



Major Saver Fundraiser

Happy New Year, everyone! Jennifer Penny here, your VP of Organization & Development, with a friendly request that if you haven't already:

Please consider signing up right away for the Major Saver Fundraiser!

Every year we look for a fundraising program that is easy to implement; safe for children; and one that will reap great financial rewards for participating schools and the Council. We believe this is the BEST way for all of us to benefit without adding any workload to our school principals or PTA/PTSA presidents and volunteers.

Very Import to All of Us—this fundraiser is the **ONE AND ONLY** means the Council has to fund

ALL of the projects and programs that we all—presidents, principals, officers and volunteers—decided were important to us, as a Council, all those years ago.

Major Saver offers a 100% turnkey program and manages everything from kick-off to final payment. And, Major Saver will contribute \$200 to the Clothing Bank for each school that participates. This contribution can add more than \$3000 to the monies available to the Clothing Bank for clothes purchases!

Won't you please sign up and become a part of this very important fundraising opportunity today? The fundraiser won't begin until March, but we need to get everything lined up right away. Thank you so much!

To sign up, please contact Jennifer Penny at maxandmecompamy@gmail.com.



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PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA is to be

- 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**

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all! Thank you for all the hard work you put into making our schools a better place for children and families. I know it seems like our work goes unnoticed sometimes. However, if you look around at all the positive things PTA/PTSA units are doing, you'll see YOU are making a big impact. At the SCPTA level you are making the clothing bank, RIF, 4th grade play etc. possible for our kids with your donations and volunteer hours. Keep up the great work!

• As far as the New Year goes, there are still a lot of great opportunities to be involved in PTA! Below is a list of SCPTA New Year opportunities for and your PTA members:

- Get involved with the new spring membership challenge-Invite a friend to join PTA!
- Attend the Reflections Showcase at the Battlefield Mall on January 18th, 1-4 p.m. Volunteers needed for set up and clean up.
- Sign up to help SCPTA next year on a committee or as a board member. Contact Jeremiah Mee if you are interested in being on the board. We are a fun group:)
- Purchase Tickets to the PTA Founders' Day Banquet on March 5th. Send in your Volunteer of the year too, so that special person can be recognized at the Banquet.
- Volunteer at the Clothing Bank!!! Opening Day is January 15th. Donations needed, especially small boy's and girl's pants.
- Sign up to sell Major Saver Cards for the SCPTA Spring fundraiser to help support all of the programs of the Council which in turn supports your kiddos and make some extra money for your own school.

• Attend the SCPTA monthly meeting to keep up to date with all the upcoming events and possibly win attendance incentives for your unit.

• Regularly check our website SCPTAMO.com and Facebook for due dates, updates and event dates!

Have a Happy New PTA Year!!

Sincerely,

Patty Dunn, President SCPTA

P.S. The next SCPTA General meeting is February 4th at Bingham Elementary. Don't forget to elect your nominating committee this month!

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"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

Oprah Winfrey



The world would be a better place is...

Thank you to all who helped make Reflections a success at all of our schools! The showcase is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 3:00 at Battlefield Mall in front of JC Penney. Please come out to show your support and enjoy the displays! Listed below are the winners at the council level:

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Name	Grade	School	Place
Primary			
Lachlan McKinney	2	Greenwood	2nd
Thomas Klepper	K	Roundtree	1st
Intermediate			
Hannah Young	3	Roundtree	HM
Elain Klepper	4	Roundtree	3rd
Luke Prescott	4	Greenwood	2nd
Lily Prescott	5	Sequiota	1st
Gavin Fox Duncan	5	Greenwood	HM
Middle School			
Samantha Thomas	6	Jarrett	HM
Benjamin Lee Brake	8	Jarrett	3rd
Faith Nelson	6	Jarrett	1st
John Daniel Georgiades	7		2nd
High School			
Nicholas Waldron	12	Kickapoo	1st

LITERATURE

Name	Grade	School	Place
Primary			
Aiden Burgstahler	1	Greenwood	1st
Annabel Scholz	2	Pershing	2nd
Alex Zhang	3	Greenwood	3rd
Shriya Miller	1	Greenwood	HM
Benjamin Loughary	1	Sherwood	HM
Quinn Smith	2	Sunshine	HM
Ashley Bryant	2	Wanda Gray	HM
Intermediate			
Devin Horst	3	Sherwood	1st
Kyra Bombardier	3	Horace Mann	2nd
Lyida Schildknecht	3	Sherwood	3rd
Vanssa Mott	3	Horace Mann	HM

