

# 2017 Town Hall

Our thanks to Sen. Claire McCaskill (represented by David Stokely), Sen. Roy Blunt (represented by Dan Wadlington), and Rep. Billy Long (represented by Royce Reding or Mike Ussery) for sending representatives to today's event. Also, our sincere thanks to Rep. Crystal Quade, Rep. Curtis Trent and Rep. Steve Helms for attending this event.

Many issues require our focus; however, we will only be able to address a few questions today due to limited time. We've focused these questions on funding for public schools. To learn more about National PTA and Missouri PTA positions on important issues, please visit the "Advocacy" section of their websites.

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**Funding:** Missouri's budget supports elementary and secondary education programs, which focus on the education and enrichment of children from kindergarten to grade 12. Approximately 56% of funding comes from local revenue, while 26% comes from state funding, and 18% from federal funds. K-12 education is the largest area of spending in the Missouri general revenue budget. However, based on Missouri's target funding levels, as defined in the Foundation Formula, Missouri has been underfunding local schools for the last seven years.

Federal funding for public education has remained at 2% of the federal budget for decades, despite increases in public school enrollment and the rising cost of education resources and services.

Quality K-12 education benefits both individuals and society and provides a boost to the economy by building a healthy and skilled workforce.

Public K-12 education is especially critical given that public schools are legally required to serve all children, regardless of special needs or behavioral issues.

To find out more about how Missouri funds public education, go to [www.mobudget.org/budget\\_basics\\_issues/](http://www.mobudget.org/budget_basics_issues/).

### **Vouchers (aka tax credits; scholarships; school**

**choice):** The guarantee of a free public education is at the heart of our nation's promise of democracy and equality for all. Only when all children have a chance to

learn can everyone enjoy equal opportunities to work, achieve, and participate fully in our society. Diverting public funds to private and parochial schools through vouchers will hinder our efforts to provide a quality education for all students. We must provide an excellent education for every child, not just vouchers for a few. The way to ensure that every child has an equal and valuable education is to invest in our public school system. For more information about vouchers, please see this link: <https://mopta.org/wp-content/uploads/Vouchers.pdf>.

**Charter Schools:** National PTA supports public school choice and acknowledges public charter schools as one of many avenues to improving student achievement. National PTA supports public charter schools provided the authorizing bodies and schools reflect the positions and principles of National PTA in charters granted and implemented. National PTA values all PTA units within or affiliated with public charter schools. Among other requirements, PTA believes that public charter schools must adhere to mechanism(s) for periodic, independent data collection and evaluation to determine alignment with provisions of the stated charter and ability to meet or exceed expectations required of non-charter public schools.

For more information about PTA's position on charter schools, please visit [Public Charter Schools Position Statement - About PTA - National PTA](#).

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# AGENDA

November 1st, 2017  
Bowerman Elementary

- Welcome
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Principal Angela Valchev
- Program by Bowerman Students
- Vote to change Council's AIM insurance coverage
- Donna Petiford, Town Hall Panel Discussion
- Sergeant At Arms – Heather Buckner
- Adjourn

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## PTA MISSION:

- The powerful voice for all children
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child

# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our November meeting is designed to bring to your awareness the “root system” that brings public education to our district. I am referring to the federal and state laws that govern public education. Consider yourself the water and sunshine to this “root system” because our voices as parents, staff, faculty, administrators, community members all affect how this “root system” grows, or stagnates. We have a voice and we have elected officials who represent us in the halls where the bills are presented and the laws are passed. They need to know what you think.

We are honored today to hear from our elected officials regarding educational issues we are facing in Missouri. Thank you very much for being here with the SCPTA! I’d like to thank Donna Petiford for moderating this Town Hall and Q&A session.

