

# THE Councilor



Shawnee Mission  
Area Council

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## President's Message

Now that Winter Break is behind us, it is time to gear up for the second half of our PTA year. Plan now to apply for the National and Kansas PTA awards. Entries for the Kansas PTA Outstanding Student, Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Unit for Parent Involvement Awards must be postmarked by Feb. 1. The National PTA's Phoebe Apperson Hearst—National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award must be sent directly to the National PTA. Applications for this award must be received by March 1. Applications for the Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement Grant must be requested from National PTA before April 15. Completed applications must be received at National PTA headquarters on or before May 1. Please consider applying for any or all of these awards. They provide an excellent opportunity for recognizing special people and programs at your school.

Congratulations to all our Citizenship Contest winners! These students will be recognized at the Jan. 28 Board of Education Meeting at Shawnee Mission West High School. A reception for the winners and their families will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The school district will be interviewing some of the winners on film and will air the film on the district's cable television station! Our students will be famous! I want to thank all the teachers and PTA volunteers for their time and commitment in making this experience possible for our children.

**It is very important that a large Shawnee Mission delegation attend the Kansas PTA Legislative Conference, Feb. 11 in Topeka.** The financial situation for Shawnee Mission Schools continues to worsen. It is imperative that we let our legislators know that quality education is important to us and that our votes will go to those candidates

who have shown that they are supportive of our school district. Details on the Conference may be found in this newsletter. **Register now!**

It is not too early to plan to attend the Kansas PTA Convention, April 12-14 in Salina. There are many valuable workshops and exciting speakers scheduled. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from and network with PTA leaders and members from across the state. **Be sure to register early!**

Kim Pflaum,  
SMAC President



## Vice President of Cultural Services

The Vice President of Cultural Services for Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA is responsible for various cultural and literary activities which enrich the classroom experiences for Shawnee Mission students. The people who organize these activities, the chairmen, deserve much credit for the enjoyment and learning that their hard work provides.

**Debbie Larson** is the Inspirations Chair for SMAC this year. She provides inspiring, humorous, and thought provoking quotes or short messages to set the tone of our monthly meetings. She truly has inspired us to be better parents, administrators, and people!

**Amy Wheeler** is repeating this year as Chairman of Cultural Arts. She organized a great fast-paced workshop in the fall that was more like entertainment, but gave ideas for Cultural Arts Assemblies for schools. She is also a great source of knowledge for the various programs that are available for any given topic or educational experience.

**Sarah Cousineau** held an informative and interesting workshop in the beginning of October which included a docent from the Nelson Art Gallery explaining the many resources for children and art educators (volunteer, too!) available to our community. I really learned about the Art Smart program and got excited about what schools are doing to expose kids to good art and artists in a creative setting. Sarah has been an Art Smart chair in her school for many years. This is her first position with SMAC. Art Smart is a wonderful program for children (and adults)!

**Lisa Schroeder** has been hard at work organizing our local and district Citizenship Contest. She not only held a workshop explaining the program, but also was a resource person for the whole district on rules, deadlines, etc. She obtained judges and hand delivered many packets of Citizenship essays and poems to them. She is also working on details for the Awards Ceremony on Jan. 28.

**Carmen Sachs** is our Reflections Program Chair. She had a morning and an evening workshop and sent out information to schools that couldn't attend. The local school deadline was Jan. 11 for entries to go on to SMAC with judges organized by Carmen. She is going above and beyond this year by having an Open House the day after judging takes place at Shawnee Mission South, so people can see the talent in Shawnee Mission.

**Mary Jorgenson** is a very knowledgeable repeating Reading Chair. She had a fall workshop for reading programs such as "Chat 'n Chew", Lunch 'n Listen, etc. Mary had great tips and ideas for running a reading program to get kids excited about reading for enjoyment alone. Call Mary or any other of the above Chairmen with questions about any of these SMAC programs.

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## Vice President for Educational Services

The Vice President for Educational Services oversees six committees that deal with training and instruction for PTA leaders at every level throughout the District. These committees are: Book Publishing, Council Delegate, Historian and Life Memberships, Parent Education and Involvement, President's Information Course, and School of Instruction.

**Book Publishing:** In the fall, committee chair, *Tina Crawford*, held an outstanding workshop bringing together parents willing to work on their school's Book Publishing project and the representative of Student Treasures, a publishing house. Tina distributed extremely helpful packets of information and instructions to help our young writers publish their first books. If you have any questions in this area, contact Tina.

**Council Delegate:** *Molly Ladd* chaired a workshop in the fall for those volunteers who are willing to serve as liaisons between their local PTA units and Shawnee Mission Area Council. This is a very important position within a school because of the value of a close association between the various levels of PTA and Area Council. It is vital that schools become aware of the information and training that is available from SMAC-PTA.