Middle School

Janelle Joswick	7	Pershing	1st
Sarah Foote	6	Cherokee	2nd
Kourtney Honey	7	Pershing	3rd
Ashley Carroll	7	Jarrett	HM
Ariana Eskew	7	Central	HM
Lawlli Manes	7	Central	HM
Garrett Perryman	6	Cherokee	HM
Jacob Sharp	7	Central	HM
Jaya Checkley	6	Pershing	HM

High School

Sujeong Park	12	Greenwood	1st
Erin Bachus	12	Glendale	2nd
Grace Watson	11	Greenwood	3rd
Sarah Cummings	10	Greenwood	HM

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

Name	Grade	School	Place
Middle School			
Kaya Higgs	6	Greenwood	1st
Abigail Heidemann	6	Greenwood	2nd
High School			
Katherine English	10	Central	1st

FILM

Name	Grade	School	Place
Intermediate			
Eve Manary	5	Roundtree	1st
Middle School			
Nikoloas Noonan	6		1st
Ella Lippelman	6	Cherokee	2nd
McKenna Fink	6	Cherokee	3rd
High school			
Christopher Mitchell	11	Greenwood	1st

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Treasurer Information for December 2014 Springfield Council of PTAs

Bank Account Overview		
Account	Last Reconciled	Current Balance
Care Fund	12/31/2014	\$ 1,193.18
Clothing Bank	12/31/2014	\$ 5,633.30
General	12/31/2014	\$ 60,662.86
Gertrude McBride Fund	12/31/2014	\$ 5,897.34
Scholarship Checking	12/31/2014	\$ 3,783.99
Scholarship Funds Restricted	12/31/2014	\$ 46,301.00
Total		\$ 123,471.67



Financial Overview with Comparison to Budget for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2014

	ACTUAL			BUDGET			
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	More/-Less
01 Fundraising Projects	0.00	750.00	-750.00	13,250.00	3,250.00	10,000.00	-10,750.00
02 Other Income	1,837.66	0.00	1,837.66	1,925.00	0.00	1,925.00	-87.34
03 Special Funds	10,709.46	24,110.94	-13,401.48	10,900.00	16,500.00	-5,600.00	-7,801.48
04 Administrative	0.00	709.60	-709.60	0.00	2,395.00	-2,395.00	1,685.40
05 Contributions	0.00	5,240.00	-5,240.00	0.00	9,675.00	-9,675.00	4,435.00
06 Leadership/Service to Units	608.00	96.98	511.02	3,500.00	6,800.00	-3,300.00	3,811.02
07 Officers' Training	0.00	348.00	-348.00	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	3,652.00
08 Programs	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	5,350.00	-5,350.00	350.00
09 Awards/Recognition	0.00	485.60	-485.60	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00	864.40
Total	13,155.12	36,741.12	-23,586.00	29,575.00	49,320.00	-19,745.00	-3,841.00

Detailed financial records are available on-line at <http://www.nonprofitcentral.biz>. Use SCPTA as the username and SCPTA as the password.

Reading is Fundamental

The next RIF distribution will be Wednesday, February 11, at Tefft.

A BIG Thank You to the following PTAs/PTSAs:
Hickory Hills Elementary, Jeffries, McBride,

Mann and Truman. Your support of the RIF Program is critical to the ongoing operation of the service to our first and second graders. Thank you so much!



Reflections Winners *continued from page 3*

PHOTOGRAPHY

Name	Grade	School	Place
Primary			
Julia Rosa	1	Sherwood	1st
Benjamin Thornton	2	Sunshine	2nd
Elizabeth Mrad	1	Sunshine	3rd
Alexander Thornton	1	Sunshine	HM
Anna Le	1	Greenwood	HM
Anna Le	1	Greenwood	HM
Harlee Hay	1	Pershing	HM
Intermediate			
Andrew Le	3	Greenwood	1st
Ellie Inmon	4	Sequionta	2nd
Andrew Le	3	Greenwood	3rd
Andrew Le	3	Greenwood	HM
Middle School			
Jessamyn Baker	7	Greenwood	1st
Hailey Youngblood	6	Central	2nd
Kate McCarville	6	Cherokee	3rd
Jack Shuler	7	Greenwood	HM
Evelyn VorDerBerg	7	Central	HM
Jonah Hemingway	7	Pershing	HM
High School			
Haley Snow	12	Kickapoo	1st
Cora Gonder	12	Kickapoo	2nd
Hannah Ledesma	11	Greenwood	3rd
Rachel Haenni	12	Kickapoo	HM
Shelby Sechler	11	Greenwood	HM