I want to offer a special welcome to our high school students who are present to experience a Town Hall, PTA style! We welcome you to check out the leadership training opportu-

nities available to students at our upcoming convention in April. You are the “S” in our PTSA. Your school’s PTSA could sponsor you to attend a MO State convention. Ask them about it. ☺

I want to give a shout out to our Units who are forging onward in their membership drives. As mentioned in September, if each Unit in

*...welcome to our high school students who are present to experience a Town Hall, PTA style!*

our Council ADDS 13 members to the number they had last year, we could be a 5,000 member strong Council! (We have 47 Units in our Council with more reinstating.) These Units have reached or passed their ‘add 13 members’ goal: **Truman, Mann, York, Cherokee, Kickapoo, Disney, Wilder, Central, and Jarrett!**

Founders Day Banquet on February 27th at Parkview will soon be upon us! Please start discussing who your unit will nominate as its Volunteer of the Year to be recognized at this banquet. You can order your tickets anytime. They will be \$16 per person or you reserve a full table of 8 for your Unit.

Check out the big map of our District attendance zones near the sign in table. It’s the season of being thankful and sharing. Would you consider mentoring or meeting with a smaller Unit looking for a few ideas to be more successful? Please email me at [president@scptamo.com](mailto:president@scptamo.com), and we can chat about some opportunities.

Talk with your Principal or your Unit President if you haven’t signed up for the Major Saver fundraiser yet. Your participation will benefit your school, your PTA/PTSA, your Council and your PTA Clothing Bank. It is a big deal for us. Hop on board!

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Smile, a lot, Becky Volz



*You can't land before you jump.  
That great feeling of landing a  
jump won't happen if you don't  
risk falling.*

Dorothy Garner  
MOPTA President-Elect



# TREASURER'S REPORT AND TIPS

## Financial Overview for September 2017

Bank Account Balances	09/01/2017	09/30/2017	Last Reconciled	Summary for the Period	
Care Fund	331.46	351.60	09/30/2017	Starting Total	136,033.28
Clothing Bank	10,594.64	10,909.26	09/23/2017	Income	2,445.46
General Operating	75,377.96	74,283.46	09/30/2017	Expenses	- 1,545.18      900.28
McBride Fund	342.03	382.19	09/30/2017	Ending Total	136,933.56
Scholarship Checking	441.19	2,061.05	09/30/2017		
Scholarship Funds Restricted	48,946.00	48,946.00	09/30/2017		
Total	136,033.28	136,933.56			

Council uses MoneyMinder to track and report financial information.

Detailed financial records are available on-line at <http://www.nonprofitcentral.biz>.

Use SCPTA as the username and SCPTA as the password.

## TIPS FOR TREASURERS

Missouri PTA has entered into a pilot program with [File990.org](http://File990.org) to provide a free platform for units and councils to efile their necessary IRS 990N or 990EZ tax forms. File990.org will send you reminder emails leading up to when you need to file your 990 form. When you click on the Complete Tax Form link in the email, you will be directed to a secure File990.org page with much

(if not all) of your form prepopulated. The prepopulated information comes directly from the IRS and is based on your PTA's EIN. If you have already filed for 2016 and are current with all filings you will NOT receive an email. It will be important for your unit to know the last email address used to file your 990N. Your unit president will get a full copy of the instructions.

## BE A UNIT IN GOOD STANDING:

These are the main elements to being a Unit in Good Standing.

1. Membership Dues (State & National) turned in regularly to state by dates required
2. SCPTA Dues of \$35 to Council by December 1st
3. Unit Annual Financial Review (formerly known as "Audit") to State Office by December 1st
4. Fiscal Year-End Report to State Office by December 1st
5. Submits a copy of the required IRS tax form to the state PTA by December 1st
6. Has bylaws approved every three years according to the procedures of the state PTA
7. Officer's list to State Office by March 31st
8. Adherence to the Purposes & basic policies of PTA

If a PTA is not in good standing, neither the unit nor the students attending the PTA's school are eligible to receive awards and recognition, e.g., membership awards, Reflections, etc.

Please note: if a unit has become "not in good standing", as soon as it has fulfilled the necessary requirements, it is again considered "in good standing". SCPTA is happy to help with any questions and get your unit in good standing.





# THE PTA CLOTHING BANK

We are so excited as the fall sock and underwear drives kick-off for the 2017-2018 school year! SPS students visited The PTA Clothing Bank over 1,000 times from August to October 2017. Students receive 5 pair of new underwear and 5 pair of new socks once during each school year. Though Springfield Council of PTAs did purchase over \$12,000 of new socks and underwear last year for 2016-2017, many more socks and underwear were sent home with SPS students. This is only possible through the hard work and generous hearts of PTA families and units as they hold clothing drives for packages of new socks and underwear!

