

Missouri PTA Legislative Platform 2014

These legislative priorities are based on the issues that the Missouri PTA Legislative Department expects to target for the 2014 legislative session. As unexpected issues emerge, Missouri PTA will act in accordance with the resolution and position statements that have been approved by the membership. A complete list of resolutions and position statements are available on our website (www.mopta.org). Missouri PTA supports:

- Legislation that protects and calls for local control of schools.
- Legislation to strengthen laws designed to protect minors from abuse and increase funding for programs and services aimed at the prevention of child abuse, neglect and maltreatment.
- Legislation that supports increased access to mental health services for children.
- Legislation that provides funding for early education programs that are developmentally appropriate, coordinate comprehensive services, and includes family engagement components for children from birth to age five.
- Opposition to tax credits or tax deductions for tuition paid by a parent or sponsors for non-public elementary or secondary school children.
- Enforcement of legislation requiring school districts to have policies that promote increased parental engagement in their children's education.
- Legislation that will maintain or generate local and state funding for public education.

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Want to Know the Inside Scoop

Don't forget to sign-up for the JC/DC (Jefferson City/Washington, DC) Network. You will receive legislative alerts and explanations of issues pertaining to children and education. Go to MOPTA.org and click on Advocacy Resources to register.

A PTA Unit in Good Standing:

- Reviews and receives approval of Bylaws by MOPTA every three years.
 - Submits the following financial information to MOPTA by 12/1/13:
 - ✓ Fiscal Year End Report
 - ✓ Annual Financial Review
 - ✓ IRS 990N or 990-EZ
 - Remits Council, State and National dues
- ★★★REWARD★★★ Full participation in Council, State and National PTA Programs and Benefits!

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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

I had the opportunity to attend the MOPTA Convention in October. It was a very rewarding weekend in so many ways. Dot Atkinson, Carrie Windes, Kim Wrinkle, Angela Knight, Mary Christiano and I all attended from SCPTA and went to workshops on many helpful topics from Membership to Common Core State Standards. I was very happy to see many officers from our Springfield PTA units attending with the goal of learning to be better officers for the benefit of our teachers and children.

The Keynote speaker at the Saturday evening meal was Dr. CJ Huff, the superintendent of Joplin schools. He was amazing and very inspirational as he told the story of the Joplin tornado and their journey to rebuild.

Our very own Donna Petiford completed her two years serving at MOPTA as President and she passed the gavel on to Kim Weber. Thank you Donna for all you have done for the Parents, Teacher and Children of Missouri. Congratulations to all the Springfield unit winners of the MOPTA awards listed below. You are outstanding PTA leaders, and I appreciate your dedication and hard work.

Parent Education & Involvement Award: Greenwood Laboratory PTA

Leaders Project class of 2013: Mary Christiano

Advocacy Through Legislation Award: Donna Petiford

Council Exclusive 100 Award: Springfield Council

Council Oak Leaf Certificate: Springfield Council

Oak Leaf Certificates: Eugene Field, Holland, Truman, & Walt Disney Elementary

100% Faculty Award: David Harrison & Walt Disney Elementary

Missouri PTA Membership Honor Roll: Pittman, Campbell, Central High School, Eugene Field, Fremont, Greenwood Elementary, Cowden, Truman, Hickory Hills Middle School, Hillcrest High School, Holland, Horace Mann, Jeffries, Jarrett Middle School, Pershing Middle School, Kickapoo High School, Mark Twain, McBride, Pleasant View Elementary & Middle School, Reed Academy, Robberson, Rountree, Sequiota, Sherwood, Truman, Walt Disney, & Watkins.

Sincerely,
Patty Dunn, President
Springfield Council of PTAs

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

Thomas Edison

Agenda

November 6th, 2013
Westport Elementary and Middle School

- I) Welcome
- II) Pledge of Allegiance
- III) Program: Westport Students
- IV) Superintendent – Dr. Norm Ridder
- V) Principal and President's Message – Mr. Gary Tew
- VI) Financial report – Jeremiah Mee
- VII) Program: Kids First Town Hall Meeting – Dot Atkinson will introduce the panel, the moderator and the rules.
- VIII) Council reports are written in the Council News due to the Town Hall meeting.
- IX) New business
- X) Sergeant at Arms – Kirk Elmquist
- XI) Adjourn

Reflections–Believe, Dream, Inspire

Drop Off Date: Monday, Dec. 2, at Brentwood Library from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Reflections Showcase: Sunday, Jan. 19, at Battlefield Mall from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with awards at 3:00.