**Historian and Life Memberships:** The chair of this committee, *Donna Vestal*, handles inquiries about Honorary Life Memberships and maintains a current list of recipients of this honor. Each PTA unit is asked to send a complete list of honorees to Donna as soon as possible, so that she can keep the list up to date.

**Parent Education and Involvement:** *Laura Kaiser* is repeating as chair of this very important committee. She has received extensive instruction from National PTA in Building Successful Partnerships and is a trained presenter. She is a wealth of information and is enthusiastically available to your local units to answer any questions. Laura also serves in this capacity on the Kansas PTA Board of Managers.

**President's Information Course:** Chairing this committee is *Laurie Franklin*. In April, she will send invitations to all incoming PTA unit presidents to attend this very important meeting. The Area Council President will provide folders filled with vital information to the new presidents that will make their transition into the new school year much easier. All PTA units are asked to send the names of newly elected presidents to Laurie as soon as possible.

**School of Instruction:** This is Shawnee Mission Area Council's opportunity to provide extensive training for all PTA leaders and chairs throughout the school district. A wide variety of workshops and speakers are available during one evening in May. According to SMAC bylaws, this event is also the time at which incoming SMAC officers are to be installed. Attendees are asked to attend for the refreshments, the training, and the opportunity to witness the installation of new Area Council officers.

It has been my honor to serve as the Vice President of Educational Services this year. If any of the above-mentioned chairs can be of service to your PTA unit, do not hesitate to contact any or all of them. We are here to serve you.

Candy Lafferty,  
Vice-President Educational Services,  
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## Nominating Committee Report

The SMAC Nominating Committee met as directed. The members of the Nominating Committee were Elaine Hodgson, Sonya Puskas, Janet Jackson, Carmen Sachs and Maddie Breitmayer. The report was presented to the Executive Committee on Jan. 9. The proposed slate of officers for 2002-2003 is:

Kim Pflaum for President  
Elaine Hodgson for VP - Administrative Assistant  
Nancy Huckaba for VP - Community Services  
Mary Jorgenson for VP - Cultural Services  
Terry Wintering for VP - Educational Services  
Rae Ann Kobylinski for VP - Public Relations  
Joni Etherington for Treasurer  
Vicky Needham for Recording Secretary  
Laura Bolter for Corresponding Secretary  
Janie Carper for Member At Large  
Carmen Sachs for Member At Large  
Debbie Kremers for Member At Large

The candidates have given their consent to serve if elected. The election of officers will take place at the General Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in the Board Room at the McEachen Administrative Center. Nominations can be made from the floor.

Maddie Breitmayer, Chairman  
SMAC Nominating Committee

## 2002 Kansas PTA Annual Legislative Conference *"Kids Matter - Write Now"*

Monday, Feb. 11

Ramada Inn Downtown, 420 East 6th Street, Topeka.

*Tentative program includes speakers:*

Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of Education  
Val De Fever, Legislative Liaison, Kansas State Board of Education  
Mark DeSetti, Governmental Relations Specialist - KNEA  
Mark Tallman, President, Kansas Association of School Boards  
John Vratil, Kansas Senator .

The registration fee is \$25 and includes all conference materials, continental breakfast and lunch. The fee for the legislator's lunch is \$15. Unit Presidents and Legislative Chairs are encouraged to lead a unit delegation to the conference. For further information, contact the Kansas PTA state office at 785-234-5782 or [ks.office@pta.org](mailto:ks.office@pta.org). Registration ends Jan. 29.

Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA invites you to attend the

## February General Meeting

Feb. 20  
9 a.m.

McEachen Administrative Building  
Board Room

Officer Randy Wiler will present a program on the topic of bullying. He is a member of the Leawood Police Department and leader of the Kansas Bullying Prevention Program. This program has been nationally recognized. Bullying is a problem which affects all of our children, whether they are the victim, the bully or a bystander.

## Summer Film Series Alert!

Many of you may have received a letter from Don Everhart concerning *School Summer Movie Ticket Sales*. This is **not the Shawnee Mission Area Council Program** SMAC is still negotiating with both Cinemark and Dickinson Theaters to see which can offer us the best options. As this is the only fundraiser for SMAC, we would appreciate you choosing our program over any other. At the very least, please don't make your decision until SMAC has finalized its plans.

