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President's Message

The doors of our Shawnee Mission schools will soon be opening for the start of another school year! Thank you for not only preparing your children for their school year but also for volunteering to be a PTA leader. This is the time of year to let your school community know the plans your unit has for the year and how they can be a part of them.

Your Council provides a unit liaison to each school. Your unit's liaison either has or will be contacting you soon to introduce her/himself and to offer support during the school year. Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time. SMAC hopes you will take advantage of all training opportunities we provide. Plan to send a representative from your unit to attend meetings and workshops. Mark your calendars for SMAC's Presidents' and Principals' Reception on August 22 at Indian Creek Technology Center. Dr. Kaplan will update everyone on district plans for the coming year.

Presidents will soon be receiving a mailing from the Kansas State PTA with information concerning the Fall Leadership Conference to be held in Johnson County on September 13. Encourage your new officers and chairs to attend this event. It is a legitimate PTA expense and will help them start the year better prepared.

The State PTA will also be sending out updated bylaws information. Please share this with your bylaws committee members. Units should update their bylaws once every three years. Six copies of your updated bylaws must be submitted to the state office for approval.

Fall offers a wonderful opportunity to invite your state legislators to visit your school. Let them know about the good things going on in public education. They will be too rushed when the legislative session starts in January to respond to many invitations.

Best wishes for a great start!

Rae Ann Kobylinski
SMAC President

SMAC Officers 2003-04
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2003 National PTA Convention Highlights

Charlotte, North Carolina, the "Queen City," played host to the 107th National PTA Convention. Nancy Huckaba, Kim Pflaum, Rae Ann Kobylinski and Terry Wintering represented the Shawnee Mission area. Several other members of the Kansas PTA also attended. A picturesque city and great weather helped make the convention an enjoyable time.

The National PTA responded to the concerns of its members and shortened the length of the convention to three days. Informative pre-convention seminars were held a day earlier. The convention featured many workshops and great speakers at the general meetings. Linda Hodge was installed as the new NPTA president. Anna Weselak was elected to serve as president-elect.

One of the resounding themes of the convention was the national concern about school funding and the future of public education. The NPTA's lobbyists presented a dynamic workshop on the platforms of the PTA. They urge every member and unit to let their representatives on the "Hill" know how their constituents feel. National PTA speaks with one voice for all children and needs every member's support. It will help your child and children you will never meet. National PTA and other child advocacy groups are launching the "Five Cents Make Sense for Education" campaign. Currently, only 2.8 cents of each federal tax dollar is spent on K through 16 education. If that amount were raised to 5 cents, it would be possible to fund the promised 40% of IDEA and the supports being mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act. For more information about

this campaign, visit the website www.pta.org/ptawashington/5cent.asp.

SMAC Council Delegate Responsibilities

A council delegate acts as a liaison between Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA and your local unit. Serving as a council delegate from your school gives you the opportunity to attend Area Council meetings in which you can listen to Dr. Kaplan, a representative of the Board of Education, and three principals representing the elementary, middle, and high schools. They discuss district activities, events, legislative issues, and many other areas pertaining to the happenings in the Shawnee Mission School District. Council delegates participate by addressing questions directly to these administrators and to the officers of Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA. The council delegate then takes this information back to the local PTA unit.

The partnership between Area Council and the local units is vital. The importance of communicating new ideas about programs, projects, upcoming events, and legislative updates cannot be overstated. The PTA President sometimes serves as the council delegate, but SMAC encourages every school to select at least one delegate to attend the meetings and report back to your PTA. Knowledge is power and the more that we can work together, the more we can do to benefit all children.

Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Cordially Invites You to the

Presidents' and Principals' Reception and General Meeting

Friday, August 22, 2003
Indian Creek Technology Center
4401 West 103 Street

9:00—9:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast and General Meeting
9:30—10:30 A.M. Information Meeting for Presidents and Principals
10:30 A.M.—Noon Presidents' Exchange

The first General Meeting of SMAC will be held in conjunction with the Presidents' and Principals' Reception. Presidents, Principals, Council Delegates, and SMAC Chairs are encouraged to attend. SMAC Chairs and Council Delegates are welcome to stay beyond the General Meeting if they wish.