Thanks to all for your hard work getting the local entries ready!

Questions? Contact Jana Hansen at 918-346-0112 or tennismom7@gmail.com.

Reading is Fundamental



Our next distribution will be Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, from 9:00 until noon at Tefft. Thanks to all volunteers for their time on this worthwhile project.

We are in the process of ordering books for the next distribution(s). If you would like to help us with a donation, please mail donations to RIF of Springfield, Inc., P.O. Box 11253, Springfield, MO 65808.

Questions? Contact Beth Finke at 887-8820 or bethfinke@hotmail.com.

4th Grade Play

Thanks to all for a successful two days at the Little Theater! Our 4th graders LOVED *The Little Mermaid*! It was a wonderful opportunity for all our students to be exposed to such a great art.

Tips for Treasurers

ALL units are required to file a tax return with IRS by **November 15, 2013** for the tax year 2012 (2012-2013 school years). **File a 990-N (electronically) if gross receipts are less than \$50,000. File a 990-EZ and a Schedule A if gross receipts are more than \$50,000.**

The following documents are due to Missouri PTA on December 1, 2013:

- ⌚ Year-End Financial Reports
- ⌚ Copy of Annual Financial Review (audit)
- ⌚ Copy of IRS Form 990-N or 990-EZ

Missouri PTA must receive these documents for your unit to be a "Unit in Good Standing". Your unit must be in good standing to participate in Reflections and Membership Awards.

Bank Account Overview

Account	Last Reconciled	Current MM Balance
CARE Checking	9/30/2013	\$ 2,961.90
Clothing Bank Checking	9/30/2013	\$ 17,124.98
General Checking	9/30/2013	\$ 75,811.49
McBride Checking	9/30/2013	\$ 7,362.68
Scholarship Checking	9/30/2013	\$ 1,729.60
Z Scholarship CD (Restricted)	9/30/2013	\$ 46,301.00
Total:		\$ 151,291.65



Financial Overview

	<u>ACTUAL</u>			<u>BUDGET</u>			
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	More/-Less
01 Fundraising Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	-21,000.00
02 Other Income	334.87	0.00	334.87	5,860.00	0.00	5,860.00	-5,525.13
03 Special Funds	19,050.00	12,290.23	6,759.77	21,350.00	23,850.00	-2,500.00	9,259.77
04 Administrative	15.00	550.00	-535.00	0.00	2,435.00	-2,435.00	1,900.00
05 Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,875.00	-8,875.00	8,875.00
06 Leadership/Service to Units	80.00	173.05	-93.05	3,500.00	5,100.00	-1,600.00	1,506.95
07 Officers' Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,150.00	-4,150.00	4,150.00
08 Programs	251.07	0.00	251.07	0.00	5,850.00	-5,850.00	6,101.07
09 Awards / Recognition	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	1,350.00
10 Prior Year Revenues	18,860.00	0.00	18,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,860.00
Total	38,590.94	13,113.28	25,477.66	51,710.00	51,710.00	0.00	25,477.66

Basic Principles 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.

Personal remarks in debate are always out of order—the presiding officer must rule all personal remarks out of order.

Debate must be directed to motions and not motives; principals and not personalities.

The Nominating Committee

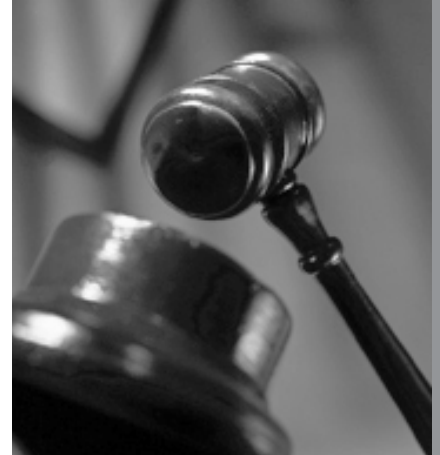
The nominating committee is an elected committee designated with the task of finding the best possible candidate for each officer position. Once the committee has made their selections, a report is submitted to the membership body and an election for officers is held.

