

# SPRINGFIELD PTA Council News

October 2008 Issue

## The HB2213 Idea...

### IT ALL STARTED AS AN IDEA – HB2213

*Stephanie Miller – State Legislative Chair*

Over three years ago a member of Missouri PTA decided to bring forth an idea. An idea that would work its way through the legislative system and help bring about House Bill Number 2213. A bill that was delivered and approved by Governor Matt Blunt on June 6th, 2008 and signed by the same on September 10th, 2008.

HB2213 will amend chapter 9 RSMo by adding a new section relating to the designation of parent and family involvement in education week. It states: the governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the second week of September as “Parent and Family Involvement in Education Week”, and recommending to the people of the state that the week be appropriately observed through activities that will bring about an increased awareness of the importance and benefits of parent and family involvement in education and encourage greater involvement of parents and families in their children’s education, both in the school and in the home. The parent and family involvement in education week recognizes that parent and family involvement in a child’s education is a major factor in determining success in school, regardless of the socio-economic status, race, or ethnic background of the family, or the education level of the parents.

On hand to witness the signing and official Proclamation were a group of people that have the children of Missouri in their hearts. Representatives from Missouri PTA were Mary Oyler - President, Wendy Jackson – President Elect, Stephanie Miller – State Legislative Chair, Elizabeth Aley – Regional Director from the Ozark Region and Stephanie Hicks – Jefferson City unit President. Our group was also joined by representatives from Parent Involvement Resource Center, Parents as Teachers, Practical Parenting Partnership and L.I.F.T (Missouri Literacy Resource Center.) Last but definitely not least of those on hand was Darrell Swofford. Darrell played a very large role in getting us all together; it was his idea that started the ball rolling for this Proclamation back in 2005. Together with his wife Roseann and grandson Wyatt, Darrell joined us in celebrating

this milestone for the children of Missouri. “We have worked so hard for parent and family involvement, and true education reform cannot and will not occur unless and until parents become involved” said Darrell. Having served numerous years on the Missouri PTA Board of Managers Darrell is no stranger to advocacy and this bill shows how dedicated he has been to the children of Missouri.



Representative Will Kraus from Raytown was also on hand to view the signing of this bill. Representative Kraus introduced this bill and was its sponsor in addition to being a supporter of Darrell and his idea. During the day’s activities Representative Kraus was quoted saying “The Parent

and Family Involvement week will not only help parents become more involved, but also help parents and teachers work together to set common goals for the students. I was glad to lend my assistance to Missouri PTA and Missouri students with this bill.” The bill was co-sponsored by Representatives Muschany, Dusenberg, Yates, Daus and Grisamore. MOPTA would like to extend a thank you to all involved in the process of getting this Bill approved.

Parent and family involvement plays an important role in our children’s lives. Studies have shown that parents/families play an integral role in assisting in a child’s learning. In more simple terms, when families are involved in their children’s learning both at home and at school, their children do better in school. A section of the No Child Left Behind Act focuses on Parent Involvement, which shows that it is not just a state concern but also a national objective. Please visit both the national ( [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)) and state ( [www.mopta.org](http://www.mopta.org)) websites for more information and suggestions on becoming more involved in your child’s education success.



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## Letter from the President

*Speak Up!*

*The right to vote is one of our greatest American freedoms. Many Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice to secure this right. Other countries struggle to win the right to vote for their own people. When I was growing up, I noticed that no matter how busy my parents were, they rarely missed the opportunity to cast their vote and I often accompanied them to the polls. One of the last errands I ran for my dad was to the County Clerk's office for the forms that would allow him to vote from home. Even when he was very sick, he was worried about how he would make it to the polls on Election Day. As an adult, I share my parents' enthusiasm for this great American freedom and in an effort to pass on what I have caught from them, I often arrange to stop by the polls when my daughter is with me.*

*I never made a phone call, wrote a letter or contacted an elected official until I became a member of PTA. I assumed that my duty ended at the polls and that those elected would take things from there. Being a member of PTA has taught me that our government is "too big and too important to be left to the politicians". I have witness firsthand what happens when we use our collective voices to speak up for our children, our families and our schools.*

*I hope you will join me at the polls on Nov. 4, but more importantly, I hope you join me by answering PTA's calls to action throughout the coming legislative sessions. To receive legislative alerts regarding issues important to Missouri, please join the JC/DC network on the home page of the Missouri PTA website ([www.mopta.org](http://www.mopta.org)). Simply add your name and email to the boxes in the lower right corner. Don't forget to sign up for National PTAs legislative alerts as well. You will find the form for that at the following link: [http://www.pta.org/member\\_to\\_member\\_network.asp](http://www.pta.org/member_to_member_network.asp).*

*Sincerely,*

*Donna Pettiford  
President, Springfield Council of PTAs*

*PS -*

*To be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2008, election you must be registered by October 8, 2008; be 18 years of age by Election Day; a US Citizen and a Missouri Resident. If you have moved since the last time you voted or registered, contact the Greene County Clerk for an address change form.*

# AGENDA

Springfield Council of PTAs  
 October 1st, 2008  
 Truman Elementary  
 9:15 a.m.

Thought for Today:

“If you are ready to criticize a system, be equally ready to offer assistance to improve it.”

— Armando Sanchez

- I) Welcome
- II) Pledge of Allegiance
- III) Student Program
- IV) District Report  
 Dr. Ridder, Superintendent
- V) Approval of Minutes, Council Secretary
- VI) Financial Report, Council Treasurer
- VII) Council Reports
  - 1. President
  - 2. VP of Organizational Development
  - 3. VP of Promotion
  - 4. VP of Health and Public Services
  - 5. VP of Programs
  - 6. Sergeant At Arms
- VIII) New Business
  - 1. Budget Amendments
- IX) Adjourn

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## Reflections



Intermediate Division Award of Excellence  
 “My Favorite Place Is On My Swing”  
 Olivia Woods  
 Line Creek Elementary PTA, Kansas City, MO

**Meeting Minutes**

Springfield Council of PTAs  
General Meeting  
September 3, 2008

President Donna Petiford called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. at Schweitzer United Methodist Church. Dawn Thompson was appointed as secretary pro tem, without objection.

