Once in a great while it may be - but a vast majority of the time, it simply is not.

Whether it be an argument with your spouse, child, or boss, a mistake, a lost opportunity, a lost wallet, a work-related rejection, or a sprained ankle, chances are, a year from now you aren't going to care. It will be one more irrelevant detail in your life. While this simple game won't solve all your problems, it can give you an enormous amount of needed perspective. I find myself laughing at things that I used to take far too seriously.

Now, rather than using up my energy feeling angry and overwhelmed, I can use it instead on spending time with my wife and children or engaging in creative thinking.

The time you spend with your family WILL matter - not only a year from now, but for many, many years!

Charisse Giseburt, Parent Involvement Chair



Founders Day Celebration

Thursday, February 10th at Word of Life Church was our yearly Founders Day Dinner. Spanky and Buckwheats catered the event. It was wonderful. We also had Lafayette Chamber Choir provide the evening's entertainment. We were so pleased to have them perform. It was enjoyed by all.

Chairman Angie Riggs, Amy Drake and other committee members decorated in a "winter wonderland" theme. These ladies did a great job. The room was beautiful.

We had special guests from State PTA in attendance; Wendy Jackson, State PTA President and Kathy Nevans, past State PTA President. We greatly appreciate them sharing the evening with us. Kathy gave us an overview of our past as a council and what to look for in the future.

We also presented several awards that evening. They are as follows...MO PTA Building Fund Honoree, Marilyn Hastings; Caroline B. Ullman Honoree, Shannon Tritten; Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board Honoree, Dr. Harold Childress; Davis-Langemach Honoree, Fred Shephard; Honorary Missouri Distinguished Service Award, Print Shop; Dr. Dan Colgan Honoree, Dr. Melody Smith; Outstanding Principal, Tara Wells; National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award, Lori Prussman. We also recognized an outstanding volunteer from each school and "Help a Child to See" certificates of participation were presented. Several Board of Education members were in attendance and they were recognized for all that they do for our students and community.

We would also like to thank Benton JROTC for Presentation of Colors, Jameison Welch for giving the thought for the evening, Pastor Adrian Jones for the Invocation and Word of Life Church for the use of the room. Thank you to Mary Cargill, Awards Chair and to Sarah Gerving for ordering the books that were gifted to the schools. Also, thank you to Barb Harris, Brigitte Lindstrom and Jameison Welch for helping with registration.

Thank you to everyone for attending and we look forward to seeing you next year.

2011/2012 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Lori Prussman, 2504 Ashland Ave, 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, 2011

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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Making a *PACT* for Our Kids.

Families, community members and staff are making a commitment to learn more about the challenges and opportunities in the St. Joseph School District. Together, we'll create a long-range plan for improving our schools.

PACT Community Sessions Resume February 15



Tuesday, February 15 • Central High School

QUALITY STAFF

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Training

Tuesday, March 29 • Lafayette High School

PRESENTATION OF FACILITY EVALUATION FINDINGS

Tuesday, April 19 • Central High School

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Tuesday, May 24 • Benton High School

PRESENTATION OF LONG RANGE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

SAVE THE DATES!



For More Information:
816.671.4000
info@PACTforsjsd.com
www.PACTforsjsd.com

All Meetings: 6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph PTA Legislative Forums

Friday, February 25th

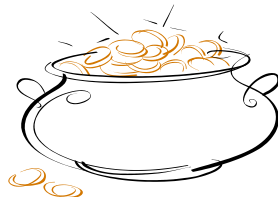
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Friday, April 8th

Hillyards Tech. Center

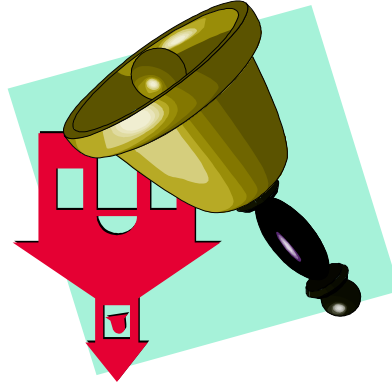
4:30 – 5:30

Invite your schools forum club, student council, government classes or anyone interested in the political field. Representatives will be discussing issues related to school matters.



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