Mark Twain Elementary PTA

Renee Koch, President of Mark Twain Elementary PTA, Kansas City, KS received an exciting email from National PTA notifying them that their unit had been selected as a winner of the Healthy Lifestyles Award for this school year. Their unit will receive $400.00 to support their event. The Healthy Lifestyles Award encourages units in their commitment to the healthy growth and development of our children through educational programs.

There were over 400 applications this year. I’m glad. Mark Twain Elementary PTA was one of them! I encourage all units to watch for the application for next years grant and apply. There will be a follow up article in the next Bulletin about the program that this grant helped support.

If you need help, your Region Vice President is always available for assistance or any of the other Kansas PTA Board of Managers. We want our kids to have access to every opportunity that they can!

Congratulations Mark Twain Elementary PTA!

Jan Long
Kansas PTA President

jagPRIDE:

“Pride in Community, School, Family and Health”

Jan Long, Kansas PTA President attended the Kansas Prevention and Recovery Conference in Salina on September 26th where the Mill Valley High School’s jag-PRIDE Youth Coalition was awarded the State of Kansas 2008 Andrew O’Donovan Coalition Award of Excellence!

Pictured here are the students that received the award for the group along with Jan, Travis Heath, Ashlynn Demo, Kyndra Zeigler, Kaitlyn Butko and James Mullin.
Greetings – School is well underway – I hope your units have gotten off to a great start! Time does fly when you are having fun!

The second Legislative Training was held Oct 11th and well received by those that attended. I hope you were one of them! If so, you met Todd Haiken, National PTA Public Policy and April Mastroluca our current National PTA Extension Liaison and Nore Hare our new National PTA Extension Liaison who were with us for the weekend. April and Nore provided training to help up “grow more PTA’s” and Todd presented the keynote and participated in the panel discussion during the Legislative Training. Todd also shared information about Cap Wiz – a new initiative to better inform our members about legislative action. Watch for more information on this in the coming months.

Again, the Bulletin is packed full of helpful information for you and your members. The unit president receives a complimentary copy and you can order extra copies for your board members or they can access the Bulletin on the Kansas PTA website.

We are all here to help you in any way we can – a complete board listing is on the inside back cover – call us.

Jan Long
Kansas PTA President

Connecting: To the Internet, to Parents, to Children

Kids and technology both grow quickly, don’t they? The members of Generation X are parents now, and their children have even surpassed them as the most tech-savvy group. While trying to keep up with their own offspring, many of these moms and dads are also finding that their household needs two or more jobs to support their family. Tough economic times are taking a toll on volunteer commitments; we shouldn’t be surprised that Gen X doesn’t have as much time for regular PTA meetings as their parents did. Yet parent involvement remains an important part of their lives. PTA simply needs to engage these younger parents in new ways, and Gen X’s familiarity with technology is how we can connect with them.

PTA’s national website is now more parent-friendly. We also created a new on-demand radio station with shows featuring experts on education and family issues; jumped into online social networking (reaching out to parents through Facebook® and talking with them on blogs); set up a PTA channel on YouTube; and started sharing photos on Fotki. And that’s just the beginning!

Parents aren’t the only ones online, though. Young people and children are using the Internet in greater numbers and in different ways than their elders. The communication avenues and learning opportunities available online are amazing, and we must make certain that our children can explore those enriching possibilities safely. PTA.org offers a special section devoted to Internet safety, as do partners like the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, who have a great media safety primer for parents at www.theantidrug.com/teens-technology.

Generation after generation, PTA serves as a valuable and vital resource. Our mission transcends age and the ages: we bring families, schools, and communities together to help all children succeed. Now we’re just doing it in ways our founders had never imagined. And you will be the next generation of PTA leaders who connect with communities in ways we can only imagine. Dream on, PTA—and never be afraid to try something new!

Jan Harp Domene
PTA National President
LEGISLATION

What a GREAT Legislative Training on Saturday, October 11, 2008. There was a wealth of information to digest. Workshops provided information on safety issues, advocacy grassroots, parent issues, and issues concerning health and wellness.