Rosa Shaw opened the meeting by speaking about the Clothing Bank and introducing the Clothing Bank volunteer teams. A video about the Clothing Bank was then shown to the group.

Dr. Riggs, representative for the Superintendent's office, gave the group a Back to School welcome.

Minutes of the May 7, 2008 General meeting were approved as written.

Kristina Gardner presented a Treasurer's Report (on page 14 of the newsletter) showing a balance of all funds of \$30,202.20 as of June 30, 2008.

Donna Petiford, President of Springfield Council of PTAs, noted that the Council handbooks were sent out, two per school. Contact Stephanie Miller to receive additional handbooks or to correct handbook information. A sponsorship was received for the handbook this year. There will be two town hall meetings held about the boundary changes for the school district. One is September 11 at Central High School; the other is October 9 at Parkview High School. Positive comments about the changes are welcome as well. The focus for SCPTAs this year will be on legislative issues - share them more widely; membership increase - will affect our ability to face issues; and the Clothing Bank.

Stephanie Miller, VP of Organization and Development, noted that Simon Night will be November 23 and tickets are \$10.00. Packets will be sent to PTA presidents of each unit. The deadline for

ticket pick-ups are September 24, October 29 and November 14. Scholarships were discussed. Stephanie Miller made a motion to move the available scholarship funds to a certificate of deposit that will mature on April 13, 2009 from Great Southern Bank to a Wachovia account. Annie Cockrum moved to amend the motion by striking Wachovia and inserting Great Southern Bank after receiving the information that Great Southern Bank would match the CD percent of Wachovia. The amendment and the motion carried.

Stephanie encouraged everyone to join the JC/DC network. She also encouraged all schools to have voter registration cards available at open houses. Susan Smith would like the names of any KIDS VOTE volunteers by September 19. Copies of unit By-laws need to be turned in to Council by the next Council meeting. Stephanie reminded us that by-laws still need to be updated and sent to State PTA by each PTA unit.

Patty Petty, Membership committee chair, noted that a flyer, "10 Reasons to Join PTA", was passed out. She also announced the "Diva for a Day" membership contest for PTA units. Membership numbers will be based on what is turned into the State office by October. 15, 2008. More information is on page 11 of the Council Newsletter.

Adrienne Hartley, from the SPS Wellness Office, will be a resource for wellness this year for the Springfield schools. Adrienne referred to a sheet previously passed out on wellness policies and resources. Contact her for more wellness information.

Gwen Thomas, VP of Programs, introduced Shannon Nagy to speak about the Reflections program. The Theme this year is "WOW" and there is a training meeting Tuesday September 9 at Wilder Elementary. City judging drop off dates are Dec. 2 at Wilder Elem. from 5-7 and Dec. 3 at the Council meeting at Jeffries. The Reflections showcase will

be January 11 at the Battlefield Mall. The MO State deadline is January 16, 2009. Gwen noted that RIF's distributions will be Oct. 15, 2008, Jan. 21, 2009 and April 15, 2009. Principals need to send in their signed contracts. Fundraisers for RIF will be car wash tickets and cookie sales on Sat. Dec. 13. The 4th grade play will be "Honk Jr." on Oct. 14-15. Flo Graham will send out information to elementary schools. Founders Day will be Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Central HS.

Elizabeth Ally, Missouri PTA Regional Director, noted the State convention is Oct. 18 & 19. Registration is due Sept. 17. By-laws are due and CD's are available to help update by-laws. Membership cards will be received by units based on membership numbers of the previous year. Contact the State office for more membership cards. AIM Insurance is requiring units to have their bank statements checked by someone other than those who have check signing privileges. Also, all audits need to be done by a committee or professional CPA.

Unfinished Business:  
The 2008 Founders Day bill will be paid. The itemized bill was received.

New Business:  
Stephanie Miller, Council representative on the audit committee, moved to adopt the SCPTAs audit report prepared by Stephanie Miller, Dawn Thompson and Shelly Marshall, CPA. Motion approved.

Rosa Shaw, VP of Health and Safety, motioned to approve the purchase of jeans for the Clothing Bank in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded. Motion approved.

Michelle Boswell, Sergeant-at-Arms, reported 43 PTA representatives, 42 principals, and 12 others in attendance.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Thompson, Secretary Pro Tem

**Renewals Due!**

The following schools have PTA units that either have bylaws due for renewal sometime this year or are overdue, please contact MOPTA for renewal dates. Once updated please send your bylaws to MOPTA and to Susan Fudge with SCPTA.

- Pleasant View Elementary
- Delaware
- Fremont
- Bingham
- Bissett
- Wilder
- Pittman
- Carver Middle
- Twain
- Rountree
- Greenwood
- Central
- Weller

Please also note that Council Dues of \$35 must be paid by November 1 to avoid a late payment penalty (\$10) and to remain a unit in good standing eligible for Reflections, Care and McBride Fund Money and similar functions.

**Missouri PTA Convention**

Leadership training, parenting workshops, networking, legislative updates, resolutions, awards, motivational keynotes, exhibit hall, and fun activities... there truly is something for everyone!

Make Missouri PTA Convention Your Choice on October 17-19, at the KCI

Expo Center in Kansas City. Go to [www.mopta.org](http://www.mopta.org) for full details.

September 17th, 2008 was the deadline for regular priced reservations for Missouri PTA convention!

Registrations will be accepted until October 4th, but at a higher rate. The hotel reservations deadline has been extended until September 24th at the convention rate.

