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"Believe, Dream, Inspire"

Join us for the Reflections' Showcase

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Battlefield Mall – JC Penney East Court

1 until 4 p.m.

Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m.

Deadline for Missouri PTA Competition is January 16, 2014!

City Winners 2013-2014

PHOTOGRAPHY

PRIMARY

1st Place	Amalia Espinoza	Sherwood
2nd Place	Elizabeth Mrad	Pershing Elementary

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place	Chanel Bullock	Wilder "I Made it to Broadway"
2nd Place	Hailey Youngblood	Sherwood Church photo
3rd Place	Isacc Espinoza	Sherwood
Hon. Men.	Hailey Youngblood	Sherwood Cardinals photo
	Eve Manary	Rountree "Life through a Hole"
	Taryn Albers	Mark Twain "Color Energy"
	Samuel Garvin	Rountree "Tree of Soles"

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place	Delaney Cannon	Jarrett "Believing in Hope"
2nd Place	Delaney Cannon	Jarrett "The Wall"
3rd Place	Jessamyn Baker	Greenwood "Lake of Reflection"
Hon. Men.	Jonah Hemingway	Pershing "Footbridge"
	Olivia Hopper	Central "Simple Visions"
	Iver Macaulay	Central "Inspiring"
	Delaney Cannon	Jarrett "Statue"

City Winners list continued on page 5

REMEMBER...

**Next general meeting
is Wed., Feb. 5th
at 9:15 a.m.
Sunshine Elementary.**

**Purchase your
Founder's Day Tickets.**

**Drawing in May
for Fabulous Prize!**

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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

Happy New Year everyone!!! I cannot believe we are 4 months into this school year. Thank you for all you've done for PTA so far this year. As we make our New Year's resolutions keep PTA in mind. Here are a few things you can add to your list for the New Year:

1. Invite a friend to join PTA, we have a winter membership drive going on.
2. Attend the Reflections' showcase January 19th at the Battlefield Mall.
3. Form your nominating committee for next year's officers. New officers' names need to be turned into MOPTA by the end of March.
4. Check out the Award applications in your PTA Toolkits so your hard work and accomplishments can be recognized at Convention next year. I am proud of all that you do so please complete the applications for all the awards that apply to your Unit so your efforts can be recognized.
5. Sign up to help SCPTA next year on a committee and turn in a talent finder form (attached)
6. Purchase tickets to the PTA Founders' Day banquet to be held February 20th.
7. Volunteer at the PTA Clothing Bank and donate gently used clothing.
8. Plan on attending the Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on April 1st.
9. Sign up to sell the Education Funding Group Cards to benefit Council and your school.
10. Plan on coming to the SCPTA School of Information at the end of this school year. The date is to be determined. This is very important for your unit officers to attend!
11. Come to all the rest of the General PTA meetings to get your name entered into a drawing at the May meeting for a fabulous Prize!! All general meetings are the first Wednesday of the month.
12. Regularly check our website and Facebook for dates and updates. SCPTAMO.com.

Have a Happy New Year and a happy PTA year!

Sincerely,
Patty Dunn, President
Springfield Council of PTAs

"Don't let life discourage you, everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was."

Richard L. Evans



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PTA in mind.***

Treasurer's Tips and Report

- Make sure you are keeping your financial records up to date. **You should never be more than 30 days without new financials** (ie review November activity at December or possibly January based on when you hold your board meetings each month).
- Financials should be distributed to the board of directors each month and you should make financial information available to members.
- Each bank statement and the related check images should be reviewed by someone who isn't authorized to sign checks to ensure checks are being written for valid expenses of the unit. The person reviewing the documents should sign the statement to document this process. This is a "best practice" but is also required for certain insurance policies.
- Whenever you are collecting or counting money, you should have two members present. Daily deposits are highly recommended but if that is not possible, funds should be locked in a safe place until they are taken to the bank.
- Following best practices on cash handling protects the unit as well as the volunteers.

If you have any questions or concerns about your financial reporting, don't hesitate to contact me at treasurer@scptamo.com.

