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President's Message



Time seems to be moving quickly as our students look forward to spring break and legislators approach the April 12 deadline. Please continue to encourage members of your units to contact their legislators and voice their support of public education. Despite the efforts of many PTA members over the past few years, some legislators feel there is not enough public outcry on this issue. If you are not able to pay a visit to Topeka, personal letters are a good second.

National PTA features a timely article on its website as we approach the intense parenting times during spring and summer breaks. It is written by Vera Lane and Dorothy Molyneaux and entitled "Words to Parent By." The authors write about ten words and phrases to use at least once a day. They are:

- Thank you.
- Tell me more.
- You can do it.
- How can I help?
- Let's all pitch in.
- How about a hug?
- Please.
- Good job.
- It's time to . . .
- I love you.



The entire article can be found at
www.pta.org/parentinvolvement/parenttalk/pt_wordstoparentby.asp.

Have a safe and happy spring break!
Rae Ann Kobylinski

*Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless.*

— Mother Teresa

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cont'd.

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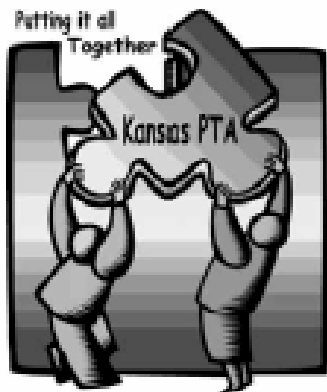
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Putting It All Together

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.

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. Questions should be directed to Denise Vineyard, SMAC Clothing Center Chair, 648.1543.

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.
3/7	Rising Star/Roesland	Waters	Duvall	
3/8	5 High Schools		9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.	
3/28	Rosehill	Quarnstrom	Koehn	
4/4	Rushton/Santa Fe Trail	Etherington	Franklin	
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	

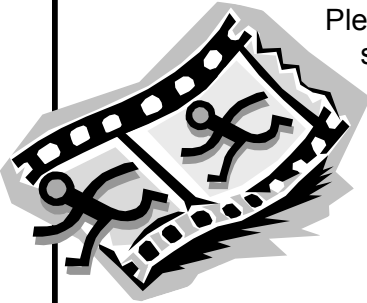
2005-2006 Presidents Information

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@kceverest.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 at 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

Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Announces *Celebrate Success! 2005—Wednesday, May 11, 2005*

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.

Shawnee Mission Board of Education Candidates Forum

Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 7:00 P.M.

Shawnee Mission West Cafeteria, 8800 West 85th Street

All five candidates have been invited to participate in this event.

Voters from all areas of the district are invited to attend.

The general election is Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

*Sponsored by Shawnee Mission Area Council of PTA in cooperation with
the Johnson County League of Women Voters.*

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 on the district from Superintendent, Dr. Kaplan

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***

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Bylaws-Parliamentary Procedures

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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 will be in the April *Councilor*, sent to the President's during March, and available on the SMAC web site at www.ptasonline.org after March 15.

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

Internet Safety

i-Safe is a non-profit foundation based in California, and their mission is to educate and empower youth to safely and responsibly take control of their Internet experiences. They offer the following tips for parents regarding their child's Internet use:

- Have the family computer in an open area, never in the child's bedroom.
- Respect your child's privacy, keep the lines of communication open with your child. Talk about online predators and let them know they can come to you if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation.
- Become a part of your child's online experience, it can be fun and they may even teach you a thing or two!!!
- When using e-mail be aware of opening unsolicited attachments—viruses, worms and Trojan horses can be activated by unsuspecting e-mail users.
- Usernames and profiles can provide a wealth of personal information. Having too much information in user names and profiles can attract predators. Use a family profile, not an individual profile for your child.
- Know intellectual property and copyright regulations. Downloading music and movies is illegal and can result in lawsuits and heavy fines against parents.
- Learn about the Internet, the more you know about how it works, the more can you be informed about how online predators and identity thieves work and what you can do to stop them.

i-Safe's 4 R's

- Recognize what is copy written, licensed or protected intellectual property.
- Refuse to download or copy video, music, of software given to you for free.
- Respond assertively by only using intellectual property, which is purchased legitimately.
- Report any incidents of people trying to sell illegal and/or pirated intellectual materials.

Drug and Alcohol Update

Alcohol and tobacco are considered gateway drugs. What do I mean by that? I mean that they are where youth start to get a high, get a kick or even just try to act grownup by trying alcohol and tobacco and then they "graduate" to harder drugs. On any given day, 7,000 youngsters 16 and younger will take their first drink of alcohol. Another gritty reality is that more than 90% of the alcohol consumed by 12-20 year-olds occurs when they have five or more drinks at a time. This is more than just a glass of beer with a pizza. Unfortunately, drinking only seems to grab our attention when someone dies. It should be grabbing our attention long before any parent has to lose that much. If you go out to the Internet and type in underage drinking dangers, the response will astonish you. I did that recently and over two hundred thousand choices were brought up that I could look at. It seems that every college, every state, every health group and many federal agencies are wondering how to stop this growing trend of our youth to binge drink. The ones that seem to be the least worried.....are parents. Please don't be one of those unconcerned parents. Recognize that alcohol is very easy to get and very easy to abuse. Recognize that it is illegal. Help your students to say no...and when they turn 21 safely? Now that is a real reason to celebrate!!



Dates to Remember

March

7 Monday	Ask the Board	7:00 P.M.	McEachen
23 Wednesday	Lobby Day for Shawnee Mission		Topeka
24 Thursday	Candidates' Forum	7:00 P.M.	SM West

April

5 Tuesday	Board of Education Election		
6 Wednesday	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 A.M.	McEachen
20 Wednesday	President's Information Course	9:00 A.M.	Indian Creek
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
11 Wednesday	SMEF Celebrate Success! 2005		OP Sheraton



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