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 Submit your membership
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President's Message

PTA expanded on Eleanor Roosevelt's idea of National Teacher Day, established in 1953, and dedicated a whole week to celebrate the accomplishments of educators.

In 1985, National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week in May and, since that year, teachers, administrators, parents and students have taken time to thank teachers for their dedication to education.

This year, the week of May 3-9 is Teacher Appreciation Week. I encourage each PTA unit to show your gratitude to the teachers who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. You can find resources for celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week on the National PTA web site (PTA.org/teachers).

"If a doctor, lawyer or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job."

~Donald D. Quinn

As a final note, I'd like to thank all of the PTA leaders, volunteers and supporters for helping to make this year a success. Have a wonderful summer break!

Lauren Meyer

SMAC PTA President, 2008-2009
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Save the date! President's Information Course

*A Leadership Training Event
 for 2009-10 PTA Presidents*

Wednesday, April 15
 9-11 a.m.

*Indian Creek Technology Center
 4401 W. 103rd St.*

2009 Kansas PTA Convention One Child at a Time ... Kansas PTA

April 24-26

*Lawrence Holiday Inn Hotel
 & Convention Center
 200 McDonald Dr.
 Lawrence, Kan.*

Join us for a weekend of:

- Informational workshops
- Leadership training
- Exhibitors
- Key note speakers
- Networking
- Idea sharing
- PTA store
- Silent auction.

Additional information can be found on the Kansas PTA web site (www.Kansas-PTA.org).

SMAC Officers 2008-09

President *Lauren Meyer*
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 Services *Tanda Castle*
 Vice President/Cultural
 Services *Julie Kyle*
 Vice President/Educational
 Services *Cynthia Jarrold*
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 Secretary *Stacey Bienhoff*
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 Secretary *Jona Vance*
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 *Rich Linden & Neileen Nelson*

Representatives

SMSD Administration
 *Dr. Gene Johnson*
 Board of Educ *Deb Zila*
 NEA *Sheryl Siegele*
 Elementary
 Principals *Susan Knight*
 Middle School
 Principals *Debbie Pfortmiller*
 High School
 Principals *Richard Kramer*
 Bylaws/Parliamentarian
 *Mary Ellen Naylor*
 Elementary
 Coordinator *Karen Wagner*
 Secondary
 Coordinator *Lisa Larson*
 Immediate Past
 President *Cynthia Jarrold*
 Region 8 V.P. *Cynthia Jarrold*



Congratulations! New Officers Elected for '09-'10

The following individuals were elected as SMAC officers for the 2009-10 year during the regular meeting in February:

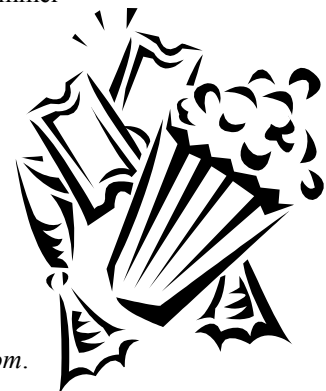
- **Lauren Meyer** - President
- **Diane Johnson** - Administrative Assistant
- **Lauri DeNooy** - Vice President of Community Services
- **Julie Kyle** - Vice President of Cultural Services
- **Open** - Vice President of Educational Services

- **Jun Ann Horton** - Vice President of Public Relations
- **Connie Banning** - Treasurer
- **Stacey Bienhoff** - Recording Secretary
- **Alexis Ceule** - Corresponding Secretary
- **Neileen Nelson** - Member-at-Large
- **Pam Hale** - Member-at-Large

Thanks to all who said yes when asked to serve!

Earn Quick and Easy Money for Your School's PTA!

Summer Movie Ticket information is being sent to the PTA President's via inter-office mail. Let your parents, teachers and community friends take advantage of this inexpensive summer outing! Your school can offer your parents, teachers and summer daycare providers Summer Movie Tickets from Dickinson Theatres. This is a very easy fundraiser for your school and SMAC, requiring very little work on your school's part. Send home a flyer/order form, collect the order forms and payments, and submit your totals to your SMAC Summer Films chair, Lauri DeNooy. If you have any questions, please contact Lauri DeNooy at 913-548-7277 or Lauri.DeNooy@gmail.com.



Visit SMAC's new web site: SMAC-PTA.org

Annual SMAC PTA School of Instruction

Wednesday, May 13
S.M. West High School



Bring \$\$\$ for Shopping
Kansas PTA Store will be present at the School of Instruction. Useful items for planning, gift items, pins and more—all with the PTA logo—will be

PTAs have been advocating on behalf of children for more than 100 years. Becoming involved in the PTA and actively working to promote the welfare of children and youth may be the most important job that we have! The **School of Instruction** provides a friendly, relaxed atmosphere in which PTA leaders from every school are given information, training and the opportunity to share ideas to carry on the work of the local PTA unit. We hope that your PTA is making plans for your newly elected officers and chairs to attend the Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA School of Instruction. The cost is \$5 per person.

Schedule:

- 6–6:45 p.m. On-site Registration and Pre-Registered check-in begins. Visit vendor displays on the Bridge.
 - 6 p.m. Dinner (Two Guys and a Grill. Cost: \$5)
 - 6:45–7:30 p.m. General Meeting (includes awards and installation of officers)
 - 7:30–9 p.m. **Workshops:** Advocacy/Legislation • Alcohol/Drugs • Carnival • Chat-n-Chew • Citizenship/Reflections • Community service projects • Cultural arts • Membership/OMDR • Newsletter/Communication • Parliamentary tips/Standing rules • Project preschool • Presidents • Secretaries (Recording and Corresponding) • Treasurers • Student health and wellness • Ways and means
- Questions? Contact Cynthia Jarrold, V.P. Educational Services, 913-381-1543, cjarrold@kc.surewest.net.

Pre-Registration Form

Due by May 6 with payment

Please mail all pre-registration forms and checks to:

Rae Ann Kobylinski, SMAC Treasurer, 8530 Barkley, Overland Park, KS 66212

Name of PTA Unit: _____

President's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Participant	Workshop

Total # of Reservations: _____ x \$5 (payment is non-refundable)

Total # of Dinner Reservations: _____ x \$5

Amount of Enclosed Check Payable to SMAC PTA \$ _____



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April - May 2009 ♦ Dates to Remember

April 15	<input type="checkbox"/> President's Information Course (Indian Creek Technology Center)	9-11 a.m.
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April 24-25	<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas PTA Convention (Lawrence, Kan.)	
May 6	<input type="checkbox"/> SMAC Executive Session (McEachen)	9:30 a.m.
May 13	<input type="checkbox"/> School of Instruction (S.M. West)	6 p.m.

Don't forget! Proof of insurance is needed by the SMSD Facilities Office before you can schedule PTA activities.

SMAC Clothing Center Volunteer Schedule

Day/Date	8:30-11a.m.	OR 4:30-7 p.m.	Volunteer Source
Monday, 4/13/09		X SMAC	Bienhoff, Nelson, Cul. Arts, Ceule, Knecht, Pres. Info
Monday, 4/20/09	X		Brookridge
Monday, 4/27/09	X		Santa Fe Trail & Apache
Monday, 5/4/09	X		Corinth
Monday, 5/11/09		X SMAC	Wagner, Linden, DeNooy, School of Instruction, Keffer
Monday, 5/18/09	X		Clothing Center Chairs
Monday, 5/25/09			Closed—Memorial Day

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