SMAC Bulk Mailing

PTA units of the Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTA may use the Council's bulk mailing service. You must be mailing a minimum of 200 identical pieces of mail to use the service.

Your cost will be \$0.18 per piece or \$0.21 for pieces larger than a standard business envelope. Additional amounts may be charged for heavy or odd shaped pieces.

The return address must be easily identifiable as coming from a PTA unit of the Shawnee Mission Area Council. The bulk-mailing stamp must be printed or stamped on your mailing:

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Shawnee Mission, KS.
Permit No. 131

Your mailing should be sorted by zip code and delivered to the bulk mail chairman for further processing.

There are return address stamps and postage paid stamps and inkpads available for your use. For more information, please call Terry Wintering, VP/Administrative Assistant, at (913) 541.8566. She can assist you until a chair is named.

The Councilor is published monthly during the school year and once during the summer. Articles are due the first Wednesday of the month. Articles should be sent to Cynthia Jarrold, Councilor Editor, by email at jarroldrc@msn.com or by mail to 9107 Reeds Drive, OPKS 66207. Questions may be answered by calling (913) 381.1543.

Plan to Attend the 2003 Kansas PTA Leadership/Advocacy Conference



The conference for Region 8 (Shawnee Mission) will be held Saturday, September 13, 2003 at Trailridge Middle School, 7500 Quivira, Lenexa, from 8:30 A.M. to 3:15 P.M. You are also welcome to attend the conference on Saturday, September 20, in Salina.

- Cost—\$20.00 per person (includes lunch)
- Registration materials are included in the second mailing of Summer Packet materials and are available on the Kansas PTA website, www.ptasonline.org/kspta
- Registration postmark deadline—August 29, 2003

*Leadership/Advocacy Training is for all PTA leaders!
It is a legitimate PTA expense.*

The conference will provide you with the following:

- Training to start your year off on the right foot
- Networking opportunities with PTA leaders in your “neighborhood”
- An opportunity to connect with community leaders
- Advocacy information to enable us to speak for every child with one voice



Your Kansas PTA Board is looking forward to seeing you there!

Proposed Clothing Center Budget 2003-2004

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 3,188.50 |
| INCOME | |
| Donations | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Interest | \$ 20.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 5,008.50 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Clothing | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Security Guard—Teen Night | \$ 50.00 |
| Supplies | \$ 1,158.50 |
| Carryover | \$ 1,800.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 5,008.50 |

SMAC Dues and Clothing Center Cash Donations

Information About SMAC Dues

Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTA dues of \$35.00 per unit are due by October 15. Checks should be made payable to SMAC PTA and sent with the form below to:

Candy Lafferty
SMAC Treasurer
10505 Bluejacket
Overland Park, Kansas 66214

If you have questions, please contact Candy at (913) 541.8747

Information About Clothing Center Cash Donations

The SMAC Clothing Center is staffed by officers and chairs from the Area Council and with volunteers from each of the local PTA units. The Center relies on donations from the local PTA units to provide brand new socks and underwear to children in need. Donations of clothing are also appreciated. Clothing at the Center is available to any person living within the boundaries of the Shawnee Mission School District. The Clothing Center provides a valuable service to many families living in our area.

You may use the form below to provide an additional cash donation to the Clothing Center. Please note that you must write two separate checks if you make a cash donation at the time you submit SMAC Dues: one check for SMAC Dues and one check for Clothing Center Cash Donations. Checks should be made payable to SMAC PTA.

SMAC Dues and Clothing Center Donations Mail-in Form

Unit Name _____

SMAC PTA Dues (\$35.00 for each Shawnee Mission School) \$ _____

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

Please write two separate checks made payable to SMAC PTA.

Mail to: *Candy Lafferty, SMAC Treasurer*
10505 Bluejacket
Overland Park, Kansas 66214

Thank you for your continuing support!