**Parliamentary Pointers**

*Julie Kays, Parliamentarian*

There will be a different aspect of parliamentary procedure published in Council News throughout the year. These will be basic principles and not totally comprehensive. I suggest that each president have a current copy of Roberts' Rules, Newly Revised, (PTA's parliamentary authority), on hand to reference.

If you have parliamentary questions arise throughout the year, I am available to help you. It is much better to ask before than to correct afterwards. I would also invite questions emailed to me at [jkays@mchsi.com](mailto:jkays@mchsi.com). Those of general interest, I will use to help educate the rest of the membership.

**Basic Principles Of Parliamentary Law**

1. Parliamentary procedure requires that all members have equal rights; that there be mutual respect among board members; that the rights of the minority to initiate motions, debate, and have their votes counted be protected, while at the same time the will of the majority governs.
2. Only one item may be under consideration at a time.
3. The majority vote decides the question.
4. Any question that limits board members' rights of discussion or changes the agreed order of business requires a 2/3 vote of the members present.
5. Any matter once decided cannot be brought up again at the same meeting, except by a motion to reconsider.

Go Shopping. Make a Difference.



Please Join Us at the Battlefield Mall's Seventh Annual  
**"A Simon Evening of Giving"™**  
**Sunday, November 23, 2008**  
**from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Admission to this special evening of private shopping is by ticket only, for a \$10 donation. Most Battlefield Mall stores, restaurants, and kiosks will be open, with door prizes, special entertainment, and special sales and activities in many stores. Best of all, your entire \$10 donation per ticket will directly benefit your local PTA unit, the Springfield Council of PTAs, and the Simon Youth Foundation.

Ticket order forms received by September 24th  
 - pick up at October 1st Council meeting  
 Ticket order forms received by October 29th  
 - pick up at November 5th Council meeting  
 Orders will be accepted up until November 14th but pick up arrangements will need to be made with Monica Hammon ([mhammon@cland.net](mailto:mhammon@cland.net), 417-889-2482) or Kim Horton ([kkayh59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kkayh59@sbcglobal.net), 417-865-6510).

Ticket Sales Packets will be distributed through school mail.

**Handbook Corrections**

*for 2008-2009*

- Page 13 - Kim Horton phone: 865-6510
- Page 20 - Jeffries PTA President - Michelle Chrismer
- Page 14 & 45 - Michelle Curran, Clothing Bank Chair  
email: [curranbunch@att.net](mailto:curranbunch@att.net)
- Page 22 - Robberson PTA President  
Elizabeth Clemmons  
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[clemmonsdxon@hotmail.com](mailto:clemmonsdxon@hotmail.com)

6. The simplest, clearest and most expeditious way to conduct business is considered proper, as long as it does not violate the rights of members.

**Responsibilities Of The Chair**

1. Recognize board members entitled to speak or propose motions. Note: Some motions may be made while another member has the floor. Speaker must state the purpose of the interruption so the chair can rule on its validity.

2. Restate motions after they have been seconded, then open discussion.

3. Close discussion and put motions to vote. Votes on motions that are not debatable should be put immediately. If any member objects to closing discussion on a debatable motion, a 2/3 vote is required to order closing debate. Restate the motion exactly as it was made or amended before calling for a vote.

4. Announce the result of a vote immediately. A tie vote defeats a motion requiring a majority of those voting. The chair may vote to make or break a tie.

5. Avoid entering into any controversy or interfering with legitimate motions or discussion.

6. Maintain order and proper procedure, making necessary rulings promptly and clearly.

7. Expedite business in every way compatible with the rights of members. You can allow brief remarks on debatable motions, advise board members how to take action (proper motion or form of motion), or order proposed routine action with a formal vote. (See tip below.)

8. Protect the board from frivolous motions whose purpose is to obstruct the board's business. You can refuse to entertain such motions. Never adopt such a course, however, merely to expedite business.

**Parliamentary Tip Of The Month**

There are several ways that the chair can expedite business in a meeting. One of those ways is the use of general consent on business items. There will be items

of business that everyone or almost everyone agrees upon. During a business meeting, voting can take time. In the interest of expediency, the procedure of adopting a motion by unanimous (or general) consent can be used. This can save time and speed up a meeting when business is minor or routine.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, states ". . .the method of unanimous consent can be used either to adopt a motion without the steps of stating the question and putting the motion to a formal vote, or it can be used to take action without even the formality of a motion." This procedure would not be used when there is even a hint of disagreement among members. With our silent consent, we allow a non-verbal vote that the presiding officer processes. Then we can move on to the next item of business. If someone objects, then the motion is treated in the normal manner and put to a vote.

Examples: "If there is no objection, the minutes will stand approved as read." There is an implied motion to approve the minutes, but the chair need not wait for that motion.

"Without objection, we will stand adjourned." Once again, this is an implied motion if all business is completed. However, even if a member moves to adjourn, unanimous consent can be used to dispose of the motion.

The chair can usually sense the tone of discussion on a motion, when there is no disagreement, when the motion is ready to be decided.

*Julie Kays, Parliamentarian*  
883-7822

**Flu Clinics**

The following are free flu vaccination clinics offered by Greene County Medical Society:

Voucher distribution – October 15, 16, 17  
Jordan Valley Community Health Clinic  
Southwest Missouri Office on Aging  
Northview Senior Center

Flu Immunization Clinics  
– October 20-24

Monday, Oct. 20 – Ozarks  
Community Hospital

Tuesday, Oct. 21 – St. John's  
Cancer Center

Wednesday, Oct. 22 – St. Agnes

Thursday, Oct. 23 – Cox Walnut  
Lawn, Ozark Room

Friday, Oct. 24 – Northview  
Senior Center

The following are free flu vaccination clinics offered by Springfield-Greene County Health Department:

Monday November 3 Fair Grove 2-6 pm

Wednesday November 5

Salvation Army 10-2pm

Thursday November 6 Willard 2-6 pm

Wednesday November 12 Boys and  
Girls Club Kynion Unit 10-2 pm

Thursday November 13 Boy

Scouts of America 10-2pm

**Reflections**

*Shannon Nagy, Chair*

City judging drop off dates:

Tuesday, December 2nd – Wilder  
Elementary from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3rd – Council  
Meeting at Jeffries Elementary at

9 a.m. There will be forms to be filled out when dropping entries off, so please be prepared.