Check your unit's bylaws under the article entitled "Officers". The bylaws will outline any specific criteria for the formation of the committee, including a stipulation that (#) the nominating committee shall be elected.

The nominating committee should include experienced and newer members of the unit selected on the basis of their merit and ability, their knowledge of PTA goals, purposes and programs, and their ability to keep deliberations confidential.

The current president cannot serve as a member of the nominating committee and is not on the committee ex officio. However, the president should make sure the committee has a copy of the unit's bylaws, membership lists, realistic descriptions of the duties for each office and a nominating committee procedure guide.

Submitted by
Donna Petiford



Tip of the month.

The nominating committee should include experienced and newer members of the unit...

EFG—It Is Not Too Late!!!

...for your school to sign-up and participate in the EFG discount card fundraising program. Cards are only available through the Springfield Council of PTAs and registered PTA/PTSA units. The ten dollar card contains valuable discount offers to restaurants and entertainment venues in Springfield. Please contact your principal to discuss having this "no hassle", "worry free" fundraiser. Schools divide the proceeds with the Council 50:50. Card sales will begin and end in February and your school will receive a check in MARCH!

Membership Incentives & News

First Challenge: Tower of Power Challenge: For every 10% membership increase over the previous year membership totals your school goes into a drawing for four Zipline tickets to Indian Point Family Fun Park! Deadline for reporting the number of members to be considered for this challenge is Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Second Challenge: Business Power Challenge: Double your school's business membership total from last year and your school goes into a drawing for four Springfield 11 movie tickets and a \$75 gift certificate to Springfield's Cantina Laredo! Deadline for reporting the number of members to be considered for this challenge is Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Drawing for prizes will be at the December Council Meeting: Membership totals will be based on state office totals received from units by Wednesday, November 13, 2013. To determine your final membership number from the previous year, contact Catherine Schmittling at reachmehereorthere@gmail.com or at 417-887-6717.

The following schools increased their PTA/PTSA membership and qualified for the Early Bird Awards: Bowerman Elementary, Boyd School, Hickory Hills Elementary, Pershing Middle School, Sherwood Elementary, and Williams Elementary. Congratulations on your accomplishment. Unfortunately, Springfield did not have a winner this year.

Gertrude McBride & CARE Funds

PTA Presidents: Please confirm with your principal that they have received an application for the Gertrude McBride Fund (middle/high school) or CARE Fund (elementary). The Gertrude McBride Fund provides assistance to students demonstrating a financial need and the CARE Fund rewards outstanding behavior, attendance and/or academic achievement at the elementary level. Requests for funds are due 12/1/13. Please contact Jennifer Givens at jennng46@mchsi.com or Dot Atkinson at dotdatkinson@gmail.com for more information. UNITS MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING TO RECEIVE FUNDS..

Founder's Day: Save the Date!

Our Founder's Day Celebration this year will be Thursday, February 20, 2014. Central High School is the host this year. Watch your council newsletters for more information!

A TISKET, A TASKET - PLEASE DONATE A BASKET for council's silent auction to be held during the Founder's Day Banquet. Proceeds will be designated for the CARE Fund. Some popular themed basket ideas: spa/relaxation, favorite sports team (shouldn't be too hard this year to find a Missouri favorite!!!!), pet, date night. Please contact Dot Atkinson at dotdatkinson@gmail.com for information and basket pick-up.



Clothing Bank

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped this year. We can always use more—especially on Thursday afternoons. Greenwood is in the lead sending the most volunteers on one day with over 20 students helping on October 24. Thanks again to all of our schools for your tremendous support.

Pants needed!

