

THE Councilor



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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 and Outstanding Educator Awards must be post-marked by Feb. 6. 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. Consider applying for any or all of these awards. They provide an excellent opportunity for recog-

nizing special people and programs at your school.

Congratulations to all our Citizenship Contest winners! These students will be recognized at the Jan. 27 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. 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. 10, in Topeka. Register now! The financial situation for Shawnee Mission Schools continues to worsen.

It is imperative that we let our legislators know that quality education remains a priority. Julie Rainen, the SMAC legislative chair, will continue to encourage us to write, call or e-mail our legislators and keep us informed of important votes. For those of you who want to be more active, and informed of such things as committee meetings and hearings, a legislative sub-committee is being formed. If you did not receive the information via e-mail and would like information on this committee contact me at 642-3192, or kpflaum@kc.rr.com.

The Parent Resource Center and SMAC are co-sponsoring a **Summer Recreation Fair** at Shawnee Mission West High School the evening of Feb. 24. Plan to attend to discover the many

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President's Message (Cont.)

summer activities and programs offered to our children in this area. You will find ways to keep your child active in both body and mind during the summer months.

It is not too early to plan to attend the Kansas PTA Convention, April 25 – 27 in Olathe. 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



SMAC Nominating Committee Report

Slate of Officers for the 2003-2004 School Year

Members of the nominating committee were Elaine Hodgson, Jill Connell, Terry Wintering, Mary Ca Ralstin and Vicky Needham. We herewith place in nomination the following persons:

President: Rae Ann Kobylinski
 VP Administrative Assistant: Terry Wintering
 VP Community Services: Elaine Hodgson
 VP Cultural Services: Carmen Sachs
 VP Educational Services: Amy Wheeler
 VP Public Relations: Joni Etherington
 Treasurer: Candy Lafferty
 Recording Secretary: Mary Jorgenson
 Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Kremers
 Members-at-Large: Nancy Huckaba
 Sammie Kudera
 Mary Ca Ralstin

The candidates have given their consent to serve if elected.

Vicky Needham, Chairperson
SMAC Nominating Committee

The Councilor is published monthly. The article deadline for the upcoming February issue is Wednesday, Feb. 5. Send articles to Editor Janet Martz by e-mail at jbmartz@juno.com or by mail to 5301 W. 65th Place, Prairie Village, KS 66202.

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



Vice President for Educational Services

The vice president for educational services oversees five committees that deal with training and instruction for PTA leaders at every level throughout the district. The committees are: Book Publishing, Council Delegate, Historian and Life Membership, President's Information Course and School of Instruction.

Book Publishing: In the fall, committee chair, Tina Crawford, held a very informative workshop bringing together parents willing to work on their school's book publishing project with a representative of Student-treasures™, a publishing house. Tina distributed packets of information and instructions to help our young writers publish their first books. If you have any questions in this area, please contact Tina.

Council Delegate: Gayle O'Grady serves as the chair of this committee. Council delegates 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, Deidre Anderson, 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 Deidre as soon as possible so that she can keep the list up-to-date.

President's Information Course: Chairing this committee is Deb Zila. 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 Deb as soon as possible.

School of Instruction: Candy Lafferty is repeating as chair of this wonderful and informative opportunity. Area Council provides 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 the 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 the new Area Council officers.

It has been my pleasure 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 units, please do not hesitate to contact them. We are available to help with any questions you may have.

Terry Wintering
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We are on the Web at www.ptasonline.org/smac/

Obesity and Kansas City's Kids: Mobilizing for Change

**Wednesday, Jan. 29
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Reardon Convention Center
500 Minnesota Avenue**

In Downtown Kansas City, Kansas
(one block off I-70, next to Hilton Garden Inn)

- Hear from national and local experts about the problem of childhood obesity.
- Learn what schools, parents, and community groups can do to address this epidemic.
- Join with others in announcing a community-wide challenge event for kids aimed at promoting healthy behaviors.

The Town Meeting (including continental breakfast and lunch) is free of charge with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. Be one of the 300 who attend this fun and informative event. For questions or more information, call Jane Crigler, Project Director, KC Kids Obesity Project at (913) 722-6746.

*Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA
invites you to attend the*

February General Meeting

**“Health, Nutrition, and
Overweight Children:
What is SMSD
Doing About It?”**

**Presenter: Bethany Johnson,
Nutrition Educator, SMSD**

**Wednesday, Feb. 19
9:30 a.m.**

McEachen Administrative Building
Lower Level

Also attending the meeting are Sharon McBride, RN and Resource Specialist for Health Services, Diane Smith, Director of Food Services, and Nicole Brown, Johnson County Health Department. This is a great opportunity to have two of the major authorities of the elementary school health environment together to answer questions and share ideas. Please attend and discuss your thoughts and ideas.



Adult

Computer Classes



Is that new computer just an expensive paperweight? Are you planning to upgrade or improve your computer skills? If you answered yes to either of these questions, the Shawnee Mission Adult Education program has classes to help you. Both daytime and evening classes are available at the Indian Creek Technology Center at 4401 West 103rd Street. Course offerings include Intro to PC, Internet & E-mail, Word XP, Excel XP, Quicken, Digital Cameras & scanners, PC Care and Troubleshooting, Designing a Family Website, and On-Line Auctions. For more information, check the Website www.smsd.org/custom/careertechnical/adulteducation for course descriptions, dates, times, and costs, or call 913-993-8730 to request a schedule of classes.

*Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA,
in conjunction with the Parent Resource Center present a*

Summer Recreation Fair

*Information on Summer Activities and
Programs for Children ages Preschool to Teens*

Monday, Feb. 24

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Shawnee Mission West High School, 85th & Antioch

One stop shopping with over 70 agencies!

2002-2003 Shawnee Mission Area Council Citizenship Contest Winners

5th Grade Poetry

1 st place:	Anne Scrogam	Belinder Elem
2 nd place:	Connor Callahan	Prairie Elem
3 rd place:	John Troupe III	Somerset Elem

5th Grade Essay

Alexandra Fields	Somerset Elem
Madeleine Pinne	Briarwood Elem
Sara Busby	Rosehill Elem

6th Grade Poetry

1 st place:	Amelia Murphy	Rising Star Elem
2 nd place:	Kelsey Poisson	Broken Arrow
3 rd place:	Katie Sutton	Diemer Elem

6th Grade Essay

Alexandra Crowe	Briarwood Elem
Clay Showalter	Ray Marsh Elem
Johanna Cook	Prairie Elem

7th Grade Poetry

1 st place:	Caitlin Dillon	Trailridge MS
2 nd place:	Brad Crist	Indian Hills MS
3 rd place:	Ian Kershnik	Mission Valley MS

7th Grade Essay

Rachel Thornburg	Trailridge MS
Andrea Giacalone	Hocker Grove MS
Tom Chaffee	Indian Woods MS

8th Grade Poetry

1 st place:	Meagan Huebner	Mission Valley MS
2 nd place:	Becky Sullivan	Trailridge MS
3 rd place:	Aishlinn O'Connor	Indian Hills MS

8th Grade Essay

Anne Hildebrandt	Indian Woods MS
Lyndsay Bruns	Trailridge MS
Claire Ryan	Mission Valley MS

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The Clothing Center Schedule 2003

Date	School	Officers	SMAC Chair	Officers/Chairs
	8:30-11 a.m.	8:30-11 a.m.	8:30-11 a.m.	Evening 4:30-7:00 p.m.
27-Jan	Overland Park, Pawnee	Sachs	Riedel	
3-Feb	Prairie, Rising Star	Hodgson	Waters	
10-Feb				Jorgenson
18-Feb	5 High Schools	Changeover	Lafferty	
24-Feb	Roeland Park, Roesland	Wheeler		
3-Mar	Rosehill, Rushton		O'Grady	
10-Mar				Wintering, Lawson
7-Apr	Santa Fe Trail, Shawanoe	Kobylinski		
14-Apr				Zila, Lafferty
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.

The number of Spanish-speaking patrons at the Clothing Center has increased greatly this year. So, it would be very helpful if your school has a volunteer who speaks Spanish who would be willing to assist us at the Clothing Center during our regular sorting hours. We continue to try to serve the needs of the people in our community. Thank you for your support.



Celebrate Founders Day!

PTA Founders Day

Today, National PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Our members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation, and they come from the ranks of traditional families, single parent households, blended families, grandparents, and other caring adults. Together, we continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth.

The 105th anniversary of PTA Founders Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It's a time to reflect and take pride in our many accomplishments, and to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

National PTA's founders, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founder of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Selena Sloan Butler, were women of imagination and courage. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world.

They had a simple idea: to improve the lives and futures of all of our children. As much as other conditions in America may have changed, that idea has not. PTA's keep it alive.

Career & Technical Expo

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the Career & Technical EXPO hosted by Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and a consortium of 11 area school districts. This forum will provide students and their parents the opportunity to learn of post-secondary career options that can be accessed in two years or less after graduation. Over 150 representatives have been invited to showcase their Associate Degree, Apprenticeship, and/or Skill Training opportunities. While JCCC programs will be the main anchor offering the widest scope of options, programs from throughout the Midwest have been invited to display programs that JCCC may not have available. Join us at the Indoor Track of JCCC's Gym Building on Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact your school counselor.

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/

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Dates To Remember

JANUARY

24 Fri.	Unit Reflections entries due at Region (SMAC) level		John Diemer Elem.
27 Mon.	Citizenship Award Presentation	6:30 p.m.	S.M. West
28 Tues.	Career & Technical Expo	6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	JCCC Gym Bldg.
29 Wed.	Child Obesity Conference	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Reardon Center
31 Fri.	Reflections Region Judging	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.	S.M. West Bridge

FEBRUARY

1 Sat.	Reflections Region Open House	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	S.M. West Bridge
5 Wed.	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 a.m.	McEachen
10 Mon.	Board of Education Meeting-Budget	7 p.m.	
10 Mon.	KS State PTA Legislative Conference		Topeka
17 Mon.	Founders Day		
19 Wed.	SMAC General Meeting	9:30 a.m.	McEachen
24 Mon.	Summer Recreation Fair	5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.	S.M. West H.S.



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