Reflections Showcase: Sunday, January 11th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Battlefield Mall. The awards ceremony will be at 3:00 p.m. The Reflections Chair or PTA President MUST be at the showcase to sign the entries over to the PTA Council. Please call Shannon Nagy, 417-882-2953 or by e-mail nagyshan@mchsi.com for questions of assistance.

**RIF**

*Carla Frazier, Chair*

The book distribution date is Wednesday,

October 15th from 9 a.m. until noon at the Tefft Center. If the coordinator or helper can not pick up the books at the designated time, please call either Peggy Stepp or Mary Christiano. The Springfield RIF Board is selling Auto Magic Car Wash tickets from September 15th through October 15th. Please contact Gwen Thomas at 417-887-7013 or by e-mail [gwenethomas@mchsi.com](mailto:gwenethomas@mchsi.com) for sales forms and information. Fifty percent of the sales go to RIF.

#### 4th Grade Play

*Flo Graham, Chair*

The Springfield Little Theatre's play *Honk, Jr.* is this year's 4th grade play. The dates are October 14th and 15th.

#### Founder's Day

*Gwen Thomas, Chair*

Founder Day is set for Tuesday, February 17th at Central High School. Central will be the Host School as well. Please let me know if you have any questions. Gwen Thomas, 417-887-7013

#### Clothing Bank Schedule

*for 2008-2009*

Please note that the PTA Clothing Bank is open Wednesdays, from 9:00am to 3:30pm, when school is in session, except the first Wednesday of each month (to allow PTA members to attend the monthly Council meeting). The PTA Clothing Bank will be closed the months of December and May. If school dismisses early on a Wednesday, the PTA Clothing Bank closes at noon.

Each PTA unit is assigned up to 3 days per school year to help organize volunteers from their school. If you need to reschedule your school's assigned day, please call or email the PTA Clothing Bank Chair.

August 13 Executive Committee/  
Council Board

August 20 Executive Committee/  
Council Board

August 27 Central, Pershing  
Elem, Sunshine, Pittman,  
Greenwood, Twain, Campbell

September 10 Bissett, Jarrett, Jefferies,  
Kickapoo, Watkins, Mann, HH Elem

September 17 Carver, Pipkin,  
Weller, Delaware, Boyd,  
Bingham, Westport, Fremont

September 24 Glendale, Parkview,  
McGregor, Robberson,  
Cherokee, Pershing Middle

October 8 Study, York, Disney,  
Cowden, Field, Sequiota, Gray

October 15 Reed, Wilder, Campbell, PV  
Middle, Sherwood, Pittman, Rountree

October 22 Fremont, Holland,  
Williams, HH Elem, Truman,  
Central, Wilson's Creek

October 25 (Saturday) Make  
A Difference Day-Open for  
Volunteers-9:00am-noon

October 29 Hillcrest, Weaver,  
Bowerman, Pershing Elem,  
Pipkin, Weller, Boyd

November 12 Mann, Pershing  
Middle, Sequiota, Portland,  
Rountree, Watkins, Delaware

November 19 Westport, McBride,  
PV Elem, Gray, HH Middle,  
Disney, Twain, Field

December CLOSED

January 14 Central, Pershing  
Elem, Boyd, Sunshine,  
Greenwood, Wilder, Holland

January 21 Bissett, Jarrett,  
Kickapoo, Watkins, Jefferies,  
Hillcrest, Bingham, Williams

January 28 Carver, Greenwood, Pipkin,  
Weller, Delaware, McBride, Bowerman

February 11 Glendale, Parkview,  
McGregor, Robberson,  
Cherokee, Bissett

February 18 Study, York,  
Disney, Cowden, Field,  
Wilson's Creek, Pittman

February 25 Reed, Wilder, Campbell,  
PV Middle, Sherwood, Reed, Weaver

March 11 Fremont, Holland, Williams,  
Bingham, Twain, Hillcrest, Greenwood

March 18 Weaver, Bowerman,  
HH Elem, Truman, Sequiota,  
Sunshine, Mann

April 8 Westport, McBride, PV Elem,  
Gray, HH Middle, Cowden, Sherwood

April 15 Carver, Jarrett, Jefferies,  
Kickapoo, Rountree, York, Westport  
April 22 Glendale, Parkview, McGregor,  
Robberson, Cherokee, Study

April 29 Wilson's Creek, PV Elem, HH  
Middle, Sunshine, Portland, Truman

The last day to receive clothing for the 2008-2009 school year is Wed. April 29, 2009. If you need to reschedule your school's assigned day, please call Michelle Curran at 417-823-9818 or email [curranbunch@att.net](mailto:curranbunch@att.net)

#### 10 Smart Money Practices to Start Today

**1. Maintain a paper trail.** Written procedures should be in place and in use every time money changes hands. Keep paper copies of transactions to insure traceability for every dollar. (Check out resources at [www.moneyminder.biz](http://www.moneyminder.biz) for a Check Request Form, Reimbursement Form, etc.).

**2. Require two signatures.** If two people must sign each check, then two people know why the money is being spent. Ensure that the list of authorized signers on the account is up-to-date. Order your next batch of checks with two signature lines and make it a monthly audit procedure to have someone ensure all checks have 2 signatures.

