

# THE Councilor



Shawnee Mission  
Area Council

**PTA**<sup>®</sup>

*every child. one voice.*

## Inside this issue:

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| School of Instruction | 2, 3 |
| KS PTA Convention     | 4    |
| Teacher Appreciation  | 5    |
| Summer Movie Sales    | 6, 7 |
| List to SMAC          | 8    |
| Info. for KS PTA      | 9    |

## President's Message

With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, it is time to think about passing the baton to our successors. Offer your help and support to whomever is assuming your position for the 2003-2004 school year, but keep in mind that your term is over. Everyone has different ideas and leadership styles and your successor may operate differently than you. Be supportive without being controlling. Remember to update your procedure books. There is nothing more valuable to a new PTA president or chair than a good procedure book. Refer to your annual resources as to what a procedure book should contain.

Continue to keep pressure on your legislators. We are being heard! Thank you for all the individual legislative efforts

throughout the district. The lack of adequate funding has resulted in a difficult year for Shawnee Mission. Let's let our legislators know that Shawnee Mission parents value the great public education their children receive and will not quietly accept their refusal to adequately fund public schools.

There is still time to register for the Kansas PTA Convention, April 25 through 27, in Olathe. There is much to be learned from our State PTA leaders and from networking with PTA members in other school districts and the workshops and speakers are always educational and informative. In addition, Shawnee Mission's own Peggy Davis is the only nominee for Kansas PTA President! She will be elected and installed at this Convention.

I encourage all of you to send your incoming PTA officers and chairs to the School of Instruction on May 7 at Shawnee Mission West. This is an excellent opportunity for training in various areas in which PTA is involved, as well as a chance to share ideas with other schools within the district.

Lastly, in this time of war, take some extra time to talk to your children. Let them know you will take care of them and give them an extra hug or two each day.

Best wishes for the coming year,

Kim Pflaum,  
SMAC President



## 2003 School of Instruction Workshop Descriptions

### Block Parent—Doreen Campain

This workshop will offer recruitment ideas for new Block Parents and how to renew current ones. There will be a brief history of this program and its current agreement with the KBI.

### Carnival—Peggy Miller

This workshop will include ideas and will encourage sharing about what is current in the carnival arena.

### Chat 'n Chew—Denise Riedel

Discussion about how to prepare for your Chat 'n Chew program, including information about training, selecting books, and organizing a program that best fits your school's needs.

### Citizenship and Reflections—Lisa Schroeder, Shirley Reeves, and Carmen Sachs

This combined workshop introduces ways to encourage greater participation in these outstanding projects. It will emphasize the value of these programs and will help your unit to prepare for State and National PTA contests.

### Cultural Arts—Cathy Robinson

New and very useful information about planning your upcoming cultural arts events will be offered at this workshop. Included will be networking, sharing of valuable experiences, and a current guide to what is happening in the cultural arts area.

### Legislation—Julie Rainen

This workshop details how to be a Legislative Chair. You will receive vital information and suggestions about how to access legislative updates on the Internet and how to express your concerns to your legislators effectively.

### Membership—Cynthia Jarrold

Come to get information and ideas for next year's membership drive. Time will be given to idea sharing about what has worked in your unit. Information will be given on Kansas PTA deadlines, membership cards, and other useful details

### Newsletter—Janet Martz

Suggestions will be offered about how to improve school to home communications. There will be discussion about format, editing, and copying.

### Presidents—Kim Pflaum and Rae Ann Kobylinski This is not the same information as that given at the President's Information Course.

Learn how to run your unit more effectively. You will hear from District administrators and will discuss current PTA policy. This is a very important workshop for PTA Presidents!

### Secretary/Bylaws/Parliamentarian—Vicky Needham, Maddie Breitmayer, and Peggy Davis

Come to learn about the duties of the Recording and Corresponding secretary, including note taking and formats. You can also learn about the importance of your unit's bylaws and how they help to guide you in setting your unit goals and how that helps your meetings become more organized and run more efficiently.

### Preschool PTA Sharing—Deb Zila

This is a first-time workshop that is intended to be a networking opportunity. Please come with all of your ideas and questions

### Teacher Appreciation—Marianne Noll

Bring your ideas for this lively discussion about hospitality and showing our teachers how much they are appreciated.

### Treasurer—Joni Etherington

Budget preparation, checkbooks, taxes, 990s, and treasurer's reports will all be discussed. This is a very important workshop for new Treasurers as you prepare for your new job. Great handouts

### Underage Drinking—Debbie Lawson

This is one of the most important new workshops that is being offered. The information that will be presented is of vital importance to all parents as our children grow older and make critical life choices.

