

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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*Presidents*

*Corner...Deb Conrad*

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the block. Although this is our final PTA Council Clippings of the year, it is not time to completely forget about your PTA. Instead, think of this break as a time to organize and brainstorm for next year. Sometimes, our best ideas come when we least expect it – at the baseball field, pool or a picnic for example.

Before you leave for the summer there are a few housekeeping items to remember. First, if you haven't turned in a list of officers to Council and the State office, please do so. This will ensure that your unit gets important information. Secondly, be sure you have the audit of your books lined up and a transition for your new officers planned. This needs to be done prior to your 2006-07 officers taking over, so that everyone understands their responsibilities and your financial status is in order. Finally, Sit down with your principal and outline your unit's events for next year.

Over the summer, don't totally shut off your PTA brain. This is a great time to replenish your stock of ideas for such projects as membership, programs and fundraising. Review the PTA purposes, your bylaws, and procedures. Plan a meeting in August to review or devise a plan of work for your PTA for the 2006-07 school year. These steps will help you be more prepared and less stressed when school begins.

It is May again, which means it is time for our Major Saver Preferred card to be sold throughout the district. This year the card will be sold April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>. The card will retain its many vendors while adding some new vendors. We hope you enjoy the card. Remember to thank each person who purchases a card and those vendors that are on the card. Together they make this a successful project for the St. Joseph PTA Council and our individual PTA units.

In closing, St. Joseph PTA Council would like to again recognize all of the reflections winners and participants. St. Joseph was well represented at the state level with entries from most of our schools and winner in various categories. Several first place winners now advance to the National PTA Reflections competition. Congratulations and good luck! Have a safe and

The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say "I." And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say "I." They don't think "I." They think "we"; they think "team." They understand their job to be to make the team function. They accept responsibility and don't sidestep it, but "we" gets the credit. . . . This is what creates trust, what enables you to get the task done.

By Peter Drucker

Submitted by Alex Dobyhan



## Council Clippings Article Assignments for September 2006

Articles are due August 10, 2006

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>National Convention</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Clarence Carpenter Annual report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ways &amp; Means</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>

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

**Major Saver Card Sale**

**April 28 – May 8**

**\$10.00 each**

**The PTA REFLECTIONS winners for 2005/2006  
are as listed:**

**LITERATURE:**

Intermediate: **HM** - Madison Herrington - Pershing Elementary School  
Middle/Junior: **1st Place** - Brittany Lynch - Robidoux Middle School:  
**2nd Place** - Holly Hurd - Bode Middle School

**MUSICAL:**

Primary: **HM** - Anya Hopkins - Eugene Field Elementary School  
Middle/Junior: **4th Place** - Stephen Schmidt - Coleman Elementary School  
Senior: **1st Place** - Nick Grinlinton - Central High School

**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Primary: **1st Place** - Donald Planalp - Coleman Elementary School  
Senior: **1st Place** - Alexander Domingo - Central High School  
**3rd Place** - Heather Crowder - Central High School  
**HM** - Ashley Doherty - Central High School

**VISUAL ARTS:**

Middle/Junior: **5th Place** - Mercedes Ashby - Truman Middle School  
**HM** - Raquel Mendez - Bode Middle School  
**HM** - Casi Paolillo - Bode Middle School  
Senior: **HM** - Stephanie Dobyhan - Central High School  
**HM** - Tori Paolillo - Central High School

\*HM - Honorable Mention

I am very proud of all the students in the St. Joseph School District. The St. Joseph Schools took four 1st Place in Reflections this year.  
Thank you to everyone who entered or helped with Reflections.

Diana Slawson  
Reflections Chair

## Regional Directors Report:

Greetings from your MoPTA Regional Director

The end of another school year is upon us! I hope this has been a great one for you, your kids, and your PTA.

Just a few reminders... be sure to update your procedure files. Write down what you did this year, what worked, what didn't, how it could be improved. Even if you are remaining in the same PTA position next year, update now while the events are fresh in your mind.

If a new person is transitioning into your position, take time to meet with that person to give them the files and visit briefly about what to look for in the job. A little time taken for a transition meeting can get the PTA off to a much quicker and smoother start for the new year.

Remember that state convention is VERY EARLY this fall. Pre-registration deadline is the first few days of September. You may want to consider approving registration fees at your last meeting so your treasurer will be authorized to send in the registrations on time.

Congratulations on the GREAT turn out for your School of Information in April. Great job, Joyce! Giving and receiving training are keys to the successful PTA.

Finally, remember that you are not alone. Your St. Joseph PTA Council is a wonderful resource for you. You have knowledgeable, caring people on your council who are willing to help you make your local PTA the best it can be. Missouri PTA is also dedicated to that goal. Let us know what we can do for you.

Have a GREAT summer!