**3. Have two people count money.** When money is collected, always have two people present, even if it seems unnecessary. At the end of an event, have the cash counted twice, by two different people, and then have each person initial a form verifying the amount collected. This should match what is deposited to the bank.

**4. Board members should pay by check.** It is not enough to be honest, you have to be perceived by others as honest. Have board members pay for membership, fund-raising, directory

## Budget for 2008-2009

	<b>Beginning Balance - General Funds</b>		<b>\$14,765.12</b>
	<b>Beginning Balance-Special Funds</b> <b>(CARE,McBride,ClothingBank,Scholarships)</b>		<b>\$16,553.95</b>
	<b>INCOME:</b>		
A	<u>Fundraising Projects:</u>		\$14,000.00
A1	Simon Evening of Giving	\$3,000.00	
A2	Trivia Night	\$4,000.00	
A3	Resource Development	\$6,750.00	
A3.1	SOI Sponsor	\$250.00	
A3.2	Specific Project Sponsors	\$0.00	
A4	Other Fundraising	\$0.00	
B	<u>Other Income</u>		\$5,955.00
B1	Dues	\$1,855.00	
B2	Founders Day	\$3,200.00	
B3	Interest Income	\$900.00	
B4	Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	
C	<u>Special Funds</u>		\$6,975.00
C1	Clothing Bank	\$5,000.00	
C2	CARE Fund (Charlie Nickel)	\$875.00	
C3	Gertrude McBride Fund	\$1,100.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>		<b>\$26,930.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$58,249.07</b>
	<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
D	<u>Administrative:</u>		\$2,230.00
D1	Bond and Insurance	\$380.00	
D2	Postage	\$365.00	
D3	Corresponding Secretary	\$150.00	
D4	Presidential Discretionary Fund	\$400.00	
D5	Immed. Past Council Pres. Recognition	\$100.00	
D6	President's Lifetime Awards/Recognition	\$160.00	
D7	Supplies	\$250.00	
D8	Installation	\$50.00	
D9	MO PTA Dues	\$25.00	
D10	Advisory Committee Lunch	\$100.00	
D11	Miscellaneous	\$250.00	
E	<u>Board</u>		\$1,575.00
E1	Hospitality	\$100.00	
E2	KAC Recognition (Salute to Schools)	\$150.00	
E3	Vice Presidents & Chairmen	\$150.00	
E4	Historian	\$75.00	



E5	Special Meetings	\$100.00	
E6	Promotions	\$500.00	
E7	Resource Development	\$500.00	
F	<u>Contributions</u>		\$1,675.00
F1	4th Grade Play	\$500.00	
F2	SCPTA Scholarship Donations	\$100.00	
F3	MO PTA Scholarship - Teacher Ed.	\$100.00	
F4	SPS Foundation Teacher Apprec Banquet	\$350.00	
F5	Clothing Bank	\$500.00	
F6	Back to School Bash-School Supplies	\$125.00	
G	<u>Leadership/Service to Units</u>		\$2,800.00
G1	Unit Officers' Orientation	\$300.00	
G2	School of Information	\$500.00	
G3	Membership Awards	\$150.00	
G4	Convention Hospitality	\$200.00	
G5	Handbook	\$350.00	
G6	Newsletter	\$1,000.00	
G7	Principal's/President's Breakfast	\$300.00	
H	<u>Officers' Training</u>		\$5,800.00
H1	National PTA	\$2,000.00	
H2	Missouri PTA Convention	\$2,500.00	
H3	Leadership Conference	\$500.00	
H4	Officers' Planning Sessions	\$800.00	
J	<u>Programs</u>		\$4,765.44
J1	Reflections	\$300.00	
J2	Founders Day	\$3,200.00	
J2.5	Founders Day Previous Year Expenses	\$1065.44	
J3	Past Presidents' Recognition	\$100.00	
J4	Principals' Recognition	\$100.00	
K	<u>Special Projects</u>		\$2,500.00
K1	Simon Evening of Giving	\$1,500.00	
K2	Trivia Night - \$500 Gift Card	\$1,000.00	
K4	Other Fundraising	\$0.00	
L	<u>Special Funds</u>		\$6,975.00
L1	Clothing Bank	\$5,000.00	
L2	CARE Fund (Charlie Nickel)	\$875.00	
L3	Gertrude McBride Fund	\$1,100.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>			<b><u>\$28,320.44</u></b>
<b>General Reserve 2009-2010</b>			<b>\$13,374.68</b>
<b>Special Funds Reserve 2009-2010</b>			<b><u>\$16,553.95</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES and RESERVE</b>			<b>\$58,249.07</b>

# REFLECTIONS



2008-09 Theme:  
**“Wow!”**

Important dates:

**Tues. Sept. 9th – Reflections Chairman training –6:30**

Wilder Elementary – 2526 S. Hillsboro

It is VERY IMPORTANT and beneficial to your program to have Reflections Chair or representative attend this training.

**City judging Drop Off dates:**

Tuesday, Dec. 2 – Wilder Elementary – 5 – 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 3 – Council meeting – Jeffries – 9 am

**Reflections Showcase**

Sunday, January 11 – Battlefield Mall

12 pm – 4 pm

3 pm Awards ceremony

**MO PTA deadline for State competition:**

January 16, 2009

Please call Shannon Nagy, 417-882-2953, for questions or assistance. You may also email nagyshan@mchsi.com.

etc. by check. It provides a paper trail and removes doubts that someone with special access to the money may be abusing that privilege.

**5. Send bank statements to two people or provide online access.** This demonstrates that the responsibility for total fiscal management does not lie with one person, and allows for a back up during out of town emergencies or computer failures. Make sure that the online access is reporting only – you don’t want anyone to be able to move money in and out of your account electronically.