## State PTA Citizenship Contest Winners from Shawnee Mission

These winners will be honored along with the winners at the SMAC level at the Board of Education Meeting on Jan. 28 in the Shawnee Mission West High School cafeteria. A reception to honor the winners will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony and meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

### 5th Grade Essay

2nd - Melissa McKittrick Belinder Elementary  
3rd - Daniel Munro Broken Arrow Elementary

### 5th Grade Poetry

3rd - Erin Marshall Mill Creek Elementary

### 6th Grade Essay

1st - Brad Crist Highlands Elementary

### 6th Grade Poetry

1st - Caitlin Dillon Mill Creek Elementary  
3rd - Tyler Gaddis Broken Arrow Elementary

### 7th Grade Essay

1st - Jing Jian Indian Woods Middle School  
2nd - Emily Quigley Trailridge Middle School  
3rd - Christy Breeder Mission Valley Middle School

### 7th Grade Poetry

1st - Meagan Huebner Mission Valley Middle School  
2nd - Kristen Richards Hocker Grove Middle School

### 8th Grade Essay

2nd - Justin Cohenour Trailridge Middle School

### 8th Grade Poetry

2nd - Kaci Forsythe Trailridge Middle School  
3rd - Erica Williams Mission Valley Middle School

### 9th Grade Essay

1st - Kelsey Hayes SM West High School

### 9th Grade Poetry

2nd - Afton Beebe SM East High School  
3rd - Ashley Troutman SM West High School

*SMAC –PTA Presents,*  
*in cooperation with the Shawnee Mission Medical Center,*  
*Parents as Teachers, and the Parent Resource Center:*

## An evening with Barbara Coloroso

Wednesday, Feb. 13  
 7 p.m.  
 Shawnee Mission West High School Auditorium  
 8800 West 85th Street

This event is free and open to the public.  
 Who should attend?  
 Parents, teachers, anyone who interacts with children and desires  
 to be more effective at helping them become more responsible, resilient,  
 compassionate and self-disciplined.

*The Councilor* is published monthly. The article deadline for the upcoming February issue is Wednesday, Feb. 6. Send articles to Editor Janet Martz by e-mail at [jbmartz@juno.com](mailto:jbmartz@juno.com) or by mail to 5301 W. 65th Place, Prairie Village, KS 66202.

Contact Janet at 384-5306 or at the above e-mail address with any comments or questions.



## 2001-2002 Clothing Center Schedule

	8:30-11 a.m.	8:30-11 a.m.	8:30-11 a.m.	4:30-7 p.m.
Jan. 21	Nieman, Oak Park	M. Ralstin	T. Crawford	
Jan. 28	Overland Park, Pawnee	N. Huckaba	L. Kaiser	
Feb. 4	Prairie, Ray Marsh	C. Lafferty	J. Martz	
Feb. 11				T. Wintering, D. Vestal
Feb. 18	Closed			
Feb. 19	HS Changeover	5 High Schools		
Feb. 25	R. Benninghoven, Rising Star	E. Hodgson	C. Boyer-Shesol	
Mar. 4	Roeland Park, Roesland	J. Etherington	S. Nowell	
Mar. 11				L. Bolter, S. Puskas
Mar. 18	Closed	Spring Break		
Mar. 25	Closed	Spring Break		
Apr. 1	Closed			
Apr. 8				V. Needham, P. Blake
Apr. 15	Somerset, South Park	M. Noll	E. Hodgson	
Apr. 22	Sunflower, Tomahawk	S. Beyer	D. Lawson	
Apr. 29	Trailwood, West Antioch	M. Breitmayer	J. Carper	
May. 6	Westwood View	M. Ralstin	J. Etherington	
May. 13				R. Kobylinski, C. Lafferty

The new location is at the Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W. 103rd Street. Take the western most driveway and go all the way around to the back of the building by the day care playground. Enter through the back door and the Clothing Center is located just down the ramp. Each school is to send three (3) workers to assist in the sorting room at the Clothing Center on its scheduled Monday date. Sorting hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Area Council officers and chairs must trade or find substitutes if they are unable to work on their assigned date. If you miss, you will be rescheduled.

# Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTA Talent Bank Survey

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Names & Grades of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

PTA offices/chairmanships held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special interests in PTA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would be interested in serving on Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTA

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Possibly \_\_\_\_\_

If so, in what committee are you interested?

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please help SMAC by filling out this form and sending via inter-school mail to SMAC at McEachen.  
We appreciate your help.

# Johnson County Elected Officials

For a complete listing of National, State and Johnson County Elected Officials, see the Johnson County Election Website at [www.jocoelection.org/](http://www.jocoelection.org/)

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Legislative Hotline:  
913-715-5000 (local #)  
or 1-800-432-3924

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## State Senators

### **State Senator, 5th District**

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## Dates To Remember

### JANUARY

28 Mon. Citizenship Award Presentation 6:30 p.m. S.M. West

### FEBRUARY

6 Wed. Executive Session 9:30 a.m. McEachen

11 Mon. KS PTA Legislative Conference Topeka

13 Wed. An Evening with Barbara Coloroso 7 p.m. S.M. West

20 Wed. General Meeting - Bullying Prevention Speaker 9 a.m. McEachen

### MARCH

6 Wed. Executive Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. McEachen

### APRIL

3 Wed. Executive Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. McEachen

17 Wed. President's Information Course 9 a.m. McEachen



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elected officials know you care!