Peggy Richey  
Pony Express Regional Director  
Missouri PTA

## PTA Council School of Information

Thank you to every PTA unit officer who was present at the School of Information on April 3 at the Hillyard Technical Center. You are truly wonderful individuals who give of your time and talents for the children of the St. Joseph School District.

Also many thanks to the presenters of the workshops: Deb Conrad, President; Christy Callaway, treasurer; Peggy Wood, secretary; Diana Slawson, Reflections; and Angie Davies, membership.

The schools winning the door prizes in each section were: President- four PTA Council members working two hours at a PTA sponsored event was Jena Kirshner from Webster School. Treasurer- free audit of the treasurer book, Bibi Miller from Mark Twain. Secretary- a subscription to the PTA magazine, Our Children was Karri Chladek from Webster. Reflections- Certificates made for all students participating in a Reflections contest, Annushka Hopkins at Eugene Field. Membership- Ten memberships sold for your school by Joyce Clibon, Kathy Hopp from Central. Linda Stewart, from Parkway, won the Grand Prize of an all expense paid trip for two to the State Convention at Tan-Tar-A! Again, thank you so much for coming and for volunteering, you are really making a difference in the life of a child.

Joyce Clibon

**The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board** would like to thank all of the schools that made a donation to our organization. It is these donations that allow us to continue helping the students of the St. Joseph School District with gaining eye care when there is no other resources for them. We have helped numerous students in years past and with your continued support we will help many, many more.

**Please consider a line item in your budget for next year to help us continue this most needed program.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Lori Prussman  
Corresponding Secretary  
Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board

**Congratulations to our Davis-Langamach Award winners for 2005-2006. We would like to say "thank you" for your dedication to the students of the St. Joseph School District. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Again, thank you.**

September Brien Boggress

November Laura Olson

January Ann Rankin

March Nadienne Hoffman

May Charles Connett



**Congratulations**

**Sharon Kosek**

**on your retirement**

**Thank you for all you have done for PTA**

Sharon has been active with PTA for more years than I can remember. She has served as Unit President, Council President and many other committee chairs and offices. She has found her niche with the Legislative branch of PTA. She has kept us informed of all relevant causes and has made sure that all legislative forums have been run smoothly and with dignity. Sharon is truly an inspiration and a mentor to others. She has always presented herself as a class act, someone to look up to and to admire. She has always stood strong in her beliefs and her attention to detail is impeccable. I once made the analogy that "I feel like the ugly step sister and Sharon is Cinderella" to a packed PTA Council meeting my first year as President. I have always looked up to Sharon and held her in high regard.

Best wishes in your retirement.

Lori Prussman

Past Council President 1999-2000



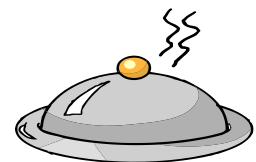
**Missoula Children's Theatre-Beauty Lou and the Country Beast**  
Auditions, Aug. 14, 2006  
Performance will be held at Trails West!

**Hubbard Street 2 Dance Company**  
October 24, 2006  
11:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Call Beth for more info  
279-1225

**"Savor a Sloppy Joe"**  
Performing Arts Association is holding it's annual Sloppy Joe Dinner. A portion of the proceeds will go to the children's theatre to help defray costs of upcoming shows (**Hubbard Street 2 & Another show to be announced later**) and to keep Missoula productions free for the participants.

Show your support for the Arts.  
**Thurs., June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Lunch take out or delivery **11:00-1:00**  
Dinner will be served **4:30-7:30** at  
**The Ashland United Methodist Church**  
Contact Lori Prussman for more details (232-2125)

Tickets are  
\$5.00 in advance  
\$6.00 at the door.  
\$4.00 for children  
(10 & under)



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:

**Linda Peters**  
PTA Council Awards  
406 Kentucky St.  
St. Joseph, MO 64504



Thank you for your interest!

DAVIS-LANGEMACH PTA COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

*NAME OF NOMINEE* \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL / ASSIGNMENT \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS / SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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**St. Joseph PTA Council  
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For Button Machine**

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Project or function \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Needed \_\_\_\_\_

(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component)

Send request to: Jena Kirschner

1121 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

St. Joseph, MO 64501

816-671-4410

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

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PO Box 1271

St. Joseph, MO 64501

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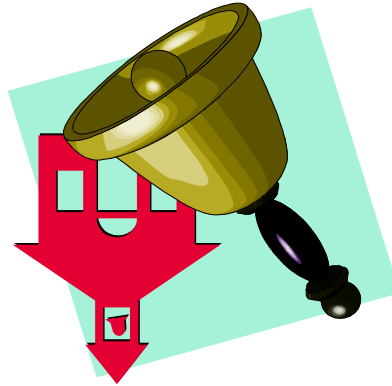
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NOTICE FOR PARENTS

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