**6. Reconcile monthly.** If you haven’t reconciled your account against reality (the bank statement) then you cannot trust what the reports say. Make sure that the bank account is reconciled EVERY month.

**7. Report monthly.** The Treasurer needs to provide a written report to the board EVERY month specifying the financial activity for the year-to-date.

**8. Use online treasurer software.**

Software that’s loaded and used at a single computer station is inadequate in today’s world. Financial responsibility rests with the entire board, not just the treasurer. An online system gives them the opportunity to oversee the Treasurer and participate meaningfully.

9. Perform a 10-minute audit each month. A treasurer’s report can have a lot of meaningful information. How do we know it’s accurate? How do we know that the report matches reality?

A 10-minute audit is a quick and easy way to verify the Treasurer’s report. (Click [www.moneyminder.biz](http://www.moneyminder.biz) for a step-by-step PDF.)

10. Conduct an annual audit. You owe it to your members to do a complete audit at least once per year. There is no substitute for this and no acceptable excuse for not doing it. The new treasurer should not take on duties until a full audit has been performed.

The MoneyMinder Team

email: [info@moneyminder.biz](mailto:info@moneyminder.biz)

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## The PTA Parent

*Expert advice and practical ideas for raising kids and becoming a vital part of their education.*

## How to Help Your Children with Math

Your child’s math class might appear different from what you recall as a student. Not only do they learn that  $7 \times 8 = 56$ , but they are learning when to use multiplication to solve a problem. In this way, children understand that math is useful in their daily lives. Review this quick Q & A developed by PTA and the National Education Association for ways you can best help your children with today’s mathematics.

*Q: My child’s teacher says that the mathematics curriculum is problem-based. What does that mean?*

A: Teachers want your children to understand how important math is and how it helps them solve everyday problems. Students are now solving problems that may take them more than an hour to solve. And there may be different ways to solve the problem. By allowing students to think flexibly about numbers, teachers encourage them to “own” the mathematics instead of “borrowing” the math until class is over. By owning it, students will carry it with them in their everyday experiences.

Parents can help by showing their children when they use math.

That may be as simple as

- \* Helping your child estimate in the grocery store,
- \* Deciding together how many plants can fit into a garden and drawing a scale plan of your garden, or
- \* Discussing how the interest works on a mortgage.

*Q: How do I help my child when the homework is so different from what I did in school?*

A: Even if the math looks different, practice is still important. You can

encourage your students to continue working on complicated problems. Teachers will also expect students to memorize basic facts and you will still see homework that asks you to help them commit these facts to memory.

*Q: I see fewer graded papers coming home than I remember bringing home to my parents. How are my children evaluated?*

A: Teachers still use traditional paper-and-pencil tests to help them assess your child's progress. They also use district and statewide test results to help make assessments. Watching and listening to students while they work in pairs or groups also reveal a lot about your child's progress.

Children may be asked to tell their teacher what they know in different ways. They may have to keep a math journal and write about the math skills they are learning. For example, after learning a new skill, your child might be asked to describe how they would teach what they've just learned to a younger child. Teachers want to use as many ways as possible to evaluate what their students know.

For more tips, go to the homework help section at PTA.org.

*Q: How else can I help?*

A: Math is everywhere. Look for it with your kids.

- \* Football: Is it possible for a team to score 22 points? How many ways can they do it? Is there an impossible score?
- \* Driving to school: What does "miles per hour" mean? How does it help us know how long it will take to get to school? What else may influence how long it takes to get somewhere in the car?
- \* Consumers: Is it more cost effective to lease or buy a car?
- \* Home: How much paint is needed to paint the front hall? What

measurements are needed to figure out how much paint to buy?

For more information, download the full guide at [nea.org/parents](http://nea.org/parents).

**PTA Asks You...**

*What has your PTA done to boost student achievement?*

One of the fundamental missions of PTA is to help children succeed in school. Some schools face great challenges in educating their students for a variety of reasons, from lack of funds to large class sizes. Others may have adequate funds but are challenged to combat bullying or get very busy parents involved.

We want to know what successes you've had in overcoming challenges to student achievement. How did you do it?

If your response is selected for publication in the December 2008/ January 2009 Our Children magazine, PTA will send you a \$25 gift card. Deadline for submission: Monday, October 6, 2008.

When submitting your response to [forum@pta.org](mailto:forum@pta.org), please include

- \* Your name,
- \* The name and town of your PTA,
- \* Your position in your PTA, and
- \* Your home mailing address so we can send you a gift card if your submission is published.

By sending an e-mail, you'll be granting PTA the right to publish your response, which may be edited for grammar, length, and/or clarity.

**Increase Family Dinners; Decrease the Risk of Drug Use**

The more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink, or use drugs, finds research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University. The conversations that go hand in hand with dinner can help you learn more about your children's lives and better understand the challenges they face.

This September 22, on Family Day, see how Dinner Makes a Difference!

Your family can participate in Family Day by

- \* Signing the Family Day STAR Pledge.

**10 More Than Before!!!**

**Would you like to feel like a "Diva for a Day"???**

*Every school who signs up 10 more memberships than last year will enter a drawing to win "Diva for a Day". Your PTA President and Membership Coordinator will receive a day of pampering and good food.*

**Membership numbers will be based on what is turned into the State office by Oct. 15.**

*Membership in the Springfield Council of PTA's has slowly been declining over the past 5 years. Let's make this the year we turn things around. Let your parents know why PTA is so important and how it can benefit both their child and school. All you need is "10 More Than Before"!!!!*

If you are unsure what your membership was last year, call Pattypetty @ 417-886-3013 or email [pattypetty@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattypetty@sbcglobal.net).