### Sharing Displays

**Don't forget to brag a little about all of your school's wonderful accomplishments! Create a display board, a video, or show off your school's awards and Spiritwear! Tables will be located on the Bridge at Shawnee Mission West on Wednesday, May 7.**



## The Clothing Center Schedule 2003

| Date   | School                  | Officers            | SMAC Chair          | Officers/Chairs               |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
|        | <b>8:30-11 a.m.</b>     | <b>8:30-11 a.m.</b> | <b>8:30-11 a.m.</b> | <b>Evening 4:30-7:00 p.m.</b> |
| 21-Apr | Somerset, South Park    | Kremers             | Miller              |                               |
| 28-Apr | Sunflower, Tomahawk     | Lafferty            |                     |                               |
| 5-May  | Trailwood, West Antioch | Etherington         | Talbott             |                               |
| 12-May |                         |                     |                     | Blake, Lafferty               |
| 19-May | Westwood View           | Sachs               | Nowell              |                               |

The SMAC PTA Clothing Center is located in the lower level of the Indian Creek Technology Center, 4401 W. 103rd Street in Overland Park. . . . Just follow the signs. Shopping hours are: 9-11 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of the month and 5-7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month. Each school is to send 3 workers to help sort clothing on its scheduled Monday date. Sorting hours are from 8:30-11 a.m. Area Council officers and chairs must trade or find substitutes if they are unable to work on their assigned date. If you have questions, call or email Candy Lafferty at 541-8747 or [cllafferty@aol.com](mailto:cllafferty@aol.com).

Below is a message to our Spanish speaking patrons:

### El Centro de Ropa

**El Centro de Ropa está abierto de 9 de la mañana hasta 11 de la mañana en el primer, tercer y cuarto lunes de cada mes. Estamos también abiertos de 5 de la tarde hasta 7 de la tarde el segundo lunes de cada mes.**

**Si usted tiene niños matriculados en una escuela de Shawnee Mission, ellos pueden recibir cinco pares de calcetines nuevos y 5 pares de calzones o calzoncillos nuevos durante el año de escuela. Usted necesita traer una nota de la escuela del niño para obtener la ropa interior y los calcetines nuevos.**

## Kansas PTA Convention

**April 25-27**

**Holiday Inn  
Olathe, Kansas**

*Register on-site and don't miss this  
close-to-home opportunity for  
training, networking and energizing!*



Shawnee Mission Education Foundation presents  
**Celebrate Success! 2003**

Tuesday, May 13  
 5:30 p.m., Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road

This is a gala reception and program honoring individual Shawnee Mission students, teachers, teams and schools for outstanding state and national achievement and will recognize the third annual Patron award recipient, the former State Senator, Dick Bond. The speaker will be Ron Clark, Disney American Teacher of the Year. Join us for this inspiring event! Tickets are \$25/person or \$100/per patron ticket. Call 993-9360 for information.

## Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4-10

Our public school system continues to be closely examined. Education experts and government leaders have suggested all kinds of ways to strengthen our education system. One of those ways is by showing respect and support for our teachers. Our public school teachers are doing an outstanding job. Compared with many professionals, they are underpaid and overworked. They perform daily miracles in their classrooms, which many Americans often overlook. We have asked them to shoulder a major responsibility, and we frequently seek their help with non-teaching tasks. We are considered to be among the best-educated citizens in the world. And for that, we have our teachers to thank.

We can improve our country's education system significantly by exhibiting respect for teachers and by letting them know how much we value their contributions. We need to look for ways to support them and their efforts to grow professionally, as schools change to meet the needs of communities.

The week of May 4-10 has been set aside as National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week to focus attention on the many outstanding educators whose work deserves applause. Let's contribute to the efforts of improving our schools and reinforcing the quality of education in our community. Let's recognize teachers for the significant role they play in our lives and in the well-being of our nation. Let's take time to say "thanks" to the teachers of our community and throughout the United States.

The National PTA Web Site has many great ideas for PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. For ways to say thank you, go to [www.pta.org/parentinvolvement/teacher](http://www.pta.org/parentinvolvement/teacher).

