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President's Message



The days of summer vacation will soon draw to a close. Store shelves are beginning to fill with school supplies. Students are wondering about schedules and teachers. It is also the time to prepare for the start of the PTA year. Many units will hold budget meetings and brainstorming sessions to chart their course for the year. When the school doors open, be sure to let members of your community know how they can become involved. Please share the information in the *Councilor* with members of your unit.

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Anaheim, California was the site of this year's National PTA Convention. It was a privilege to be able to attend as a representative of the Shawnee Mission Area Council. Many wonderful workshops and speakers were featured. Several people asked me "what is the PTA?" when I talked about my trip. Of course, I responded by telling them about how the PTA helps at the school level, but it made me stop and think about what else the PTA does. Hopefully, every school in our nation helps their parents feel welcome and able to contribute to the success of their child's education whether their schools belong to the PTA or not. National PTA publishes a leaflet which speaks about the "power of association." What does that mean to the average PTA member? It means that each year representatives from all 54 state congresses come together to learn about improving parental involvement for their students. Parents and educators can receive information and support from their local, state and National PTA throughout the year.

SMAC Officers 2004-05

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Sammie Kudera

It also means that members of the PTA have a voice in federal legislation. The National PTA lobbyists represent the 6 million members of the PTA when they meet with our federal legislators. Last year NPTA launched the "Five Cents Makes Sense for Education" campaign to encourage the spending of five cents of every federal dollar on education. The current spending rate is 2.8 cents. PTA lobbyists, Nancy Segal and Rachel Sabella, reported that there was positive feedback from legislators on this program during their workshop, "Hot Topics in Legislation." This year some of the major focuses of the NPTA will be funding, child nutrition, IDEA, No Child Left Behind and school construction. The average age of a US public school is 42 years. One-



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SMAC Officers 2004-05
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Members-at-Large
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Bridget Wagstaff

Immediate Past President
Kim Pflaum

Region 8 Vice President
Rae Ann Kobylinski

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third of all public schools are in need of extensive repair or replacement. We should be proud that the passage of the spring SM bond issue helps to insure Shawnee Mission students will be ahead of many of their peers in school improvement.

Best wishes for a great start!
Rae Ann Kobylinski
SMAC President



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 dele-

gate, 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.

Proposed Clothing Center Budget 2004-2005

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,250.00
INCOME		
Donations		\$ 1,850.00
Interest		\$ 20.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,120.00
EXPENSES		
Clothing/Supplies		\$ 3,270.00
Security Guard—Teen Night		\$ 50.00
Carryover		\$ 1,800.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,120.00

Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA
Cordially Invites You to the

★ Presidents' and Principals' Reception and General Meeting

Friday, August 27, 2004
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.

Don't forget! Proof of insurance is needed by the SMSD Facilities Office before PTA activities may be scheduled.



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 cjarrold@sbcglobal.net or by mail to 9107 Reeds Drive, OPKS 66207. Questions may be answered by calling 913.381.1543.

Preferred format for
emailed articles:
MS Word attachment.

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:

Linda Kana
9637 Dearborn
Overland Park, KS 66207



If you have questions, please contact Linda at 913.481.2032 or fourgreatkansas@sbcglobal.net.

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: **Linda Kana**
9637 Dearborn
Overland Park, KS 66207



Thank you for your continuing support!

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.
8/30	Apache/Belinder	Franklin	Puskas	
9/13				Lawson/Wintering
9/20	Benninghoven/Bluejacket-Flint	Naylor	Womack	
9/27	Bonjour	Etherington	Schultz	
10/11				Waters/Sachs
10/12	7 Middle Schools	Changeover	9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.	
10/18	Briarwood/Broken Arrow	Kana	Moss	
10/25	Brookridge/Brookwood	Campain	Frazell	
11/1	Carpenter/Comanche	Kudera	Sultz	
11/8	TEEN Night			Pflaum/Jorgenson
11/15	Corinth/Crestview	Ralstin	Kinkade	
11/22	Diemer	Schultz	Schroeder	
11/29	East Antioch/Highlands	Quarnstrom	Connell	
12/6	Marsh	Wagstaff	Larson	
12/13				Lawson/Finnerty
1/3	McAuliffe/Merriam	Franklin	Campain	
1/10				Etherington/Noll
1/24	Mill Creek/Moody	Naylor	Jarrod	
1/31	Nieman	Schultz	Lusk	
2/7	Apache/Overland Park	Kana	Logan	
2/14				Pflaum/Gill
2/28	Pawnee/Prairie	Ralstin	Summer Films Chr	
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	

SMAC PTA Proposed Budget 2004-2005

Beginning Balance \$ 4,964.00

INCOME

	<u>Proposed</u>
Administrator's Dinner Income	\$ 2,200.00
Bulk Mail Deposits	\$ 275.00
Dues	\$ 1,716.00
Interest (Checking & Savings)	\$ 30.00
School of Instruction Income	\$ 1,300.00
Special Projects	\$ 700.00
Summer Film Series Income	\$ 8,700.00
Transfers from Savings	\$ 900.00
Uncategorized Income	\$ 350.00