SMAC PTA Proposed Budget 2003-2004

Beginning Balance \$ 2,625.00

INCOME

Proposed

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Administrator's Dinner Income | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Bulk Mail Deposits | \$ 1,100.00 |
| Dues | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Interest (Checking & Savings) | \$ 60.00 |
| School of Instruction Income | \$ 1,650.00 |
| Summer Film Series Income | \$ 8,700.00 |
| Transfers from Savings | \$ 1,090.00 |
| Uncategorized Income | \$ 350.00 |

TOTAL INCOME \$19,775.00

EXPENSES

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|---|-------------|
| Administrative | \$ 500.00 |
| Administrator's Dinner Expenses | \$ 3,300.00 |
| Block Parent Program | \$ 50.00 |
| Bulk Mail | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Bulk Mail Permit | \$ 150.00 |
| Citizenship | \$ 50.00 |
| Copying/Printing/Councilor | \$ 400.00 |
| Councilor Supplies | \$ 50.00 |
| Health and Safety | \$ 50.00 |
| Kansas PTA: | |
| <i>Spring Convention</i> | \$ 300.00 |
| <i>Leadership Conference</i> | \$ 60.00 |
| <i>Legislative Conference</i> | \$ 75.00 |
| Life Memberships | \$ 115.00 |
| National PTA Convention: President | \$ 1,500.00 |
| National PTA Convention: Officers | \$ 600.00 |
| Postage | \$ 20.00 |
| Presidents' Information Course | \$ 250.00 |
| President/Principal Exchanges: | |
| <i>Elementary</i> | \$ 250.00 |
| <i>Middle School</i> | \$ 75.00 |
| <i>High School</i> | \$ 75.00 |
| Presidents' Reception | \$ 250.00 |
| Publications | \$ 310.00 |
| Reflections | \$ 50.00 |
| School of Instruction Expenses | \$ 400.00 |
| Summer Film Series | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Uncategorized Expenses and Special Projects | \$ 500.00 |
| Website Maintenance | \$ 95.00 |
| Checkbook Balance (Carryover 2003-04) | \$ 1,500.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$19,775.00

SMAC Clothing Center Volunteer Schedule

The PTA Clothing Center is located in the lower level of Arrowhead Elementary School at 6601 Santa Fe Drive in Overland Park. Each school is asked to send 3 volunteers to the Clothing Center from 8:30—11:00 A.M. on the assigned day. It is the responsibility of either the school, the officer, or the SMAC chair to make the necessary arrangements for substitutes.

| Date | School | Officers | SMAC Chair | Officers/Chair |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| | 8:30—11:00 A.M. | 8:30—11:00 A.M. | 8:30—11:00 A.M. | Evening 4:30—7:00 P.M. |
| 9/8 | | | | Vineyard, Lafferty |
| 9/15 | Westwood View/Trailwood | Etherington | | |
| 9/22 | Tomahawk/Sunflower | Ralstin | Jackson | |
| 9/29 | South Park | Vineyard | Kudera | |
| 10/6 | Somerset/Shawano | Huckaba | Sutton | |
| 10/13 | | | | Wintering/O'Grady |
| 10/14 (Tues.) | 7 Middle Schools | Changeover | 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. | |
| 10/27 | Santa Fe Trail/Rushton | Hodgson | Puskas | |
| 11/3 | Rosehill/Roesland | Riedel | Talbott | |
| 11/10 | TEEN Night | | | Sachs/Waters |
| 11/17 | Rising Star/Prairie | Wheeler | Campaign | |
| 11/24 | Pawnee | Kremers | Reynolds | |
| 12/1 | Overland Park/Oak Park | Vineyard | Kana | |
| 12/8 | | | | Lawson/Vineyard |
| 12/15 | Nieman | Vineyard | McDonald | |
| 1/5 | Moody/Mil Creek | Franklin | Lafferty | |
| 1/12 | | | | Zila/Jorgenson |
| 1/26 | Merriam/McAuliffe | Etherington | Quarnstrom | |
| 2/2 | Marsh | Vineyard | Vance | |
| 2/9 | | | | Lafferty/Wheeler |
| 2/23 | Highlands/East Antioch | Hodgson | Schroeder | |
| 3/1 | Diemer/Crestview | Ralstin | Kudera | |
| 3/8 | | | | Finnerty/Huckaba |
| 3/9 (Tues) | 5 High Schools | Changeover | 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. | |
| 3/29 | Corinth/Comanche/Carpenter | Kremers/Vineyard | Robinson/Jarrold | |
| 4/5 | Brookwood/Brookridge | Pflaum | Lafferty | |
| 4/12 | | | | Blake/Wintering |
| 4/19 | Broken Arrow/Briarwood | Franklin | Riedel | |
| 4/26 | Bonjour/Bluejacket Flint | Lafferty | Nowell | |
| 5/3 | Benninghoven/Belinder | Jorgenson | Lusk | |
| 5/10 | | | | Vineyard/Sachs |
| 5/17 | Apache | Kremers | | |

Membership Enlistment and Card Distribution

If you have not received your membership cards by the second week in August, please contact me at the number or email address listed below so that you can make arrangements to receive them.