Source: The National PTA Web Site at <http://www.pta.org>

# This is the Summer to Go to the Movies!

Summer Film Series Programs are now being offered at Shawnee Mission elementary schools. This year SMAC is presenting three programs at three different theaters. Each program is unique. The ticket punch cards, movies, show times are unique to the specific theater. It's a great deal with many choices. Some families may want to purchase a ticket for each theater! Tickets will be sold April 14 through May 20. The ticket punch cards are for both child and adult admissions and can be used in any combination of ways (ten tickets used for ten people for the same movie, five tickets used on two movies, etc.). For each ticket sold, your PTA keeps a portion and SMAC keeps a portion. It's a good deal for everyone! If you have any questions, call Roxann Quarnstrom 248-0134 or contact your Area Distributor: **East** - Rae Ann Kobylinski--341-9124, **North** - Mary Jorgenson--268-6414, **South** - Candy Lafferty--541-8747, **West** - Nancy Huckaba--894-5275, **Northwest** - Roxann Quarnstrom--248-0134.

Here are the programs:



## Top 2 Theater

5909 Johnson Drive  
Mission, KS  
20 shows/\$10



### Spring Weekends:

*Show Times:*

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

### Summer Weekdays (Tues-Wed):

*Show Times:*

9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

March 29-30 Shrek (PG)  
April 4-5 Chicken Run (G)  
April 12-13 Galaxy Quest (PG)  
April 19-20 Small Soldiers (PG)  
April 26-27 Stuart Little 2 (PG)  
May 3-4 Like Mike (PG)  
May 10-11 Big Fat Liar (PG)  
May 17-18 Flintstones:Vegas (PG)  
May 24-25 Stuart Little (PG)  
May 31- June 1 Master of Disguise (PG)

June 3-4 Hey Arnold (PG)  
June 10-11 E.T. (PG)  
June 17-18 The Grinch (PG)  
June 24-25 Spirit: Stallion Cimarron (G)  
July 1-2 Dr. Doolittle 2 (PG)  
July 8-9 Ice Age (PG)  
July 15-16 Spy Kids (PG)  
July 22-23 Spy Kids 2 (PG)  
July 29-30 Jimmy Neutron (G)  
Aug. 5-6 Rugrats Movie (G)



## Cinemark Theater

Merriam Town Center  
(I-35 & Antioch)  
10 shows/\$6.50



### Summer Weekdays (Mon-Thurs):

*Show Times:*

“G” movies-10 a.m.

“PG” movies-12:30 p.m.

June 9-12 Jimmy Neutron  
June 16-19 Jonah: Veggie Tales  
June 23-26 Anastasia  
June 30-July 3 Quest for Camelot  
July 7-10 Air Bud:Golden Rec.  
July 14-17 Pokemon 4Ever  
July 21-24 Thomas/MagicRailroad  
July 28-31 The King & I  
Aug. 4-7 Rugrats  
Aug. 11-14 Rugrats in Paris

Scooby Doo  
Ice Age  
Like Mike  
Titan A.E.  
Cats & Dogs  
Clockstoppers  
Hey Arnold  
Wild Thornberrys  
Big Fat Liar  
Kangaroo Jack

**Please Note:** Cinemark is selling two different punch cards--Ten “G” rated movies for \$6.50 shown only at 10 a.m., and ten “PG” rated movies for \$6.50 shown only at 12:30 p.m.

## Summer Movies (Continued)



**West Glen 18 Theatres**  
16301 Midland Drive (I-435 & Midland)

10 shows/\$6.50

Summer Weekdays (Mon-Thurs):  
*Show Times:* 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 a.m.



|                 |                       |                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| June 2-5        | Scooby Doo (PG)       | Air Bud: Golden Receiver (G)    |
| June 9-12       | Ice Age (PG)          | Jimmy Neutron (G)               |
| June 16-19      | Clockstoppers (PG)    | Chicken Run (G)                 |
| June 23-26      | Stuart Little (PG)    | Spirit: Stallion (G)            |
| June 30– July 3 | Stuart Little 2 (PG)  | Hey Arnold(PG)                  |
| July 7-10       | Wild Thornberrys (PG) | Grinch Who Stole Christmas (PG) |
| July 14-17      | Like Mike (PG)        | Big Fat Liar (PG)               |
| July 21-24      | Dr. Doolittle 2 (PG)  | Rugrats (G)                     |
| July 28-31      | Shrek (PG)            | Rugrats in Paris (G)            |
| Aug. 4-7        | Kangaroo Jack (PG)    | Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) |

**Please Note:** West Glen is selling one punch card for all above movies!

## STOP Violence! Announces 2003 Honorary Stars

### *Area school superintendents to be recognized at Kindest Kansas Citian Banquet*

Three Kansas City area superintendents have been named the 2003 Honorary Stars by STOP Violence!. Dr. David Benson, Blue Valley School District; Dr. Marjorie Kaplan, Shawnee Mission School District; and Dr. Bernard Taylor, Jr., Kansas City Missouri School District, will be recognized at the Thirteenth Annual Kindest Kansas Citian Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 27 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

The superintendents were chosen for their ongoing commitment to the reduction of peer violence in area schools, as well as the kindness they portray in everyday activities. The Blue Valley, Shawnee Mission, and Kansas City, Missouri school districts implement curriculum in the classroom that teaches and encourages pro-social behavior and focuses on reducing bullying incidents.