TOTAL INCOME \$21,135.00

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 500.00
Administrator's Dinner Expenses	\$ 3,300.00
Block Parent Program	\$ 125.00
Bulk Mail and Bulk Mail Permit	\$ 1,150.00
Citizenship	\$ 75.00
Copying/Printing/ <i>Councilor</i>	\$ 200.00
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	\$ 150.00
National PTA Convention: President	\$ 1,500.00
National PTA Convention: Officers	\$ 800.00
Presidents' Information Course	\$ 375.00
President/Principal Exchanges:	
<i>Elementary</i>	\$ 275.00
<i>Middle School</i>	\$ 75.00
<i>High School</i>	\$ 75.00
Presidents' Reception	\$ 275.00
Publications	\$ 400.00
Reflections	\$ 75.00
School of Instruction Expenses	\$ 400.00
Special Projects	\$ 1,000.00
Summer Film Series	\$ 7,500.00
Uncategorized Expenses	\$ 780.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Checkbook Balance (Carryover 2005-06)	\$ 1,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$21,135.00

SMAC Bulk Mailing

Shawnee Mission Area Council (SMAC) PTA provides a bulk mailing service to PTA units and the Area Council Board. ONLY mailings sponsored by PTA (not building/school mailings) can be mailed under this permit.

In order to use the SMAC PTA Bulk Mailing Service, contact the Bulk Mail Chair, Sheri Womack, for any changes and/or clarifications in instructions BEFORE you start to prepare a mailing. PLAN AHEAD. If you have more questions, call the chair before your mailings are printed and prepared.

1. Make sure the following information is included within the first 5 pages of your publication: title; issue date; frequency; name; address—including city, state, and zip code; and issue number.
2. A minimum of 200 IDENTICAL pieces, using the same weight and color of paper, same envelope and same number of enclosures is required to use the permit. Pieces to be mailed can be enclosed in envelopes, folded and taped shut, or mailed flat. No staples should be used on folded mailings—use clear tape or purchased mailing seals.
3. Your mailing may be opened by the Post Office and must be easily identifiable as coming from a PTA unit of the Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA. Example: Pawnee PTA Unit of Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA.
4. The Bulk Mailing Permit Stamp and Return Address Stamp may be printed on your mailing or rubber-stamped. Rubber stamps are available from the Bulk Mail Chair. Use the following return address and postage on your mailing:

**Shawnee Mission Area Council PT A
72 35 Antioch
Shawnee Mission, KS 66204**

**NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Shawnee Mission, KS
PERMIT NO. 131**

5. Sort your mailing by zip code. Face all pieces in the same direction and separate them by the first three digits of the zip code. IT is no longer necessary to put rubber bands on your mailing.
6. The cost of the mailing for business-size envelopes or smaller pieces is the total number of pieces times \$0.18. The cost for pieces larger than a business-size envelope (flat pieces is the total number of pieces times \$0.21. There may be a surcharge for heavy mailings or mailings that are hand addressed. Call the Bulk Mail Chair for an automated rate, if you have this service available to you. Make a check to SMAC PTA for the amount due. It can be a personal check.
7. Your PTA will be contacted to remit additional funds to SMAC if your mail count does not agree with the Post Office and/or additional postage greater than \$1.00 is due.
8. Mailings should be delivered to the Bulk Mailing Chair. DO NOT TAKE TO THE POST OFFICE. Call the Bulk Mail Chair to arrange a convenient time to deliver your mailing.
9. Many zip codes on the Shawnee Mission School District labels are incorrect. If there is a problem with your mailing, you will be asked to verify and change inaccurate zip codes.

All questions should be directed to:

Sheri Womack, SMAC Bulk Mail Chair
10325 Cherokee Lane
Shawnee Mission, KS 66206
341.2580
swak@kc.rr.com



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 2004-05 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, 2004 – Early Membership Award** and **March 1, 2005 – 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:

- Current SMAC news
- *The Councilor*
- Administrative information/SMAC procedures
- The 2004-2005 SMAC Board listing
- Award information
- Workshop information and dates
- SMAC meeting dates
- Clothing Center information and schedule
- PTA tips and more

The web site is updated as board members and chairmen provide information. In fact, if you are a 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 or within an email to jmoss11@kc.rr.com. Thanks!

Joyce Moss
SMAC Webmaster



Submit List of 2004-2005 PTA Board to SMAC

Attention PTA Presidents for 2004-2005: Please complete the information below and send it to: Sammie Kudara at 9925 W. 56th Terrace, Merriam, KS, 66203 or email her at sookie@kc.rr.com.

SMAC Chairs will use this information to contact your board members about workshops and important PTA news and information. We would like information about as many of the positions listed below as possible. Return this form as soon as possible. Thank you!



School: _____

Position	Name	Address	City	Zip Code
President				
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



August

27 Friday	Presidents' and Principals' Reception and General Meeting	9:00 A.M.	Indian Creek
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September

1 Wednesday	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 A.M.	McEachen
1 Wednesday	September Councilor Deadline		
29 Wednesday	High School Exchange	8:45 A.M.	McEachen

October

6 Wednesday	October Councilor Deadline		
20 Wednesday	General Meeting—Meet the Administrators	7:00 P.M.	Indian Creek
27 Wednesday	Middle School Exchange	8:45 A.M.	McEachen

November

3 Wednesday	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 A.M.	McEachen
3 Wednesday	November Councilor Deadline		
15-19	National Education Week		
19-21	Borders Benefit Days		
18 Thursday	Administrator's Dinner	6:15 P.M.	SM South



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