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SMAC Officers 2004-05

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President's Message

We're in the fourth quarter and the end of the year is in sight! A well-organized procedure book is one of the best gifts a PTA leader can give to her/his successor. Many incoming presidents have been involved for several years at their schools, but some will be new to the board and past procedures. The more information you can leave concerning what worked and what didn't, the smoother their year will be. A simple bulleted outline of what happens each month can be worth its weight in gold and save a lot of phone calls next year.

This is my last president's message before the gavel is passed. It would be remiss of me to not say thank you to the people who have helped me tremendously over the past two years. The officers and chairs of the SMAC board have done a great job. Dr. Kaplan has provided tremendous leadership for our district and support for its PTAs. The support of the district administrators helps to keep PTAs a strong and vital part of our school communities. Our Board of Education members serve as wonderful examples of volunteer commitment in our district. Their willingness to take on a formidable job is truly inspiring.

My husband, Ed, and son, William, have been stalwart supporters of PTA in many ways over the years despite never having a title. They have toted many boxes, provided technical support, distributed yard signs, stuffed folders, and most of all, they listened.

Finally, Kim Pflaum has always been there to answer questions and provide support. She has graciously served as SMAC parliamentarian the past two years in addition to being KSPTA treasurer. Kim has an encyclopedic knowledge of PTA issues. If she doesn't have an answer, she will research a question and discover one. Kim is a quiet person, but her actions speak loudly on behalf of the children of Kansas. Kim also shared with me a piece of advice, which saved my dog's life. Sid was choking on a piece of a dog treat that was stuck in his throat. Kim was the first person I thought of who might know how to help him. She suggested giving him a piece of bread that would cause him to swallow. It worked perfectly, and he was breathing normally within seconds! This has nothing to do with PTA but it is something worth sharing.

Have a happy and safe summer!
Rae Ann Kobylinski

SMAC Officers 2004-05
cont'd.

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Kim Pflaum

Elementary Coordinator

Carmen Sachs

Secondary Coordinator

Bridget Wagstaff

Immediate Past President

Kim Pflaum

Region 8 Vice President

Rae Ann Kobylinski



Putting It All Together

Please join PTA members from across Kansas at the Lawrence Holiday Inn Holidome, April 29—May 1, 2005, for the Kansas PTA 91st Annual Convention.

Information/registration packets have been mailed to local unit presidents.

Registration forms are also available online at www.ptasonline.org/kspta.

Help a Future Teacher!

Donations are being sought for the KSPTA Silent Auction. Profits from the auction go directly to the KSPTA Future Teachers' Scholarship Fund. This is a great way to help support the PTA and our future teachers in Kansas. All units sending members to convention are asked to bring a donation. A fun thing to do is to build a theme basket from members of your unit. Individuals wouldn't have to bring expensive items but added together, they make a nice auction item. Units in Region 8 have also been asked to contribute door prizes for after the general meetings. A prize doesn't have to be costly. Popular items would be candles, stationery, hand lotion or small gift certificates. To make a donation, please call either RaeAnn (913.341.9124) or Carmen (913.341.6996).

Shawnee Mission Schools of Excellence

Four Shawnee Mission schools will be recognized at the KSPTA state convention for earning the National PTA Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification. They are Bluejacket-Flint Elementary, Christa McAuliffe Elementary, Merriam Elementary, and Mission Valley Middle School. NPTA developed this program to recognize schools that have worked to create and develop quality parent involvement programs based on their national standards. Information on how to become a School of Excellence may be found at www.pta.org. Congratulations to our qualifying schools!



School of Instruction

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

Shawnee Mission West High School

6:00-6:45 P.M.—Dinner/Registration

6:45 to 7:15 P.M.—Installation of 2005-2006 SMAC Officers

Update from the district

7:15 P.M.—Workshops Begin

\$5.00 Per Participant

***New This Year . . . Dinner w/Two Guys and a Grill
Your choice of a Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Chicken Breast
Chips and a Drink for only an additional \$5.00***

Workshops Include . . .

President

Treasurer

Secretary

Membership

Ways and Means – Carnival

Bylaws-Parliamentary Procedures

Cultural Arts

Teacher Appreciation-Hospitality

Block Parent

Chat & Chew

Citizenship-Reflections

Pre-School Sharing

Legislation

Newsletter

High School/Middle School Issues and Answers



Sharing Displays are Welcome!

Registration Forms are included in this issue of *The Councilor* and are available through your local unit President and on the SMAC web site at www.ptasonline.org.

Questions? Email Denise Sultz at dsultz@strategic-one.com or danks@aol.com or call 913.381.7824 (home) or 913.709.3916 (cell).

2005 School of Instruction Workshop Descriptions

Block Parent

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

Carnival

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

Chat 'n Chew

Discussion will focus on 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

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

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

Ways and Means

This workshop will be geared for unit Ways and Means Chairmen. Fundraising guidelines from National and State PTA will be covered along with examples of different types of fundraising events that have been tried in the SM School District!

Newsletter

This workshop will cover everything from layout and content to working with administration and adhering to district communication policy.

Legislation

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

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

President

Learn how to run your unit more effectively. This information will be different from the President's Information Course.

Secretary

Come to learn about the duties of the Recording and Corresponding secretary, including note taking and formats.

Bylaws and Parliamentarian

Learn about the importance of your unit's bylaws and how they help to guide you. Learn how parliamentary procedures help your meetings become more organized and run more efficiently.

Preschool PTA Sharing

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

Teacher Appreciation

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

Treasurer

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

Secondary Sharing

An important new workshop that covers topics like: How to get info home without a backpack; Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs; Keeping parents involved; How to bring in Dads; and more. Bring ideas to share!