Bank Account Overview		
Account	Last Reconciled	Current MM Balance
CARE Checking	11/29/2013	\$ 3,052.21
Clothing Bank Checking	11/29/2013	\$ 18,892.46
General Checking	12/2/2013	\$ 69,810.78
McBride Checking	11/29/2013	\$ 7,598.45
Scholarship Checking	11/29/2013	\$ 2,221.87
Z Scholarship CD (Restricted)	11/30/2013	\$ 46,301.00
Total:		\$ 147,876.77



Financial Overview							
	ACTUAL			BUDGET			
	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	1,387.44	0.00	1,387.44	5,860.00	0.00	5,860.00	-4,472.56
03 Special Funds	27,271.07	17,704.44	9,566.63	21,350.00	23,850.00	-2,500.00	12,066.63
04 Administrative	15.00	730.94	-715.94	0.00	2,435.00	-2,435.00	1,719.06
05 Contributions	0.00	1,875.00	-1,875.00	0.00	8,875.00	-8,875.00	7,000.00
06 Leadership/Service to Units	608.00	188.35	419.65	3,500.00	5,100.00	-1,600.00	2,019.65
07 Officers' Training	0.00	360.00	-360.00	0.00	4,150.00	-4,150.00	3,790.00
08 Programs	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	5,850.00	-5,850.00	850.00
09 Awards / Recognition	0.00	220.00	-220.00	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	1,230.00
10 Prior Year Revenues	18,860.00	0.00	18,860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,860.00
Total	48,141.51	26,078.73	22,062.78	51,710.00	51,710.00	0.00	22,062.78

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



Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Reading Teachers

The Foundation for Springfield Public Schools, through the Turner Family Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching Reading, is currently seeking nominations for outstanding reading teachers in Springfield Public Schools. The Turner Award is given to five reading teachers in Springfield who demonstrate a love for teaching reading. Nomination information forms can be found at www.supportSPS.org/news. The deadline to make a nomination is February 14, 2014.

If you know of an outstanding reading teacher please consider making a nomination. Each teacher chosen will receive a cash prize and a grant to his or her school's literacy program. The Turner Reading Awards were established by the Turner Family of Springfield over 10 years ago to support teachers and schools with literacy efforts. This award has provided over \$100,000 in reading support to our schools.

To learn more or to inquire about making a nomination please contact the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools at 417-523-0144. The Foundation for Springfield Public Schools' mission is to raise, manage and distribute funds to benefit students of Springfield Public Schools. Learn more at www.supportSPS.org.

Save the Dates...

MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS: January 8.

Don't miss out – sign up for legislative alerts! Go to mopta.org.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM: March 5, 2014, at 9:15 a.m. Parkview High School. Meet the School Board candidates before the election in April.

MISSOURI CHILD ADVOCACY DAY: April 1, 2014.

Join Missouri PTA and fellow child advocates to speak up and ask Missouri lawmakers to make the health, education and safety of children a top priority in the 2014 legislative session.

WANT FREE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

Please encourage your school's principal to participate in the EFG fundraising project. Based on feedback, it is as close to free money as you can get. EFG does all the work!!! The assemblies will take place in February, and your school will receive the check in March! See an email to dotdatkinson@gmail.com for more information.

RIF

Our next distribution will be Wednesday, January 29, 2014, from 9:00 until noon at Tefft.

Clothing Bank Schedule

Please find your school's scheduled dates below. Volunteer times are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers!

January

14 & 16	Central & Feeder Schools
21 & 23	Kickapoo & Feeder Schools
28 & 30	Parkview & Feeder Schools

February

4 & 6	Glendale & Feeder Schools
11 & 13	Hillcrest & Feeder Schools & Greenwood
18 & 20	Central & Feeder Schools
25 & 27	Kickapoo & Feeder Schools

SCPTA Talent Bank Interest Finder

PTA/PTSA Presidents,

The Talent Bank is a file of members who are interested in serving on Springfield Council of PTA in various ways. As opportunities arise, Council makes appointments to the Executive Board, therefore, members throughout the city with an interest in serving are encouraged to complete this form and submit it to Council as soon as possible.

Please copy this form and share it with all of your members from your PTA unit.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Home address/zip: _____

Phone (home and cell): _____

E-mail: _____

List PTA offices or positions held at the local or Council levels. Please include at which schools they were held.

(Use the back of the form if more space is needed.)

Check area of interest (please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Grade Play | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation/Resolutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Student Involvement/Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIF | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor | <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant at Arms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | | |

Please e-mail this form to Patty Dunn at Dunnhouse@mchsi.com or mail to 4475 E. Cross Timbers, Springfield, MO, 65809.