Hickory Hills PTA held their annual sock and underwear drive in October and it was an incredible success! The 2017 Hickory Hills Undie 500 far overwhelmingly surpassed all goals and expectations for donations. PTA members invoked the spirit of the Undie 500 by collecting new packages of socks and underwear in carline with checkered flags and curbside drop off for donations. Waving checkered flags in car line helped "draw attention" to the socks and undie drive and also served as a fun way to get the kiddos included in this service project. The week-long Undie 500 collected 646 pairs of new socks and underwear!

Hickory Hills Undie 500's collection of 646 pairs of new socks and underwear will provide approximately 65 SPS students at The Clothing Bank. The 2017 Undie 500 almost tripled the donations from the prior year.

Kendall Bennett, Hickory Hills Charitable Committee Chairperson for the last two Undie 500 drives, reported that they used all the traditional social media, announcements and flyers to promote the Undie 500 this year, but Hickory Hills also really ramped up promotion of the Undie 500 with both video shared on Facebook and by engaging PTA members in discussions

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## NOVEMBER WORK ASSIGNMENTS:

- 2: Hillcrest, Reed, Pleasant View, Robberson, Bowerman, Williams, Watkins, Fremont, and Truman
- 4\* Saturday: *ALL units and volunteers welcome!*
- 9: Central, Pipkin, Westport, Study, Campbell, Bissett, York, Weaver, Boyd, Weller, and Greenwood
- 16: Kickapoo, Cherokee, Wilson's Creek, Mann, Jeffries, Disney, Harrison, McBride, and Gray
- 30: Parkview, Jarrett, Carver, Cowden, Sherwood, Holland, Sunshine, Delaware, Rountree, McGregor, Twain, and Portland

2017-2018 Full Year Schedule available as PDF for download from Council webpage:  
<https://scptamo.com/special-funds-and-projects/the-pta-clothing-bank/unit-work-schedule/>

## THE PURPOSE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:

Every member has rights equal to every other member.

The will of the majority must be carried out, and the rights of the minority must be preserved.

The minority has the right to be heard, but once a decision has been

reached by a majority of the members present and voting, the minority must then respect and abide by the decision.

A quorum must be present to do business—this number is usually stated in the bylaws.



Silence is consent—those members who do not vote agree to go along with the decision of the majority by their silence.

Please visit the council website. Look under Pages for more Parliamentary Tips.

## THE PTA CLOTHING BANK *continued from previous page...*



about the drive at monthly PTA meetings. Kendall created the WeVideo interview of Patty Dunn, The PTA Clothing Bank Chairperson. The interview took place at the clothing bank and explained the importance of these donations and

how each donation directly helps a SPS student be ready for school.

Ms. Bennett is also a classroom teacher and has taught for 13 years working with students ranging from preschool to middle school. She reminds us that “there is not a need these kids have that cannot be addressed by our generosity and commitment to meet their most basic of needs. Bringing awareness to the needs of our students is just the first step, the next is to encourage and provide our community the opportunity to serve our students outside of the walls of the school.”

Thank you, Hickory Hills PTA and Ms. Bennett, for an incredible 2017 Undie 500!

Many other units are planning unique and beautiful clothing drives for The PTA Clothing Bank needs. Some are working on donations of more sock and underwear (we can never have enough!) and some on

other needs like pajamas and comfort items. PLEASE send us your success stories and share your unit’s ideas. We would love to share on Facebook and here in SCPTA newsletter.

We have also heard that MOPTA will be sharing stories from Springfield in upcoming issues of the Missouri PTA state newsletter, so keep an eye out for stories featuring Springfield PTA units.

Current needs are for boys and girls long pants, especially athletic style pull-on pants in sizes 6-16. Athletic shoes in good condition are also in high demand. And as cooler weather is here, HOODIES, HOODIES, HOODIES will be needed in all sizes. Volunteers are welcome to come any day that the clothing bank is open. We appreciate clothing bank chairpersons at each school recruiting volunteers for their work days, too!