The panel discussion was astounding. They gave us such a vast realm of information to take and share with others. Information consisted of educational funding, state budget, election year, budget recommendations, assessments, teachers, and so much more. The panelists were:

- Todd Haiken, National PTA Public Policy
- Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner of Education
- Mark Tallman, Assistant Executive Director/Advocacy KASB
- Mark Desetti, Director of Legislative & Political Advocacy KNEA
- Dr. Karl Krawitz, Principal at Shawnee Mission East

Todd Haiken gave a presentation to let everyone know what’s happening in Washington. The main topics of the presentation were:

- Current focus of Congress
- Election
- Appropriations
- Funding for Education
- Nutrition
- NCLB

The Legislative Training was successful in providing the information and resources for each attendee to share with others. Recommendations are in the works for next year’s training.

We were very fortunate to have three students from PTSA schools present. They were very interested in all the information being given out. Their advisor presented them with awards.

We are starting Cap Wiz on our website. It is a program accessible through the PTA website where you can keep up on the things happening with Legislation in our state and on national level. We will be posting alerts and updates as they come in. Check it out in a few weeks.

Be watching for information coming out on Advocacy Week in February.

Jackie Waters
Kansas PTA VP of Advocacy
PTA Advocate of the Year Award

Do you know an impassioned and compassionate leader, dedicated to moving PTA forward and committed to ensuring that others would follow? 2008 marked the passing of one of PTA’s greatest child advocate leaders, PTA national president (2001-2003) Shirley Igo. Shirley was a model of public service and volunteerism throughout her life. To honor Shirley, the national PTA organization will present an annual award to one individual who most exemplifies the qualities that made Shirley a true advocate for all children. The nominee must be a current PTA member and submitted by someone other than the nominee. The person chosen to receive this award will receive an all-expense paid trip to the 2009 National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC and be recognized at an award ceremony on Capitol Hill on March 12. Please visit www.pta.org/AdvocacyAward for details on how you can nominate someone you believe is deserving of this award. The deadline for nomination is December 1, 2009.

To learn how you can attend the 2009 National Legislative Conference, visit www.pta.org/LegislativeConference.

IS YOUR PTA AN OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN?

For more than a century, PTA’s members have been a powerful voice for the health and education of children. Your advocacy efforts have ensured that all children continue to have the opportunity to meet their potential in safe and nurturing settings. In recognition of that hard work, the national PTA organization will present the second annual Outstanding Advocacy Awards at the March 2009 National Legislative Conference. The 2009 Outstanding Advocacy Award will be presented to a PTA that, through their dedication and leadership, affected child related policy, regulation, or legislation to support PTA’s mission and goals. Two awards will be presented, one to a state PTA and one to a unit, council, district or region PTA. The state PTA will receive $1,000 and the unit, council, district or region chosen will receive $500. The monetary award may be used only to cover direct expenses for PTA work. In addition, awardees will each receive two all-expense paid trips to the 2009 National Legislative Conference and be recognized at an awards ceremony on Capitol Hill on March 12. Criteria and application materials are available at www.pta.org/AdvocacyAward. The deadline for nomination for both awards is December 1, 2009, so nominate your PTA soon!

To learn how you can attend the 2009 National Legislative Conference, visit www.pta.org/LegislativeConference.

THE NOMINATING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR .......

A FEW GOOD WOMEN AND MEN to serve on our State Board of Managers or as a committee member. Your skills are wanted and needed! Interested volunteers should submit a Talent Bank form found on the Kansas PTA web site: http://www.kansas-pta.org/ (find in “About Kansas PTA”)

Questions can be directed to Vicky Needham, Nominating & Leadership Development Committee Chairman.

Committee Members are Shelly Pennington, Region 4. Janet Wood, Region 4. Vicky Needham, Region 6. Cynthia Jarrold, Region 8 and Denise Sultz, Region 8. Alternates are Diana Fabac, Region 7 and Sheila Bunnell, Region 7.

Vicky Needham
Kansas PTA NLDC Chair
PTA Advocacy Week, February 9-13

Kansas PTA will encourage units and members participate in a united effort of advocacy statewide during this week.

Possible ideas:
• Contact your state legislators and other state officials to talk about PTA and PTA issues by email, phone, or letter
• Visit your state legislator(s) in person at the capital building in Topeka
• Share with members information explaining concerns for public education

Kansas Team Nutrition

Kansas Team Nutrition (through the Kansas State Department of Education) has teamed up with Kansas Families and Schools Together, Inc. (KFAST) to offer a new initiative promoting parent and community involvement in student wellness. The initiative is designed to provide both funding and resources to schools interested in hosting a Family Fun, Food & Fitness Event.