As your unit begins membership enlistment and card distribution, please remember the following:

- If your unit will NOT be distributing membership cards this year, contact me at the address below as soon as possible.
- Each card is to be used for one individual member ONLY.
- Your unit I.D. number must appear on the membership card. (That number was distributed with your membership packet. Unit numbers are also available on correspondence with National PTA.)
- Please DO NOT fill out membership cards until they are needed. Unused cards should be returned to the state office, the SMAC President, or me.
- Along with your membership cards, you were provided with copies of the 2003-04 Kansas State PTA Treasurer's Remittance form, a copy of the Membership Packet from the summer mailing, information from the School of Instruction, and a memo from me.
- Remember: The state and national portion of membership money is to be sent to the state office monthly along with the completed Kansas State PTA Treasurer's Remittance Form and a list of the names and addresses of members.
- No individual is considered a member of PTA until his/her dues have been sent to the state.
- Please note the following membership deadlines: **October 1, 2003 – Early Membership Award** and **March 1, 2004 – Last date to receive all other awards.**

I am available to answer questions and to assist with ideas for planning and enlistment. I look forward to working with you this year.

Sonya Puskas
SMAC Membership Chair
(913) 631.4490—home or (913) 915.5651—cell
sapuskas@juno.com

SMAC on the WEB at www.ptasonline.org/smac

Looking for information? Lost your latest issue of the *The Councilor*? Simply log on to the SMAC web site to find the following items:

The web site is updated as board members and chairmen provide information. In fact, if you are a

- Current SMAC news
- *The Councilor*
- Administrative information/SMAC procedures
- The 2003-2004 SMAC Board listing
- Award information
- Workshop information and dates
- SMAC meeting dates
- Clothing Center information and schedule
- PTA tips and more

board member or SMAC chairman and produce something on paper that you send out to the PTA units, please send it to me as well so that the information can be added to our web site. Our web site is as useful as we make it. Please send your information attached to an email (preferably in an MS Word or Excel document) or within an email to snowell@kc.rr.com. Thanks!

Sherry Nowell
SMAC Webmaster

Submit List of Your 2003-2004 PTA Board to SMAC

PTA Presidents should complete the form below and send to: Debbie Kremers, 14401 West 58 Street, SMKS 66216, or email the information to kremers6@aol.com.

This information is very helpful to SMAC Chairs when notifying your 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.

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

Dates to Remember

August

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|-------------|--|-----------|--------------|
| 21 Thursday | Citizenship Workshop | 7:00 P.M. | McEachen |
| 22) Friday | Presidents' and Principals' Reception and General Meeting | 9:00 A.M. | Indian Creek |

September

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|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 3) Wednesday | Executive Committee Meeting | 9:30 A.M. | McEachen |
| 3 Wednesday | September Councilor Deadline | | |
| 9 Tuesday | Preschool Liaison Workshop | 9:30 A.M. | McEachen, Rm. 7 |
| 23) Tuesday | Elementary Presidents' Roundtable | 10:00 A.M. | Panera 75th and Antioch |
| 23 Tuesday | Chat 'N Chew Fall Workshop | 7:00 P.M. | McEachen Boardroom |
| 24) Wednesday | High School Exchange | 8:45 A.M. | McEachen |

October

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|---------------|--|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1) Wednesday | October Councilor Deadline | | |
| 2) Thursday | Art Smart Workshop | | JC Central Library |
| 7) Tuesday | Elementary Presidents' Roundtable | 1:30 P.M. | Panera 83rd and Mission |
| 15) Wednesday | General Meeting—Meet the Administrators | 7:00 P.M. | Indian Creek |
| 22 Wednesday | Middle School Exchange | 8:45 A.M. | McEachen |



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