# Kiwanis®

## Club of Ozark Empire

**68th  
Annual**



Give apples as a gift to someone special & cash donations are welcome!

### What is Apples for Shoes?



Since 1952, the Ozark Empire Kiwanis Club has given over 31,000 new pairs of shoes to school children in the R-12 School District.

**Help us continue this proud tradition!**

See order form below for details on placing an order or use the form to place an order with a club member.

(Gala/Fuji available in ½ and full case: Premium of \$5 ½ and \$10 full)

**Thank you for your order of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Delivery: November 15, 2017**

**\$30** - Buys TWO (2) pairs of new shoes AND you receive ONE (1) Kiwanis Shoe Buddy Gift Box (8 Washington Red Delicious Apples, Hershey (R) Chocolates, hard candy, and a gift letter)

**\$40** - Buys TWO (2) pairs of new shoes AND you receive a HALF case of Washington Apples (44 count Red or Golden Delicious)

**\$75** - Buys FOUR (4) pairs of new shoes AND you receive ONE case of Washington Apples (88 count Red or Gold Delicious)

**\$100** - Buys SIX (6) pairs of new shoes AND you receive FOUR (4) Kiwanis Shoe Buddy Gift Boxes

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

## Apples for Shoes Order Form

\$30	Shoe Buddy Gift Box (8 apples, chocolate, and hard candy)
\$40	Half case of apples (44 count Red or Golden Delicious)
\$75	Full case of apples (88 count Red or Golden Delicious)
\$100	4 Shoe Buddy Gift Boxes (best value!)

Donation Only (No apples) • Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

You can make a purchase by any of the following methods:

- Scramblers Restaurant on Republic Road at National.
- Perkins Restaurant on Sunshine.
- To place an order by phone, leave a message at (417) 885-9191
- To place an order online, visit: [www.kiwanisshoebuddy.org](http://www.kiwanisshoebuddy.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City if different than Springfield: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address if different from Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

If Gift, Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Kiwanis Club of Ozark Empire is a not-for-profit organization under IRS Section 501(c) (4). Please consult your tax advisor as to the deductibility of any payments made to the Club.

**Orders may be mailed to: Kiwanis Club of Ozark Empire • P.O. Box 5032 • Springfield, MO 65801**





## SCHOOL PROTECTION SAFETY COMMITTEE

The School Protection Safety Committee met on October 12, 2017 at the Transportation Management Center. The SGF Yields pedestrian safety campaign continues to place Mr. Walker and the heart-shaped yield signs throughout the Springfield area. A pedestrian safety education event will take place during school next week at Fremont Elementary. PTA units can help educate students in their schools and raise awareness to help improve walkers safety.

Visit <http://www.springfieldmo.gov/sgfyields> for more information and resources to use within your schools. The pedestrian safety seminar is currently also being revamped to incorporate the SGF Yields theme.

When you see Mr Walker or the heart-shaped SGF Yields caution signs, snap a pic and post to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Please remember to tag SCPTA!

#SGFyields #ptaproud #sctamo #spsproud



## STATE/NATIONAL PTA CONVENTIONS

**MO/KS State Convention 2018** will be held at Stoney Creek Hotel in Independence, MO on April 28-29, 2018. State and National Leaders will be coming to train and present to us. It's going to be very exciting this year.

Estimated Cost to attend Convention, Plan Now!  
 Convention Ticket \$165  
 Hotel \$250 (Sleeps 2-4)  
 Meals \$50  
 \$300 a weekend per person to attend

How many business memberships would it take for you to go?

\$25 - \$5.50 (state & national fees) = \$19.50  
 \$300 / \$19.50 = 16 Business Memberships

**National Convention 2018** will be in New Orleans on June 21-24, 2018.

Check your budgets and get your funding approved to go this year!

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Applications for Charlie Nickel CARE Fund from principals of Elementary Schools need to be submitted by December 15th.

Gertrude McBride Fund applications from principals of Middle and High Schools also need to be submitted by December 15th.