A guide has been developed to help schools plan and implement this type of event. It includes tips for planning and promoting an event, as well as detailed instructions for family-friendly physical activities and nutrition related activities. $500 mini-grants are available for schools who agree to utilize the guide and provide evaluation feedback on its usefulness and effectiveness.

Applications are available now! Go to the Child Nutrition & Wellness website of the Kansas Department of Education at www.kn-eat.org and click on the “What’s New” tab.

Denise Sultz
Kansas PTA Health and Wellness Chair

Charles J. Saylors
PTA National President-Elect, 2007-2009
April 25 & 26, 2009 • National PTA Representative

Charles J. "Chuck" Saylors is the PTA’s first-ever male national president-elect. He was elected in June 2007 to the two year term and has been a PTA member for almost 20 years.

Saylors says that his motivation for getting involved with the PTA came from his desire to help his child’s school. "As a child, my parents were both very involved in PTA," he said. "When our oldest son, Matthew, was in the first grade Teresa and I wanted to support his school so we volunteered. We have not slowed down since." Matthew is now 22 years old and the Saylors have three other children; Jennifer Canova (20), Tyler (11) and William (9). Tyler and William attend Taylors Elementary where Teresa is a PTA Officer. The Saylors are also the proud grandparents of Bethany Canova, Jennifer’s daughter.

"This family commitment has evolved into what I would call a ‘service to families,’" Saylors explained. "My motivation is to get parents and family members involved in the educational system showing them that even a little time spent in the school as a volunteer is a valuable investment. I truly believe that a child will succeed if a parent is involved."

Saylors has been in the construction industry for more than 15 years and is currently a marketing executive for the Construction Management Division of M.B. Kahn Construction, a national top 10 school contractor. Saylors currently serves as a Trustee for the School District of Greenville County (SC); serving two years as Chairman; and is a Board member for Greenville Technical College.
You are invited to the
95th Annual Kansas PTA Convention
April 24 – 26, 2009
that will be held at the
Lawrence Holiday Inn Convention Center
200 McDonald Drive
Lawrence, Kansas

Convention Happenings
We will once again be offering a wide choice of workshop choices for the 2009 convention. Jackie Waters, Convention Workshop Chairman has been busy since last June putting together an exciting and informative list of workshops for you to choose from. With 20 topics offered from Leadership training to parenting tips to safety issues, you are sure to find just what you need!

Three general meetings are scheduled for delegates to do the business of your State PTA, including electing officers for the 2009-2011 term, plus a variety of keynote speakers that will share insights with delegates. We will also have Chuck Saylors, the National PTA’s President Elect. Chuck will assume office during the 2009 National PTA Convention as the first male to ever serve as the National PTA President. Chuck will also be presenting workshops during the convention, so you won’t want to miss this exciting opportunity to meet our first ever, soon to be, male, National PTA President.

The Golden Oaks State PTA Unit will hold their annual meeting, also. If you are a member, please plan to attend. If not and you would like to support the state unit, please check the Kansas PTA website for a membership form at www.ptasonline.org/kspta.

Oh – did I tell you about the New Speed Vending that we will be doing this year during the Saturday Lunch. It is a fun and streamlined way for you to meet the vendors and then go visit their booths and have time to talk and get help with program ideas for your local unit or with that new fundraising idea!

"Dollars for Scholars" Silent Auction & The PTA Store
The Dollars for Scholars Silent Auction has become a Convention Place to be! Each delegate or unit may donate an item (or items) to be featured in the auction area during Convention. These items can be collectibles, crafts, gift items or household items and they will be displayed on tables for open bidding. The PTA Store will also be open during convention—reports are there will be new items available! Be sure to stop by. If you would like to donate to the Silent auction, contact either Monica Crowe- crowemonica@yahoo.com or Lauri DeNooy at lauri.denooy@gmail.com

Don’t leave home without your donation, your checkbook or your enthusiasm!

Complete registration packets will be mailed to all unit Presidents in early January.

