

# THE Councilor



Shawnee Mission  
Area Council  
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*every child. one voice.*

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## President's Message

With this all-important election season upon us, I hope you are all busy encouraging voter participation with registration drives and publicizing advance voting information in your community. I encourage you to participate in the "Promote the Vote" student activities sponsored by the Celebration of Patriotism Foundation. There is a program tailored for each school level; elementary, middle and high school. Let's show what Shawnee Mission can do! Remember, if we want to be heard in Topeka in January, we have to show our strength in numbers on Nov. 5!

There are also many candidate forums and debates taking place around the community. Please attend as many of these as possible and encourage your friends and neighbors to attend as well. Our voters must be well informed when they go to the polls and these forums provide an opportunity for citizens to hear first-hand a

candidate's view on an issue.

Once the election is over, we must begin our letter writing, phone calls and e-mails. Our legislators need to hear our concerns *before* the legislative session begins as well as after. The legislators have more time to listen to their constituents before they go to Topeka than when they get there and the session is in full swing.

We are now into October and my contacts with all of you indicate your units are running smoothly and you are doing wonderful things. During the last month, many of the SMAC officers and chairs have presented workshops. I hope that your units have attended these and have benefited from the information shared.

I have had the opportunity to talk with many of the unit presidents and learn about the many wonderful programs that our PTAs are offering in

the Shawnee Mission schools for students and their families and the preschool aged children in their communities. All of our units can benefit from our units sharing their "specialties" and I encourage you to write down your "Unit Highlights" and send them to our Councilor Editor, Janet Martz, for our special December issue. Send your article to Janet at her home, 5301 W. 65th Place, Shawnee Mission, KS 66202 or send via e-mail to [jbmartz@juno.com](mailto:jbmartz@juno.com).

If Shawnee Mission Area Council can help you in any way, don't hesitate to contact us. I look forward to seeing you at the Oct. 16 *Meet the Administrators* meeting at Indian Creek Technology Center at 7 p.m.

Thank you for all you do for all children.

Sincerely,

Kim Pflaum,  
SMAC President

## Administrative Assistant's Report

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for coordinating the activities of the following committees; Administrators' Dinner, Bulk Mail, Fundraising and Carnival, Membership, and Presidents' Reception. This year's chairs are doing a terrific job.

Teri Waters (262-6656) is planning this year's **Administrators' Dinner** to be held during National Education Week on Thursday, Nov. 21 at Shawnee Mission North. All unit presidents, principals and SMAC chairs and their spouses are invited to attend.

Janet Jackson (262-0346) keeps the units informed about the rates and procedures for **Bulk Mail**. Please contact Janet about using the SMAC bulk mail permit.

**Fundraising and Carnival** chair, Peggy Miller, has extensive experience with carnivals. Questions may be directed to her at mmgpeggy@kc.rr.com. A workshop was held this fall and another will be held at the School of Instruction in May.

Cynthia Jarrold (381-1543), **Membership** chair, acts as a liaison between the local unit and the state office for membership questions. She has distributed the membership cards to all units this fall. Cynthia will also present special membership awards and conduct a workshop at the School of Instruction in May.

The **Presidents' Reception** held on Aug. 24 was a great start to the new school year. Marianne Noll (262-1560) planned this event.

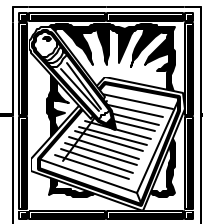
Feel free to contact these chairs or myself with any questions. The SMAC chairs and officers are happy to share their knowledge and experience with you.

Elaine Hodgson, SMAC Administrative Assistant, 722-5475

## American Education Week November 17 – 23

Every year since 1921, the United States has observed American Education Week. The theme for this year is "Making Public Schools Great for Every Child." This is a week to thank everyone who helps to make a difference in schools from administrators to volunteers. It is also a week to call attention to the vital role public education plays in the lives of our children and our nation. Ideas and suggestions for observing this special week are highlighted at [www.nea.org/aew/](http://www.nea.org/aew/). SMAC will host the annual Administrator's Dinner for all building principals, PTA presidents, council chairs and district officials on Thursday, Nov. 21 to recognize their role in public education.

*The Councilor* is published monthly. The article deadline for the upcoming November issue is Wednesday, Nov. 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 email address with any comments or questions.