## SAVE THE DATE

SCPTA Founders' Day Banquet is coming up on **February 27, 2018** at Parkview High School. We hold this event each year to celebrate our volunteers, past and present. Units, start thinking about your Volunteer of the Year who will be honored that evening.



# ADVOCACY

## What is advocacy?

PTA® defines advocacy as supporting and speaking up for children—in schools, in communities, and before legislative bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

## What an advocate does

A child advocate works with policy makers (at the federal, state, and local levels) to ensure sound policies that promote the health and well-being of all children.

Stay informed with advocacy resources on the SCPTA website: <http://scptamo.com/category/advocacy-legislation>.

## Communicating With Elected Officials

There are several ways that PTA recommends you can connect with your elected officials. First and foremost, know who they are and how to reach them. Keep a list of all of your state and federal representatives and senators handy so that as issues arise, you are ready to connect. Emails, phone calls and personal visits are among the best and most effective means of communicating with these decision makers. Emails are easy and effective, while phone calls are especially efficient when an important vote is coming up. By far, the most impressive communication is a personal visit, not only does this make the message personal, it helps build relationships and establishes you as someone who can be a resource to that member of congress or the state legislature on issues important to children.

Keep in mind these tips when contacting elected officials:

### E-Mail

Emails should contain the basics of effective, professional letter writing. Do not use abbreviations, trendy letter combinations or symbols to make your message heard. Have another person proofread your letter before you send it. Use spell check if available, and copy others that need or want to be kept informed of the situation. If a legislator wants to print your email, you want a document that will get the respect it deserves. National PTA will provide a template letter with requests for action, however, it is important that you personalize these letters so that your audience knows where you stand on the issue and why this is important to you. (I've been told by my representative that he can spot a form letter, so the more you can make the template sound like you—the better). Anonymous communications are not read so don't forget to include your name and title, address, phone number and email address on all communication.

### Phone Calls

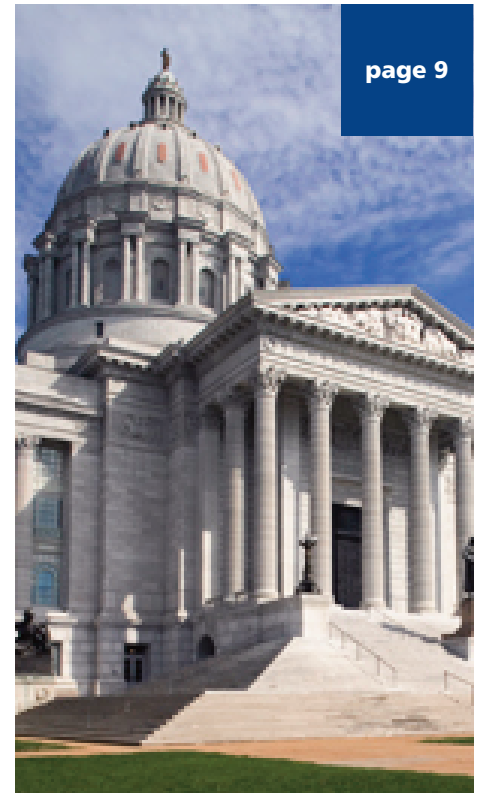
Before you place your call, remember that it is not the member of Congress themselves answering the phone; it will most likely be a legislative staff member with whom you speak. Make sure to prepare beforehand for your call. Make notes of particular legislation and research for each issue. Identify yourself as one of the member's constituents and explain to the staff member what it is you are calling about and

what action you would like to see taken.

### Personal Visits

Meeting in person to discuss a particular bill or issue is the BEST way to influence your legislator. Prepare for your visit beforehand, make an appointment ahead of time and arrive promptly. Always be respectful in your tone and language and present yourself in a professional manner.

Whether your communication is by email, phone or in person, always be polite, courteous and concise. Take time to thank these public servants for their service to your community and try to illustrate the connection between the legislation being voted on in Washington or Jefferson City with the effects it will have locally. This will help bring the point home to the member and provide further encouragement for their office to take your requests and concerns seriously. Remember, they were elected by a vote of the people and are where they are to represent you. If presented well, you will find that these elected officials will welcome your advice.