Questions or need more information?
Contact Patty Jurich, Convention Chairman at:
913-334-6051 or email: pasj36@aol.com

Check our website for Convention updates www.kansas-pta.org
The 2008-09 School Year is underway. I hope that many of you have had your membership drives and are entering your membership lists into OMDR! There is a new OMDR program called OMDRplus that will be a part of KS PTA in the coming weeks.

The NEW OMDRplus Helps Kansas PTAs and Parents
PTAs within Kansas can now take advantage of OMDRplus – powered by Just Between Friends. OMDRplus is a new web-based offering that helps you manage your PTA and provides benefits for the parents in the schools you represent.

Among the benefits to PTA leaders:

- Easier, more reliable communications to parents and committee members
- A way to create printed student directories in a fraction of the time with fewer errors
- Advanced member management functionality
- Volunteer recruitment and management (coming soon)

Benefits for Parents include:

- A better way to keep in touch with PTA, school and other organizations
- A private, secure account with which to look up and communicate with other parents
- A customized, consolidated online calendar that lists events and deadlines related to PTA and your family members
- A better way to provide feedback to PTA and school leaders and initiate suggestions and programs
- A way for parents to opt-in/opt-out of National PTA member benefits and mailings

With OMDRplus – powered by Just Between Friends, each parent gets a private secure online account; not just PTA leaders. So you can help parents as you help PTA. Plus the advanced capabilities of Just Between Friends allows you to better recruit new members and increase the productivity of your fund-raising efforts.

It’s easy for your unit or council to take advantage of OMDRplus – powered by Just Between Friends. Simply have your President use the Group Start-up Wizard at www.JustBetweenFriends.com/2008quickstart. Complete information will be provided there.

In the meantime, if your Unit has not entered their membership list into OMDR, please have your Membership Chair contact me. I will email the Membership Chair their Local Unit ID Number and Member ID Number to them. They will go to www.pta.org/omdr and go to First Visit. They will enter the two numbers that I will give them and then pick a Username and Password to access the database system. Once they have been created then they can access the system and start entering your membership list!

Do you know that you can print your membership cards from the OMDR website? Do you know that you can email your members about important meetings? Do you know that you can edit addresses and email addresses on each of your members? Do you know that you can upload an EXCEL spreadsheet of members? Once you are created and have access to the OMDR Site you will be able to obtain all this valuable information on the Menu!

I look forward to assisting you in any way! Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (913) 422-7841 or email at mawrie@everestkc.net.

Marie Thomas
Kansas PTA OMDR Chairperson
Form 990 EZ and 990-N (e-postcard) Filing Tips

REMINDER...if your fiscal year is 7/1 to 6/30 the 990 is due November 15th.

990 EZ Filing Tips:
The top portion of the 990 EZ is very important. Make sure you file a 990 Schedule A along with the 990 EZ. Your 990 EZ is not complete without it.

990 EZ Top Portion of form
Line:
   A. Enter the correct calendar or fiscal year dates
   B. Change of address, name or other type of filing if necessary
   C. Your unit name and school address
   D. Your unit federal identification number
   E. Your school phone number
   F. Group Exemption number can be found in your KS Treasurers Guide page 33
   G. Accounting method (usually cash basis)
   H. Check if you are not required to file a Sch. B (read instructions)
   I. Website if you have one
   J. Write in 501 (c) (3)
   K. Do not check this box
   L. Total from line 9 here.

There are 990 EZ filing instructions (line by line instructions) in Money Matters 2008-2009. You may also get 990 instructions from the IRS by going to http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html?portlet=3. You can order on line or by phone from the IRS.

990-N e-Postcard Reporting Requirements
- **Information You Will Need To File the e-Postcard**
  - Employer identification number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
  - Tax year
  - Legal name and mailing address
  - Any other names the organization uses
  - Name and address of a principal officer
  - Web site address if the organization has one
  - Confirmation that the organization’s annual gross receipts are normally $25,000 or less
  - If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business)

If you have any questions please contact Sharon Rakos, KS PTA Treasurer 2007-2009 at srakos@kc.rr.com or by phone 913-708-5501.