Camdyn Hart	2	Homace Mann	HM
Birdie Johnson	1	Roundtree	HM
Sarah Mostyn	2	Pershing	HM
Kyla Risberg	K	Disney	HM
Intermediate			
Mable Johnson	5	Roundtree	1st
Shelby Epperly	3	Pleasant View	2nd
Karson Feuerbacher	5	Greenwood	3rd
Delainey Wylie	4	Disney	HM
Tess Hutter	5	Greenwood	HM
Nathan Lovelace	4	Horace Mann	HM
Tabby Bartes	4	Horance Mann	HM
Middle School			
Abigail Tuck	7	Jarrett	1
Emnie Harris	7	Central	2nd
Leeann Cantrell	6	Central	3rd
Scotlyn Belew	8	Cherokee	HM
Kaden Ray	8	Pershing	HM
Joseph Nguyen	6	Jarrett	HM
Hailey Youngblood	6	Central	HM
High School			
Charlotte May	11	Kickapoo	1st
Hannah Duckworth	11	Kickapoo	2nd
Julie Sharpe	9	Central	3rd
Angel Deno	10	Central	HM
Miranda Moch	10	Central	HM
Emma Sullivan	12	Greenwood	HM
Faith Morgan	12	Kickapoo	HM

VISUAL ARTS

Name	Grade	School	Place
Primary			
Jaylen Green	1	Sherwood	1st
Ebbie Wand	K	Disney	2nd
Addison Adams	2	Sunshine	3rd

Special Artist

Name	Grade	School	Place
Shelby Packwood	5	Horace Mann	1st
Ethan Webster	5	Horace Mann	2nd
Patrick Strong	5	Horace Mann	3rd

Congratulations to all, and thanks so much to everyone for your hard work and participation!

Remember the Reflections' Showcase this Sunday, January 18, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 3:00 at Battlefield Mall in front of JC Penney!

From the Parliamentarian

FAQ – THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Can a member of the nominating committee be considered for an officer position?

Yes. Members of the nominating committee may be considered for office. When the committee is discussing that individual, he/she should step out of the room.

THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- The nominating committee is assigned the task of finding the best possible candidate to recommend for each of the offices to be filled. Such recommendations are based on objective evaluation of the needs of the PTA.
- The committee should have copies of the bylaws, membership list, a realistic description of the duties of each office, and a nominating committee procedure guide.
- The committee reviews the bylaws for the offices to be filled, any qualifications to be met and term limits.
- The list of current officers who have not exceeded their term limits is reviewed. When the bylaws state that officers may serve more than one term, re-election to a second term of office is not automatic. Such people may be asked to serve again if their work has been satisfactory and their skills are not needed elsewhere.
- The committee may accept recommendations from any number of sources, such as from current officers, members, principal, etc. The committee should be careful not to make any promises to any potential candidate, but should acknowledge that the recommendations will simply be considered.
- The committee should review all possible candidates for all positions, including new members. Candidates should be objectively considered based upon their experience, qualifications, ability to work with others, and sufficient time to do the job. The committee should not start by asking each other "What office do you want?" They should not select people due to friendships or to avoid hurt feelings.
- The deliberations of the committee are **completely confidential**, so committee members should be able to speak freely regarding their concerns. Members of the committee may be considered for office. While that person is being

discussed, they should step out of the room.

- The committee should decide their list of nominees by voting among themselves, and the use of written ballots is highly recommended.
- The committee should obtain the consent of each potential candidate **after** the committee has agreed upon the candidate. When asking someone to accept a nomination **do not** downplay the responsibilities of the job. Likewise, do not say "we are having trouble filling this position" ...even if this is true, would you accept the job no one else will take? Instead, remind the potential candidate that the Nominating Committee feels they are the best person for this position.

NO NOMINEES

- If a nominee for an office cannot be found, the committee must continue to function until a suitable candidate is found or until the election.
- If a candidate withdraws prior to the election, the nominating committee must resume its search for an appropriate candidate.
- If a person is elected to office and later withdraws, the filling of the office is handled as listed on the bylaws for any vacancy in office, usually by the officers of the board.

THE REPORT

- The report of the nominating committee lists one (1) candidate for each office, in writing, and is signed by the members of the committee.
- If a suitable candidate for any office cannot be found, that office should be listed as "open". If a suitable candidate is found prior to the election a revised report is issued.
- The bylaws specify if the report is to be published before the election or if it's presented at the time of the election.
- At the time of the election additional nominations may be made from the floor.