# PROGRAMS

## RIF – READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

**2017 Theme: “Investigate Reading – How do things work?”**

We will be having the Poster Contest, details were sent in 1st Book Distribution Box.

Thank YOU to Cherokee, Disney and Harrison PTAs for sending in RIF donations this month! Keep those donations coming as we so appreciate your support!

First Book Distribution was a huge success on October 17th. We are so thankful for all the wonderful volunteers that came out to sort books. We also had Natalie Precise with her students from DSTA (Drury Student Teacher Association) rally with us sorting books. This made the event so much fun!

Next Book Distribution Volunteer Dates

Second Book Distribution: January 16, 2018, 9:00 am

Third Book Distribution: April 17th, 2018, 9:00 am

### **Christmas Parade Cookie Bake Sale on Dec 9th Fundraiser**

Mark your calendars for December 7th, 8th and 9th if you LOVE to Bake, we will be at the University Heights Baptist Church baking 100 plus dozen cookies. Come for an hour or all day, we would love to have you.

December 7th – Baking Day starting around 2:30

December 8th – Sorting, Packaging and Delivering Cookies

December 9th – Selling Cookies at the Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade

2017 Cookie Order Forms are ready for Christmas 2017 and will be posted on the SCPTAMO.com site. Please keep RIF in mind as you plan your holidays for some of the RIF famous traditional cookies. They make great teacher recognition gifts, office parties, and are perfect for family gatherings. Order Early and beat the Christmas Rush! See order form on back cover. If your office or school has orders of 3 or more trays or orders for multiple bags of cookies, we can make arrangements for delivery on Friday afternoon,

December 8, to your office or school. Contact RIF to make arrangements.

We are now able to accept donations electronically through PayPal. Log into PayPal, Click “Donations”, Enter “RIFSpringfieldMO”, and enter your credit card for the amount of the donation..

There is a donation link added to the SCPTAMO.com website under the RIF section.

When mailing in a check donation please send to the following address:

Reading is Fundamental of Springfield, Inc.  
PO Box 11253 G S  
Springfield, MO 65808  
rifspringfieldmo@gmail.com  
417-880-6073



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### REFLECTIONS

**Theme for 2017-2018 – “Within Reach”**

**[www.mopta.org/reflections/](http://www.mopta.org/reflections/)**

**Dance, Film Production, Literature, , Music  
Composition, Photography, Visual Arts**

Our Collection date is almost “within reach”. I look forward to seeing what our Springfield school’s have created this year. We will be collecting at The Creamery, 411 N Sherman Parkway, Springfield, MO 65802 on November 14, 5:30-7:30pm.

Please submit to me your top three picks in each of the categories. Make sure that all your signatures and the proper wrapping are on each art piece.

Take time now to register your PTA Unit Now for Reflections:

Missouri PTA

<https://mopta.org/reflections/>

Deadline Dec 1st, 2017

National PTA

<https://www.pta.org/reflections>

Deadline Feb 1st, 2018

Local Springfield Showcase and Awards Ceremony – Bring the whole family to see your school’s art-work on display January 21st, 2:00 pm, Awards Ceremony at Battlefield Mall (JC Penny’s entrance) (showcase will be open from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [aaronmrاد@yahoo.com](mailto:aaronmrاد@yahoo.com) or (417) 619-7533. Aaron Mrad, SCPTA Reflections Chair

### 4TH GRADE PLAY

Now Scheduled: Elf Jr The Musical

This year we are scheduling 2,000 plus 4th Graders to be bussed to the Springfield Little Theatre to see the “Elf Jr. The Musical”. Springfield Little Theatre will be presenting special daytime performances on December 5th & 6th (2 shows a day 9:30 am & 1:00 am).

It’s such a great opportunity for all of our 4th Grade students to be exposed to great literature in our local community.



Parents have breakfast once a month before school and activities after school. It’s proven that when Parents are engaged with school. Kids learn more and perform better in school. **Check out the photos on the next page!**

**SCPTA All Pro Dads/Watch D.O.G.S. Dads’  
Chair: Cortney Montano**

**[acgd2331@gmail.com](mailto:acgd2331@gmail.com)**. If you have an All Pro Dads or Watch D.O.G.S. Unit at your school, please email Cortney. We are gathering names and email information. Thank you.