Sharon Rakos
Kansas PTA Treasurer
Form 990-EZ

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation) ▶
Sponsoring organizations, and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than $100,000 and total assets less than $250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2006 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007

B Check if applicable:
- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
local pta

D Employer identification number
10

E Telephone number

F Group Exemption Number
0836

G Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual

H Check □ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: www.youpta.org

J Organization type (check only one)—☐ 501(c)(3) □ 4947(a)(1) or ☑ 527

K Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if $100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ $ 24,535

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 47 of the instructions.)

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Part II Balance Sheets—If total assets on line 25, column (B) are $250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

See page 51 of the instructions. (A) Beginning of year (B) End of year

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For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.
Kansas – a 21st Century Partnership Skills State!

http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/index.php

The website’s homepage has a tab for “state initiatives.” You will find information there about the Kansas initiative.

From the KSDE Press Release dated 4/24/08 – “The Partnership for 21st Century Skills, the nation’s leading advocacy organization focused on infusing 21st century skills into education, recently approved the Kansas application to join with seven other Leadership States in promoting 21st century teaching and learning skills for all students.

….Accelerating technological advances, a rapidly changing knowledge base, an interconnected workforce, and an increasingly global society have all combined to make 21st century skills—global literacy, problem solving, innovation and creativity—essential for every student’s success. The Partnership for 21st Century Skills brings together the business community, education leaders and policymakers to define a powerful vision for 21st century education to ensure every child’s success as citizens and workers in the 21st century.” (source: 21st Century Partnership Skills website)

In response to this initiative, the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has developed “profiles” of the 21st Century Learner and 21st Century Learning Environments. The draft version can be viewed at www.ksde.org/learn21 “These profiles can assist educators in a re-design of their schools or classrooms and will help guide the work of the department in creating integrated standards for Career Academics.” The draft contains 10 unifying themes for the “21st Century Learner” including: creativity & Innovation; Critical Thinking & Problem Solving; Communication & Collaboration; Information, Communication, Technology & Media Literacy; Flexibility & Adaptability; Initiative & Self-Direction; Social & Cross-Cultural Skills; Productivity & Accountability; Leadership & Responsibility; and Employability & Career Development.” The 5 Unifying themes of a 21st Century Learning Environment in the draft are: Relationships, Relevance, Rigor, Results and Responsive Culture.” (source: KSDE website)

“21st CENTURY SKILLS IN KANSAS

Kansas is focused on creating opportunities for stakeholders to work together to ensure student success by looking at more than the current content area measures of learning and identifying new ways to measure success that incorporate the skills and competencies students will need to live, learn, and thrive in a 21st century environment that demands innovation and creativity.”

As a result, the following initiatives have been established in Kansas: P20 Advisory Council (Kansas PTA is represented on this council), established by Governor Kathleen Sebelius, to advise on a variety of issues in the state including Partnership of 21st Century Skills), Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS), Teaching in Kansas Commission, Integration of Academic Content and Career/Technical Education (CTE), Kansas Technology Rich Classrooms (TRC) Project, Kansas Educational Leadership Commission, Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA – which is an independent organization created in 1999), Kansas Career Pipeline (KCP) and Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science (KAMS). (source: KSDE website)

Share this excellent resource from PTA!

PTA Goes To Work – resource on the PTA website: This is your gateway to navigating the ever-expanding world of information on career planning and getting your child or student on the path to an exciting and rewarding career. We're proud to have the United States Department of Labor (DOL) at our side in this effort. http://www.pta.org/pta_goes_to_work.asp

English and Spanish resources:
Parent Guides, Leader’s Guides, Explore the Possibilities brochure, Skilled Trades, Apprenticeships, Letter to Principals and Explore the Possibilities poster

Links to Department of Labor websites:
“Career Voyages” - career information and good choices for varying levels of education or training specifically in high growth industries and in-demand occupations.

“CareerOneStop” - an integrated suite of national websites that helps businesses, job seekers, students, and workforce professionals find employment and career resources.

Laura Kaiser
Kansas PTA Immediate Past President
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1. National Family Literacy Day
4. Election Day
11. Veteran’s Day
16. American Education Week begins
23. National Family Week begins
27. Thanksgiving

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21. First Day of Winter
22. Hanukkah begins
25. Christmas
26. Kwanzaa begins

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March 7, 2009
Lenexa, Kansas

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Lawrence, Kansas