- \* Participating in CASA's placemat coloring contest for kids. (The contest will run from September 22 to October 22. Watch this newsletter and casafamilyday.org for more information, starting September 22.)
- \* Encouraging friends to participate with their families.
- \* Having a healthy dinner together on September 22! Take a look at the Family Dinner Kit for a list of conversation starters, and check out CASA's tips for talking to kids about substance abuse.

Go to casafamilyday.org to learn more.

Family Day, created by CASA in 2001 and celebrated each year on the fourth Monday in September, is a national movement to inform parents that the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance free. For more on the research about parents' role in preventing drug and alcohol abuse, visit casacolumbia.org.

PTA is proud to be a Family Day partner.

Read a Book; Break a Guinness World Record™  
Help Win \$1,000 Worth of Books for Your School

On October 2, 2008, join families, teachers, and community leaders nationwide in reading Corduroy as part of Jumpstart's Read for the Record Campaign to break the Guinness World Record™ for the largest shared reading experience and attract national and local media attention for early learning.

Local PTAs that host an event to help break the record are eligible to receive literature books valued at \$1,000 for their school library or media center, thanks to the collaboration of the PTA national organization and the Pearson Foundation in support of the campaign. The one PTA school in each

state with the highest proportion of participation (based on the school's student population) will receive the book donation. Recipients will be announced in November or early December.

To find an event in your area, contact your local PTA or use Jumpstart's event finder.

Be sure to register your participation through the special PTA sign-up form at pearsonfoundation.org/pta.

Learn more at Read for the Record at PTA.org.

### **Three for Me Wants You!**

*For Three Hours This Year*  
When all families contribute to helping a school succeed, the school environment improves to the benefit of not only the students, but parents, school staff, and community members. Make the PTA Three for Me promise: A promise to dedicate three hours to serving the needs of your child's school and support your child's education.

With Three for Me, busy schedules and other barriers to involvement are overcome. You can get involved from home, at the school, or in the community at times that are convenient to you.

Here are a few ways you can fulfill the Three for Me promise:

- \* Sign up to read to your child's class.
- \* Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- \* Ask your employer to donate supplies to the school.
- \* Talk to your coworkers about how they could dedicate three hours to the school.
- \* Help write or publish the school newsletter.
- \* Work with the school office or teachers to translate information for parents.
- \* Mentor a new family at the school.

If you don't have PTA Three for Me at your school, there's no time like the present to get it going. Visit [three4me.com](http://three4me.com) to learn more.

Make Sure Your Family Is Prepared  
Stories in the news about floods, hurricanes, and other large-scale disasters make our hearts go out to the families in the affected areas. But do they also make you consider whether you're prepared for emergencies?

No matter where you live, you need to think about what your family and community would do in case of an emergency. It's unpleasant to think about the things that might bring harm to your family, but the best way to protect them is to be prepared.

This September, PTA is again supporting National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign. For preparedness tips, see the full article online.

Make sure your family would be ready for an emergency:

- \* Assess your preparedness by taking the Readiness Quotient (RQ) assessment. You'll be directed to targeted resources and tools based on your needs.
- \* Put together an emergency supply kit.
- \* Make a family emergency plan.
- \* Be informed about the different types of potential emergencies in your area and the appropriate responses.
- \* Get involved in preparing your community for emergencies.
- \* Explore the Ready Kids website with your children and talk about their role in your family's emergency plan.

Visit [PTA.org](http://PTA.org)'s Child Safety resource for more information.

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Springfield Council of PTAs  
**Treasurer's Report**  
 08/01/2008 to 08/31/2008

	Period In	Period Out	Year to Date	NetBudget	Over/Under
<b>1 Fundraising Projects</b>					
Other Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resource Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,250.00	-6,250.00
Res Dev - SOI Sponsor	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Res Dev - Specific Proj Sponsors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Simon Evening of Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Trivia Night	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>-11,000.00</b>
<b>2 Other Income</b>					
Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,855.00	-1,855.00
Founders Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	116.94	0.00	211.70	900.00	-688.30
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	79.07	0.00	79.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>116.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>290.77</b>	<b>2,755.00</b>	<b>-2,464.23</b>
<b>3 Special Funds</b>					
CARE Fund (Charlie Nickel)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing Bank	0.00	1,422.71	-1,422.71	-500.00	-922.71
Gertrude McBride Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Springfield PTA Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	13,704.00	0.00	13,704.00
PTA Grace Carr Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	15,523.00	0.00	15,523.00
PTA Joan Keiser Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	6,198.00	0.00	6,198.00
PTA Helen Smith Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	7,283.00	0.00	7,283.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,422.71</b>	<b>41,285.29</b>	<b>-500.00</b>	<b>41,785.29</b>
<b>4 Administrative</b>					
Advisory Committee Lunch	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
Bond & Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-380.00	380.00
Corresponding Secretary	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	150.00
Immed Past Council Pres Recog	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
Installation	0.00	0.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	10.00	-10.00	-250.00	240.00
MO PTA Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	-25.00	25.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	-365.00	365.00
President's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-400.00	400.00
Pres Lifetime Awards/Recog	0.00	0.00	0.00	-160.00	160.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	-250.00	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>-10.00</b>	<b>-2,230.00</b>	<b>2,220.00</b>
<b>5 Board</b>					
Historian	0.00	0.00	0.00	-75.00	75.00
Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
KAC Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	150.00
Promotions	0.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00
Special Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
Vice President & Chairmen	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,075.00</b>	<b>1,075.00</b>
<b>6 Contributions</b>					
4th Grade Play	0.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00
Back to School Bash	0.00	0.00	0.00	-125.00	125.00
MO PTA Scholarship - Teacher Ed	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
SCPTA Scholarship Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
SPS Foundation Teacher Apprec	0.00	0.00	0.00	-350.00	350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,175.00</b>	<b>1,175.00</b>
<b>7 Leadership/Service to Units</b>					
Convention Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	200.00
Handbook	0.00	0.00	0.00	-350.00	350.00
Membership Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	150.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00
Principal's/President's Bkfst	0.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00	300.00
School Information	0.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00
Unit Officers' Orientation	0.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-2,800.00</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>
<b>8 Officers' Training</b>					
Leadership Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00
Missouri PTA Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,500.00	2,500.00
National PTA	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00
Officers' Planning Sessions	0.00	0.00	0.00	-800.00	800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-5,800.00</b>	<b>5,800.00</b>
<b>9 Programs</b>					
Past Presidents' Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
Principal's Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
Reflections	0.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00	300.00
Founders Day Previous Yr Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,065.44	1,065.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-1,565.44</b>	<b>1,565.44</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>116.94</b>	<b>1,432.71</b>	<b>41,566.06</b>	<b>-1,390.44</b>	<b>42,956.50</b>