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Sharing Displays at SMAC School of Instruction

Each school is invited to prepare an exhibit in whatever format you desire. It can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. Round tables will be available in the cafeteria. Everyone attending the School of Instruction is able to browse through the displays to share ideas and get information on what others schools are doing!

Some items that might be included in your display are: Spiritwear items, school banners and other memorabilia, school directories, scrapbooks and yearbooks, and display boards filled with pictures or newspaper clippings. Some schools prepare videos or Power Point presentations. This is your school's chance to shine, brag just a little, and show your school spirit. We hope that all of you will consider being a part of the Sharing Displays at this year's School of Instruction on May 4.

SMAC PTA School of Instruction Shawnee Mission West High School 8800 West 85th Street May 4, 2005

On-Site Registration begins at 6:00 P.M.
Check-in for Registered Participants begins at 6:00 P.M.
Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M.
General Meeting begins at 6:45 P.M.
Workshops at 7:15 P.M.
Advance Registration and Payment Due by April 29



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Name of PTA Unit: _____

President's Name: _____

Attendee Name(s)/Workshop(s): _____

Total # of Reservations: _____ X \$5.00 (Non-refundable)

Total # of Dinner Reservations: _____ X \$5.00

Total owed \$ _____ (Payable to SMAC PTA)

Please mail all reservations and checks to:

Denise Sultz, 9311 W. 81st Terrace, Overland Park, KS

Or send through interschool mail to SMWest PTSA/Attn: Denise Sultz

Please ask your officers and chairs to let you know ASAP regarding dinner. We will need to get a fairly firm count to Two Guys and a Grill. Thank You.

2005-2006 Presidents Information

It's already time to start planning for next year! SMAC will be holding the President's Information Course in April. We need your help to make sure all the right people are contacted. Please send your incoming president's information to:

Margaret Duval
8107 W. 72nd Terrace
Shawnee Mission, KS 66204
mrduval@everestkc.net

Summer Film Series Tickets Sales Start Soon!

Please forward the name of your individual PTA summer movie series chairperson to Leesa Whitson by interschool mail to Katherine Carpenter or by email at leesa@leesawhitson.com. For emails, please put PTA or Movie Tickets in the subject line in order to avoid the spam filter. Thanks again, and stay tuned to the movie schedule for the summer!

Leesa Whitson, 341.2524
SMAC Summer Film Chair

SMEF *Celebrate Success! 2005*—May 4, 2005

Please note that the date has been changed as a result of a scheduling conflict with the speaker!

Gala reception and program honoring individual Shawnee Mission students, teachers, teams, schools, and volunteers for outstanding state and national achievement and recognizing the fifth annual Patron Award honoree, Fred Logan; Speaker: Lisa Ling, host of the award-winning documentary series "Explorer," on the National Geographic channel; Event Sponsor, Shawnee Mission Medical Center; Sheraton Hotel of Overland Park; 5:30 P.M.—Patron Party; 6:30 P.M.—Dessert Reception; 7:30 P.M.—Program; \$25/person, \$10/student, \$100/per patron ticket; Call 993.9360.

Parent Volunteers Sought

Approximately 1200 Shawnee Mission students will be attending the district Research and Development Forum on Friday, April 29, at Indian Creek Technology Center. Parents are being asked to help that day as guides for the students from their bus to an assembly area and then to a classroom. Four assemblies featuring speakers from various science fields will be held that day. Volunteers may donate one or two hours or stay the entire day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Wendy Thill (wendythill@smsd.org) or Sharron Spence (sharronspence@smsd.org).

SMAC Clothing Center Volunteer Schedule

Date	School	Officers	Chairs/Officers	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.
4/11				Naylor/Lawson
4/18	Shawano	Kana	Campain	
4/25	South Park/Sunflower	Kudera	Ralstin	
5/2	Tomahawk/Trailwood	Schultz	Franklin	
5/9				Waters/Pflaum
5/16	Westwood View	Quarnstrom	Wagstaff	

ACTION REQUIRED: Submit List of 2005-2006 PTA Board to SMAC

Attention PTA Presidents for 2005-2006: Please complete the information below and send it to: Rae Ann Kobylinski, 8530 Barkley, OPKS, 66212 or email her at erkpwkoby@earthlink.net.

SMAC Chairs will use this information to contact your board members regarding workshops and important PTA news and information. 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 18. Thank you!

School: _____

President: _____
 Address: _____
 City, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Co-President: _____
 Address: _____
 City, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Position	Name	Email	Phone
Art Smart			
Block Parents			
Book Publishing			
Bulk Mail			
Bylaws			
Chat 'n Chew			
Citizenship			
Clothing Center			
Council Delegate			
Cultural Arts			
Drug Abuse Prevention			
Health and Safety			
Historian			
Legislation			
Membership			
Newsletter			
Preschool Liaison			
Reflections			
Summer Films			
Treasurer			
Ways and Means			

Dates to Remember

April

20 Wednesday	President's Information Course	9:00 A.M.	Indian Creek
27 Wednesday	SMAC Executive Session	9:30 A.M.	McEachen
29 Friday	Registration for School of Instruction Due		
29 Friday	Kansas PTA Convention		Lawrence
30 Saturday	Kansas PTA Convention		Lawrence

May

1 Sunday	Kansas PTA Convention		Lawrence
4 Wednesday	School of Instruction	6:00 P.M.	SM West
4 Wednesday	SMEF Celebrate Success! 2005		OP Sheraton

June

18 Saturday	Unit Board Rosters Due		
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but to do something. —Henry David Thoreau*

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