“We are fortunate to have the opportunity to honor these outstanding individuals at our Kindest Kansas Citian Banquet,” said John Martin, president, STOP Violence! Board of Directors. “All three of our honorary stars are not only great educators, but are extremely involved in the community and in the lives of their students.”

The Kindest Kansas Citian Banquet is co-sponsored by STOP Violence! and KMBC TV 9 (ABC). It is the culmination of the Kindest Kansas Citian Essay Contest in which area students of all ages write essays nominating their own “Kindest Kansas Citian.” Over 7,000 essays were submitted in this year’s contest.

The event begins April 27 at 4:45 p.m. with a silent auction and reception. There will also be activities for children during this time, including face painting, puppet making, and various art exhibits and lessons. The dinner and awards banquet begins at 6 p.m. For more information on tickets to the event, contact Jason Roth at STOP Violence!. All proceeds from the Kindest Kansas Citian Banquet go to STOP Violence!.

## Submit List of Your 2003-2004 PTA Board to SMAC

PTA Presidents for 2003-2004, complete the table below of your 2003-2004 PTA Board and send it to: Debbie Kremers, 14401 W. 58th St., SM, KS 66216 or kremers6@aol.com.

This information is very helpful to SMAC Chairs when notifying board members of workshops and in sending them important PTA news. We would like information about as many of the positions listed below as possible. If your board is not complete, send a partial list and update it when you are able. Return this form by June 15 to Debbie Kremers.

| Position              | Name | Address | City | Zip Code |
|-----------------------|------|---------|------|----------|
| President             |      |         |      |          |
| Drug Abuse-Prevention |      |         |      |          |
| Art Smart             |      |         |      |          |
| Block Parents         |      |         |      |          |
| Book Publishing       |      |         |      |          |
| Bulk Mail             |      |         |      |          |
| Bylaws                |      |         |      |          |
| Chat & Chew           |      |         |      |          |
| Citizenship           |      |         |      |          |
| Clothing Center       |      |         |      |          |
| Council Delegate      |      |         |      |          |
| Cultural Arts         |      |         |      |          |
| Health & Safety       |      |         |      |          |
| Historian             |      |         |      |          |
| Legislation           |      |         |      |          |
| Membership            |      |         |      |          |
| Newsletter            |      |         |      |          |
| Reflections           |      |         |      |          |
| Preschool Liaison     |      |         |      |          |
| Summer Films          |      |         |      |          |
| Treasurer             |      |         |      |          |
| Ways & Means          |      |         |      |          |

# Submit the Following Information To Kansas PTA



## Clip and Send to KS PTA 2003-2004

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

As soon as you know who will be leading your PTA next year, please send the following information to **KS PTA**, US Mail: 715 S.W. Tenth, Topeka, KS 66612

E-mail: [ks\\_office@pta.org](mailto:ks_office@pta.org) Phone: (785) 234-5782 Fax: (785) 234-417

For each position, include the following information: **Name, Address, Phone, Email**

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President (Ways & Means)

Vice-President (Membership)

Vice-President (Other)

Secretary

Treasurer

## Dates To Remember

### APRIL

|                 |                                    |           |                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 25-27 Fri.-Sun. | Kansas PTA Spring Convention       |           | Holiday Inn, Olathe      |
| 28 Monday       | Middle School President's Exchange | 9 a.m.    | Le Peep (79th & Quivira) |
| 30 Wed.         | Executive Session                  | 9:30 a.m. | McEachen                 |

### MAY

|          |                                       |           |                             |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 4-10     | Teacher Appreciation Week             |           |                             |
| 7 Wed.   | School of Instruction                 | 6:15 p.m. | S.M. West H.S.              |
| 13 Tues. | SMEF "Celebrate Success"              | 5:30 p.m. | Village Presbyterian Church |
| 14 Wed.  | Officer Orientation (2003-2004 Board) | 9:30 a.m. | McEachen                    |
| 20 Tues. | Final Day of Summer Film Series Sale  |           |                             |



The Councilor  
SMCA-PTA  
7235 Antioch  
Shawnee Mission, KS

Non-Profit Org.  
U. S. Postage Paid  
Shawnee Mission, KS  
PERMIT NO. 131

**I N S I D E**

**School of Instruction Information**