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place	Ann Weston Sistrunk	Greenwood "Symbolic Inspiration"
2nd Place	Katherine Sistrunk	Greenwood "Locks of Love"
3rd Place	Cora Gonder	Kickapoo "In the Shadows"
Hon. Men.	Katherine English	Central

LITERATURE

PRIMARY

1st Place	Hannah Huang	Greenwood
2nd Place	Lydia Schildknecht	Sherwood
3rd Place	Sophia Sachler	Greenwood
Hon. Men.	Eva Heidemann	Greenwood
	Seth Knight	Wilder
	Madison Turner	Twain
	Katherine Schaefer	Wilder

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place	Lillian Griffith	Field
2nd Place	Finley Bell	Sunshine
3rd Place	Kathryn Lashley	Sunshine
Hon. Men.	Elena Flores	Sunshine
	Lane Boswell	Field
	Jonathan Austin	Field
	Gracie Marsh	Harrison

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place	Asa Scott	Central
2nd Place	Sasha Agarwal	Cherokee
3rd Place	Bryan Lin	Central
Hon. Men.	Josh Belk	Cherokee
	Sobia Abbasi	Greenwood
	Kalee Langford	Jarrett
	Oliva Slatinsky	Pipkin

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place	Madelyn Stroder	Greenwood
2nd Place	Luke Ellickson	Greenwood
3rd Place	Bailey Mills	Greenwood

MUSIC COMPOSITION

PRIMARY

1st Place	Hannah Young	Rountree "Sweet Dreams"
2nd Place	Benjamin Thornton	Sunshine "Believe and Dream and Also Inspire"
3rd Place	Alexander Thornton	Sunshine "Moon on the Tippy Top Mountain"
Hon. Men.	Adelyn Ruff	Field "The Land Animals and the Sea Animals"

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place	Samantha Thomas	Sunshine "Inspiration"
2nd Place	Sam DeLong	Rountree "Floating Through Time"
3rd Place	Olivia Edwards	Wilder "My Dolphin Blue"
Hon. Men.	Parker Buzbee	Field "Dreaming: Being Me"
	Emily Scott	Disney "Beautiful Nature"

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place	John Georgiades	Central "The Dream"
2nd Place	Ben Brake	Jarrett MS "Road of Dreams"

3rd Place	Noah Zahn	Central "Concerto Grosso in Eb Minor"
Hon. Men.	Sean Carney	Central "Firestorm"

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place	Myles Bryant Hammerschmidt	Greenwood "I Can"
2nd Place	Zuzanna Fraczak	Central "Dreams of Glory"

VISUAL ARTS

PRIMARY

1st Place	Camdyn Hart	Mann
2nd Place	Henry Talburt	Field
3rd Place	Skylen Taylor	Wilder
Hon. Men.	Grant Aho	Field
	Goldie Winstead	Rountree
	Jalyn Green	Sherwood
	Gracie Shanks	McBride

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place	Phoebe Riddle	Field
2nd Place	Karson Feuerbacher	Greenwood
3rd Place	Jenna Jo Myers	McBride
Hon. Men.	Mabel Johnson	Rountree
	Andrea Scott	Field
	Brooklyn Scott	Harrison
	Elise Summers	Harrison

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place	Scotlyn Belew	Cherokee
2nd Place	Makayla Maxheimer	Cherokee
3rd Place	Sophia Gentle	Pipkin

HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place	Ashley Warren	Kickapoo
2nd Place	Mackenzie Laney	Kickapoo
3rd Place	Shalom Simmons	Kickapoo

SPECIAL ARTIST

1st Place	James Marquess	McBride
2nd Place	Clinton Brockway	McBride

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

PRIMARY

1st Place	McKenna Hay	Pershing Elementary "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
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INTERMEDIATE

1st Place	Whitney Fearing	Horace Mann "My God"
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HIGH SCHOOL

1st Place	Lauren Downie
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FILM PRODUCTION

INTERMEDIATE

1ST Place	Thomas Faucett	Eugene Field Elementary "Believe, Dream, Inspire"
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place	Loren Broaddus	Greenwood "Tickled Green: A Brief Description of Greene County"
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*Congrats to all, and thanks so much to everyone for your hard work and participation!
It's such a great thing for the students, and you made it possible for all of them!*

Founder's Day Volunteer 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 to honor this PTA volunteer at the Founder's Day Celebration.

Please submit your **Outstanding Volunteer's Name, Digital Photo (in jpeg format), PTA/PTSA Unit, and Unit President** to Carrie Windes at crgraphics@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7TH!** Also, please include volunteer's wish. It could be a personal wish or a wish for our students/schools, etc. Simple and short is best. If questions, contact Carrie at 343-0893.

Founder's Day Banquet

"When You Wish Upon a Star..."

Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

(doors open at 6 p.m.)

Central High School Commons

Hosted by Central High School

Tickets: \$16 per person

We will be honoring our PTA/PTSA Volunteers of the Year

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH!

You may purchase your tickets at the February general meeting on
Wednesday, February 5th, at Sunshine Elementary.

OR mail order form and check to Jeremiah Mee, Founder's Day Banquet,
1410 E Kearney, Suite D, Springfield, MO 65803.

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

Contact name: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Unit _____ # Attending _____ @ \$16 each _____

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

If questions, contact Jeremiah Mee at treasurer@scptamo.com.

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