A 6-Part Parliamentary Procedure video is now available for viewing under the "Members Only" section of the Missouri PTA website. Use 'Diversity' as the password and 'means' as the username to access this information. Access this video on the drop down menu under "Videos".

Clothing Bank

Don't forget—we still need volunteers every Thursday from 2:30-5 p.m. at The Clothing Bank. Because of our loss of one of our chairs the need is even greater. If we don't have enough volunteers every week we won't be able to open our doors! Thanks in advance for your commitment to help.

January Schedule

- 15 Hillcrest, Reed, Pleasant View, Robberson, Bowerman, Williams, Watkins, Fremont, Truman, Greenwood
- 22 Parkview, Jarrett, Carver, Cowden, Sherwood, Holland, Sunshine, Delaware, Rountree, McGregor, Twain, Portland

- 29 Kickapoo, Cherokee, Wilson's Creek, Mann, Jeffries, Disney, Harrison, McBride, Gray

Immediate Needs

Girls' pants in sizes 4-18
Sweats
Athletic pants
Jeans
Leggings
Etc.

2015-16 Teacher of the Year nominations

Nominations will be accepted until Jan. 30!

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year. To nominate a teacher for this honor, simply complete the nomination form and include a brief statement of why you feel the nominee deserves recognition.

The nomination form, which you can download at is easy to complete and can be submitted by a student, parent, co-worker or supervisor. Teachers can even nominate themselves. Just fill out the pertinent information and explain in 100 words or less why you are nominating the individual.

Go to [www.springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org/pages/SPSMO/News/Teacher of the Year nomination](http://www.springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org/pages/SPSMO/News/Teacher%20of%20the%20Year%20nomination) to download nomination form. All nominations will be kept confidential.

Return the completed form by Friday, Jan. 30, to Denise Voorhees in Human Resources via school mail, fax (523-0197) or e-mail to devoorhees@spsmail.org. Nominees will be notified by Feb. 6.

The 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year will be named Monday, April 20th, at the annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet, hosted by Foundation for Springfield Public Schools. The winner may also be considered for Missouri Teacher of the Year.

The following state criteria must be met by all applicants:

Candidate is willing to model effective teaching practices and be videotaped.

Candidate will complete a state application packet.

Candidate has at least four years of teaching experience in Springfield Public Schools.

Candidate is willing to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the district through public speaking and/or appearances.



Founders' Day Banquet

A Night of Inspiration Beyond the Horizon

Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Hosted by Kickapoo High School

Tickets: \$16 per person

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH!!!

Contact name: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Unit _____ # Attending _____ @ \$16 each _____

Check # _____ Please make checks payable to **SCPTAs. Founders' Day on memo line.**

An email confirmation will be sent to you when ticket order is received in lieu of paper ticket!

Schools are seated together according to date of purchase, so purchase early for best seating!

Mail order form and check to Jeremiah Mee, Founders' Day Banquet, 1410 E. Kearney, Suite D, Springfield, MO 65803.

Tickets may also be purchased at the February Council Meeting!

SILENT AUCTION!!!

Kickapoo will be holding a silent auction at the banquet this year to **raise money for The PTA Clothing Bank!** The auction will feature fine art by local artists and student artists. Other items will include music lessons, dining certificates, show tickets and other donations from entertainment venues in our community. If you'd like to contribute, Kickapoo PTSA will be accepting donations until Friday, February 27th!

The best part about this auction is, not only can you bid with money, but also with volunteer time for The Clothing Bank. Contact Jonna Howes at 818-310-7349 or JonnaHowes@gmail.com for more information or to donate.

PTA/PTSA Volunteers of the Year

As we know, PTA would not exist without its wonderful volunteers. This is the time to put them in the spotlight! We would like each school to submit the name of an outstanding PTA volunteer for their school. This person should be someone who has personified the PTA mission by giving of his or her time unselfishly. We would like each school to submit the name of an **Outstanding Volunteer's Name, Digital Photo (in jpg format), PTA/PTSA Unit and Unit President** to Carrie Windes at crgraphics@sbcglobal.net NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 19TH!!! Also, please include a **simple, short statement** from volunteer about what inspires them. This is in connection with this banquet's theme--*A Night of Inspiration Beyond the Horizon*. If questions, contact Carrie by cell or text at 417-343-0893.