We cannot keep pants of any kind or size on our racks. We can use all sizes of jeans, sweats, leggings and athletic pants. We are also in need of coats. Donations can be dropped off at the Clothing Bank on Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact Kim Wrinkle to make other arrangements.

Have Spirit Wear to Spare?

We would love to have it at the Clothing Bank. One of the biggest requests from teachers and parents is for school shirts for their students to wear on Spirit Days. Clean out those PTA closets and help out a student at your school at the same time!

November Work Days Hours: 1am-2pm and 2pm-5pm

Behind Study Alternative Center

5 & 7 Kickapoo & Feeder Schools

12 & 14 Parkview & Feeder Schools

19 & 21 Glendale & Feeder Schools

26 Hillcrest & Feeder Schools & Greenwood

Also open on Saturday, December 7 from 9am-11am



PTA Family Reading Experience

The PTA Family Reading Experience, Powered by Kindle is a set of free activities—in English and Spanish—that engage the entire family. The activities focus on improving the reading skills of children between kindergarten and fifth grade.

PTAs can use resources and promotional tools to organize a series of events that will engage the entire family and focus on improving reading skills between kindergarten and fifth grade—which would reinforce a year-round commitment to family reading. The curriculum, which National PTA developed in consultation with family engagement and literacy experts, includes activities with both physical books and e-books. The program brings together all five domains of reading including: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary.

<http://pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3563&navItemNumber=3668>

After you host your PTA Family Reading Experience, National PTA & Amazon want to hear from you! Tell them about your event, and you may be selected to receive 10 Kindle e-readers for your PTA! In addition, your story will be featured in nationwide promotions. Local PTA units in good standing that conduct a Family Reading Experience and tell National PTA their story by December 13, will be considered eligible. Kindle e-reader recipients will be announced January 10, 2014.



Kiwanis Club of Ozark Empire

63rd Annual Shoes for School Kids Fundraiser

The club raises all monies, buys and stocks different styles of new shoes and even operates a city-wide, free shoe bank in collaboration with the Springfield PTA's Clothing Bank. Each pre-qualified school child, grades K thru 12, gets to express his/her individual "style" by picking out his/her own shoes from the shoe bank's varied stock of new shoes. During this last school year, the Kiwanis Shoe Bank hand-fitted over 1,100 pairs of new shoes bringing the total number of new shoes given to Springfield school children since 1950 to over 26,000!



–A \$15 donation will buy 1 pair of new school shoes for a Springfield school child. As a thank you for your donation, we will give you 1 small Shoe Buddy Gift Box (5 apples & mixed chocolates, festively packaged) to enjoy or to give to a friend or business associate as a holiday gift.

–A \$25 donation buys 2 pairs of shoes, and you'll receive 1 large Shoe Buddy Gift Box (8 apples & mixed chocolates, festively packaged).

–A \$35 donation buys 2 pairs of shoes, and you'll receive a choice of 2 small Shoe Buddy Gift Boxes OR 1/2 case of apples (44 apples).

–A \$60 donation will buy 4 pairs of new school shoes, and you'll receive a choice of 4 small Shoe Buddy Gift Boxes OR 1 full case of apples (88 apples).

–A \$100 donation will buy 7 pairs of new school shoes, and you'll receive 5 large Shoe Buddy Gift Boxes (BEST DEAL).

Donation	Select Thank You Gift (Choose 1)	Qty
\$15	Small Shoe Buddy Box	X
\$25	Large Shoe Buddy Box	X
\$35	2 Sm Shoe Buddy Box	Or 1/2 Case (Red or Golden delicious)
\$60	4 Sm Shoe Buddy Box	Or Full Case (Red or Golden delicious)
\$100	5 Lg Shoe Buddy Box	X



Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Email: _____

Delivery Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

–Join us at OakStar Bank on Battlefield Road or any of the 5 Springfield UPS Stores on Saturday November 23rd.

–Buy Online: www.Kiwanisshoebuddy.org

–Email: Kiwanisshoebuddy@gmail.com

–Phone: (417) 885-9191

–Mail: Mail this form and payment to: Kiwanis Club of Ozark Empire, P.O. Box 5032, Springfield, MO 65801