## PHOTOS FROM HARRISON, JEFFRIES AND McBRIDE ALL PRO DADS AND WATCH D.O.G.S.



Top 3 photos (left to right):  
McBride All Pro Dads.

Middle 2 photos (left & right):  
Jeffries Watch D.O.G.S.

Bottom photo:  
Harrison All Pro Dads

your Unit  
can  
do it,  
too!



## PROGRAMS *continued from previous page...*



Children's Grief Awareness Month was born out of the spirit of community. During the month of November, YOU can show your support for those who are grieving. You can stand alongside those who are doing the difficult work of rebuilding their lives, and let them know you see them, you hear them and you care. When families enter our doors, they come to grieve and to remember. Although their hearts are broken, they find the support they need to begin the process of rebuilding, arm in arm with others who have experienced similar losses. Stay tuned to Lost & Found Grief Center on Facebook and [www.lostandfoundozarks.com](http://www.lostandfoundozarks.com) for more details about how to get involved.



## STEM + FAMILIES

### Science•Technology•Engineering•Math

- STEM +Families (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) #PTA4STE
- Engineers, Scientist, Crafters, hobbies, experiments, projects
- Ages K – 6th Grade recommended
- One career per night, Suggest Math Toolkit as your first event
- Volunteers to Run booths – High School Kids, Teachers, STEAM Volunteers (Maker Faire of the Ozarks – The Ozarks SySTEAMic Coalition)
- Inexpensive way to gain Family Engagement and FUN!
- Passport stamp at each table for Door Prize at end!!! Parents included!
- FOOD!
- OPEN Chair Position
- THINKFUN Complete a Survey for a chance to WIN 48 Free Learning Games including all age levels, what a great way to have a family fun game night at your school, Winners chosen at random so get those entries in ASAP.
- Two Great website for reference that list Grants Opportunities across the US, see if you are eligible and apply: [www.stemfinity.com](http://www.stemfinity.com) and [www.digitalwish.com](http://www.digitalwish.com).

If you are an individual that is familiar with writing Grants and would like to assist some of the schools writing their submittals, please contact me at [programs@scptamo.com](mailto:programs@scptamo.com). They would love the help!



# Annual Parade of Cookies—2017

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL OF SPRINGFIELD will have homemade holiday cookies for sale in December in conjunction with the Christmas Parade on Dec. 9th in downtown Springfield. Cookies may be ordered to be picked up on Friday at 309 E. Water St., or at the PenMac building on South Street at the Parade. They may be ordered by the tray or purchased by the 1/2 dozen. Some of the types of cookies available will be: *Some like your grandma made, some geared to kids,*

(Mark how many 1/2 dozen of each you want to order)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Chip Cookies | <input type="checkbox"/> molasses cookies                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snickerdoodles         | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorated Sugar cookies                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spritz                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oatmeal cookies                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gingerbread people     | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter Cookies or Peanut blossoms |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Crackles                       |

**Cookies are \$2.00 a half dozen (6) in bags or  
a tray of 4 dozen on decorative plate/tray for \$20**

*Please print clearly in black ink to fax—*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Trays of cookies: 2 dozen on tray \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each. = \$

4 dozen on tray \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each = \$

Call or email that specific request to Peggy Stepp 417-880-6073 or at [rifspringfieldmo@gmail.com](mailto:rifspringfieldmo@gmail.com)

1/2 dozen cookies ordered in bags: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 each = \$

Total order amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for orders is noon on Thursday Dec. 7 by fax 417-863-7825 or phone 417-880-6073 or copy and fill out and scan and send to [rifspringfield@gmail.com](mailto:rifspringfield@gmail.com). Some made up trays will be available on Saturday.**

Reading is Fundamental of Springfield is a local not-for-profit organization connected to National RIF. We provide free books three times a year to every 1st and 2nd grade student in Springfield schools. In the 30 years we have been in Springfield we have given away over 400,000 books.



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