# What You Can Do to Help Your Child

## *Tips for Parents to Help their Children Stay Safe*



### Safety at Home

- Children should know their full name, home phone number and how to use the telephone. Post contact information where your children will see it: office phone number, cell phone, pager, etc.
- Children should have a trusted adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency.
- Choose babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends and neighbors. Once you have chosen the caregiver, drop in unexpectedly to see how your children are doing. Ask your children how the experience with the caregiver was, and listen carefully to their responses.

### Safety in the Neighborhood

- Make a list with your children of their neighborhood boundaries, choosing significant landmarks.
- Interact regularly with your neighbors. Tell your children whose homes they are allowed to visit.
- Don't drop your children off alone at malls, movie theatres, video arcades, or parks.
- Teach your children that adults should not approach children for help or directions. Tell your children that if they are approached by an adult, they should stay alert because this may be a "trick."
- Never leave children unattended in an automobile. Children should never hitchhike or approach a car when they don't know and trust the driver.
- Children should never go anywhere with anyone without getting your permission first.

### Safety at School

- Be careful when you put your child's name on clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes or bicycle license plates. If a child's name is visible, it may put them on a "first name" basis with an abductor.
- Walk the route to and from school with your children, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they're being followed or need help. Make a map with your children showing acceptable routes to school, using main roads and avoiding shortcuts or isolated areas. If your children take a bus, visit the bus stop with them and make sure they know which bus to take.

*Taken from "Personal Safety for Children, A Guide for Parents"  
found at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).*

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## Membership Update

PTA Membership across the district appears to be on the rise this year if the additional requests for membership cards are an indicator of an increase. In fact, we have had so many requests at the SMAC level that we have completely run out of membership cards locally. To obtain additional cards, membership chairs should contact the state office in Topeka with their requests. (Contact information is noted below.) Please include your unit I.D. number with your request.

Kansas PTA  
715 S.W. Tenth  
Topeka, KS 66612  
(785) 234-5782  
(785) 234-4170 - fax  
ks\_office@pta.org

Membership Handbooks were recently updated and mailed to unit presidents. Unit presidents should make every effort to place those in the hands of membership chairs ASAP. The Membership Handbook contains information about enlistment, awards, procedures, etc. and should be a helpful resource to unit membership chairs.

On a personal note . . . I have enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with several of our membership chairs as they call seeking answers to their questions. Their enthusiasm, attention to detail, and desire to follow procedure have been encouraging. Keep up the good work!

Cynthia Jarrold,  
SMAC Membership Chair  
(913) 381-1543  
jarroldrc@msn.com

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### *Mark your calendars for the* **Administrator's Dinner**

Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.  
Shawnee Mission North High School

Join us as Shawnee Mission North hosts the annual Administrator's Dinner sponsored by Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA. All Presidents and their spouses, Area Council Chairman and officers and their spouses should plan to attend. PTA Presidents, invite your school principal and his/her spouse to attend as guests of your unit. Watch the mail for your invitation and send in your reservation card as soon as possible.

*We are on the Web at [www.ptasonline.org/smac/](http://www.ptasonline.org/smac/)*

## La Zona Escolar de Shawnee Mission

Bienvenidos al distrito escolar de Shawnee Mission. Mediante esta columna queremos comunicar los servicios que ofrece la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA), a la misma vez que los invitamos a tomar un papel principal en la educación de sus hijos.

Como padres todos queremos lo mejor para nuestros hijos. La PTA de su escuela le ofrece la oportunidad de conocer y conectarse con otros padres y maestros que tienen los mismos objetivos y sueños para la educación, el crecimiento y el bienestar de nuestros niños. Al unirse a la PTA usted será parte de la organización nacional más grande del mundo dedicada completamente al bienestar de los niños. Con la cuota que paga, usted ayuda a su PTA local a complementar los currículos de su escuela con programas educativos, materiales escolares, programas de educación para los padres, programas de prevención de drogas, y programas que promueven la participación familiar para mencionar algunos.