*Please Give a Copy of This Form to Your PTA Treasurer*

**Springfield Council of PTAs  
Dues and Donations Reporting Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Springfield Council of PTAs

Mail to: Kristina Gardner, Treasurer  
998 W Catalpa  
Springfield, MO 65807

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

Council Dues - \$35 (after Nov. Council Meeting \$45) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Founder's Day Banquet Tickets QTY \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Simon Evening of Giving Tickets QTY \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trivia Night Tickets QTY \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Clothing Bank Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Helen Smith Scholarship Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Joan Keiser Scholarship Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Grace Carr Scholarship Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Springfield Council PTA Scholarship Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CARE Fund Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

McBride Fund Donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use this form when submitting Council Dues  
or Donations to Springfield Council of PTAs.*

*Please keep a copy for your records.*

*Thank you for supporting your council and these important projects.*

**Talent Bank Interest Finder**

The Talent Bank is a file of members who are interested in serving Council in a 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 with all members in your PTA unit.

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

Home Address/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

List PTA offices/positions held at local and/or council levels (please include name of school):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you completed the Missouri PTA Leaders Project?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Areas of Interest (please check all that apply):

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation/Resolutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Handbook                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Development                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ClothingBank                        | <input type="checkbox"/> StudentWellness         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Grade Play                      | <input type="checkbox"/> RIF                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Assistant            | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant at Arms        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Student Involvement/Programs |  |

Please leave form with Sergeant At Arms or mail to: Donna  
Petiford, 4734 S. Ironbridge Cir N, 65810

**CARE Fund**

**(Charlie's Angels Reward for Excellence)**

The CARE Fund was established in 2004 by the Springfield Council of PTAs to honor long-time Springfield educator Charlie Nickel. The Fund, operating solely on donations, makes an award to each elementary school to use to recognize student "excellence" in many areas.

The first awards were made in December 2004. Principals were asked to report on the results. Awards were used to:

"...recognize one student from each elementary classroom for their outstanding attendance, behavior and effort toward academic achievement."

"Our school has an incentive, "Reach for the Stars", awarded to two students at the end of each year. We will get them a plaque with these funds."

"...to pay for books at the Book Fair and for lunches at the end of the year."

"...to purchase a prize in conjunction with a "Wildcat Card" drawing---Wildcat Cards are given by the teachers for excellent work, behaviors and citizenship."

"...to buy lunches for twelve of our students who deserve the 'Karing Kid' award."

Please accept this donation from \_\_\_\_\_ PTA/PTSA  
(Unit)

to support the C.A.R.E. Fund's continuing efforts to reward student excellence in our elementary schools.

Make check payable to SCPTA-CARE Fund and mail to:

Kristina Gardner  
SCPTA Treasurer  
998 West Catalpa St  
Springfield, MO 65807

**Council General Meeting Dates**

Council Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month and begin at 9:15 am (refreshments begin at 9:00 am). Each school may have up to five (5) voting delegates attend the Council General Meeting.

**September 3, 2008**

Schweitzer United Methodist Church,  
2747 East Sunshine Street, 65804

**October 1, 2008**

Truman Elementary, 3850 North Farm Rd 159, 65803

**November 5, 2008**

**Fremont Elementary**, 2814 North Fremont Ave, 65803

**December 3, 2008**

Jeffries Elementary, 4051 South Scenic Ave, 65807

**January 7, 2009**

Field Elementary, 2120 East Barataria St, 65804

**February 4, 2009**

Wilder Elementary, 2526 South Hillsboro Ave, 65804

**March 4, 2009**

Gray Elementary, 2102 West Plainview Road, 65810

**April 1, 2009**

Cherokee Middle, 420 East Plainview Road, 65810

**May 6, 2009**

Mann Elementary, 3745 South Broadway Ave, 65807

*If Springfield Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Council meeting will be cancelled.*

**Council Executive Board Committee Meeting Dates**

All Council Executive Board Committee Meetings are on Tuesday and begin at 9:15 am.

**August 19, 2008**

Library Center (Please park on the South Side Lot)

**September 16, 2008**

Kraft Administrative Center

**October 14, 2008**

**Kraft Administrative Center**

**November 18, 2008**

Kraft Administrative Center

**December 16, 2008**

Location to be Determined - Time may vary

**January 20, 2009**

Kraft Administrative Center

**February 17, 2009**

Kraft Administrative Center

**March 17, 2009**

Kraft Administrative Center

**April 14, 2009**

Kraft Administrative Center

**May 19, 2009**

Location to be Determined

**TEENS AND TECHNOLOGY**  
keeping up with your kids



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

6:00 - 8:00 PM

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM\*

423 E CENTRAL ST

(SEE MAP BELOW FOR PARKING)

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- Basic computer protection tools
- Popular social networking:
  - MySpace
  - Facebook
  - Instant Messaging
- Keeping your child safe from internet predators

EXPERTS WILL ANSWER THESE COMMON QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK:

- What should I be worried about?
- How do I protect my computer from viruses?
- How do I monitor my child's cell phone and internet use?
- What are reasonable guidelines for my child?

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