Esperamos que disfrute esta columna. Considere unirse a la PTA para fortalecer el futuro, nuestros hijos. Si tiene preguntas relacionadas con la PTA, o sugerencias de materiales que quiere leer en esta columna puede comunicarse conmigo (Carmen Sachs) llamando al 341 6996 o mediante correo electrónico al 'carmenbaby@aol.com'. A continuación le ofrecemos una lista de diez maneras en que puede participar en la educación de sus hijos. ¡Muchas gracias!

### Diez formas para participar en la educación de sus hijos

- Desarrolle la estima propia de sus hijos. Escúcheles cuando quieren conversar y elógielos por todo lo que hacen bien.
- Anime a sus hijos para que compartan con usted sus sentimientos, logros, y problemas.
- Sea un ejemplo positivo para sus hijos. Enséñeles desde pequeños la diferencia entre el bien y el mal.
- Dígales a sus hijos que es normal cometer errores, siempre que aprendan de sus errores.
- Permita que sus hijos lo vean leer periódicos, libros, etc. Léales historietas en voz alta y comparta con ellos de su cultura y herencia.
- Muestre interés en las actividades escolares de sus hijos, ayudándoles con sus tareas y conociendo a sus maestros.
- De ser posible, lleve a sus hijos a museos o bibliotecas locales y a otros eventos gratuitos educativos y culturales.
- Solicite que todos los documentos escolares de sus hijos estén disponibles en español al igual que en inglés, en particular el informe de las calificaciones.
- Solicite que la escuela provea un intérprete/traductor para las reuniones e infórmese si proporcionan clases de Inglés Como Segundo Idioma.
- Únase a la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) y ofrezca su ayuda voluntaria en la escuela de sus hijos.

*The due date is now past, make sure your unit has submitted their*

## SMAC Dues and Clothing Center Donations

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

SMAC PTA Dues (\$35 for each Shawnee Mission School) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing Center Donation (Used to purchase new socks/underwear) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Write two separate checks to SMAC PTA and mail to:

Joni Etherington  
3308 W. 87th Street  
Leawood, KS 66206

*Thank you for your continuing support!*



## Meet the Candidate Night

*Sponsored by Shawnee Mission South*

You may meet the candidates on Oct. 23 from 7-9 p.m. in the Shawnee Mission South High School (SMS) cafeteria. All candidates running for United States Senate, 3rd District United States Congress, Kansas Governor and Kansas Attorney General have been invited plus the candidates for the Kansas House from the districts in the SMS area (16, 19, 20, 29, 30). The public is invited. For more information contact Kathy or Tom Busch, SMS.

## ART SMART WORKSHOP & INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Monday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.  
Johnson County Library-Antioch Branch  
(Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch)

Mr. Dennis Ross from the Johnson County Library will be on hand to share resources and information available to local PTA units.

For more information, call Mary Jorgenson at 268-6414 or email at [mjorgies@aol.com](mailto:mjorgies@aol.com).



## The Clothing Center Schedule 2002-2003

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-Oct	Carpenter, Comanche		Schroeder	
28-Oct	Corinth, Crestview	Etherington	Ralstin	
4-Nov	Diemer, East Antioch	Wheeler	Neal	
11-Nov	TEEN NIGHT			Needham, Lafferty
18-Nov	Highlands, Marsh	Hodgson	Jarrold	
25-Nov	McAuliffe, Merriam		Anderson	
2-Dec	Mill Creek, Moody		Needham	Needham
9-Dec				Franklin, Lafferty
6-Jan	Nieman, Oak Park	Kobylinski	Robinson	
13-Jan				Carper, Huckaba
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	Bolter		
5-May	Trailwood, West Antioch	Etherington	Talbott	
12-May				Breitmayer, Blake
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).



## Dates To Remember

### OCTOBER

16 Wed.	Meet the Admin., SMAC Gen'l Mtg.	7 p.m.	Indian Creek
18 Fri.	KS PTA Citizenship Contest entries due at SMAC level		
23 Wed.	Middle School Pres. & Prin. Exchange	8:45 a.m.	McEachen
23 Wed.	Meet the Candidate Night	7 p.m.	SM South
28 Mon.	Art Smart Workshop & Info. Exchange	7 p.m.	Antioch Library

### NOVEMBER

6 Wed.	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 a.m.	McEachen
17-23	American Education Week		
21 Thurs.	Administrator's Dinner	6:15 p.m.	SM North

### DECEMBER

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