

**Field Flyer**
<http://sps.k12.mo.us/field/>

OCTOBER 2010

FIELD Wearables (T-shirts, shorts, hats & window decals) are available now! Sample shirts and order forms are available at the front of the school, or you may [CLICK HERE](#) to download order form now. All orders must be placed by **Wednesday, Oct. 6**. Order collection box located at front of school.

QUICK LINKS!
[Field Website](#)
An Eagle's Eye View...a new column

This new column features topical conversations from both educator and parent perspectives.

QUICK CLICKS!
[Slice of Nice](#)
[New Officers](#)
[Walk This Way!](#)
[Playground Equipment Fund Drive](#)
[Fundraiser Updates](#)
[RIF](#)
[Fall Festival](#)
[Support 5th Grade](#)
[Watch Dog Dads](#)
[Chat-n-Chew](#)
[PTA Reflections](#)
[HELP WANTED!](#)
[Volunteer Policies](#)
Parent-Teacher Conferences

(Conferences will take place November 1-4)

We hope that this Fall is greeting you and your families well and that you have settled back to the school routine with ease. Over the next few weeks we will have the opportunity to prepare for our first Parent Teacher Conferences, which will take place in early November. One of the goals of PTA is to strengthen the relationship between home and school, so that parents and teachers may work together to make each child's potential a reality. We thought we would work as a team to share our perspectives from two vantage points... a parent's and a principal's.

From an Educator's Perspective...

Dr. Nancy Colbaugh, Principal

As conference week gets closer (even though we're in October, we know how fast the days pass) we realize you're excited and a little nervous as you approach the conference. It may be helpful to know that we're excited and a little nervous, too! Most of the time, conferences go very well, but we fully realize we are talking about your child...your baby...and sometimes we have to share news that's not altogether positive. Children behave differently in a classroom situation (with an audience) than when they're in a one-on-one environment with a parent. The teacher is your window into the ways your child acts and reacts with their peers.

What we don't want the conference to be about is...the grade card. The reason? That one letter, A, B, C, or number, 1, 2, 3, cannot in any way adequately express who your child is as a learner. Your child is a complex and ever-changing person with strengths and challenges and we want to honor his or her uniqueness.

I think a common frustration is the lack of adequate time for conferences; we all wish we had more time. With 24-27 conferences per teacher, there is a real incentive for starting and ending the conferences on time. We love to have 100% parent participation. It helps for parents to come together rather than schedule separate conferences, even if you are not living in the same household. However, teachers want to talk with you, so

UPCOMING EVENTS**10/1**

NO SCHOOL
(Professional Learning Day)

10/4

Mr. Z's Pick-up
after school until 6pm,
Field multi-purpose room

10/6

Springfield Council of PTA
Roundtree Elementary
9am

10/6

WALK THIS WAY!
*In celebration of
International Walk to
School Month*

LAST DAY TO ORDER
FIELD WEARABLES

10/8

Playground Fund Drive
contributions are due

10/11

Site Council
4pm

10/14

Social Suppers
11am - 6pm
(Identify yourself with Field & 10%
comes back to us!)

10/15

Skating Party
4 - 6pm
Skateport (S. Glenstone)
\$4 per skater
(\$1 comes back to Field)

10/19

PTA Board Meeting
All are welcome!
Field
1pm

10/22

Early Release at 12:30
Bus Release at 1:30
No Terrific Tuesday
No Primetime

Wacky World
Bounce Party
1 - 4pm

10/27

Wacky Wednesday, \$1
theme: Crazy Hair

10/28

Picture Retakes

we'll make arrangements for two conferences when necessary.

Please remember that your child's teacher is right along side you, serving as an advocate and guide. We are a team, and working together is the very best way to see great results as we progress through the year. Best wishes and may you come to the conference to talk about...not the grade...but the child.

From a Parent's Perspective...

Jody Tetlow, PTA President

As parents, I feel that we can at times come into the conference with some apprehension. We want our children to do their very best while enjoying their experience. From the moment we learn that we are going to become parents we take on a role as the number one advocate for our child.

We bring vital information about our child to the table and we are an essential ingredient to a successful outcome. We might have differences in our style of communication and our prior knowledge, but when we focus on our common goals and approach new ideas, questions, and concerns with open minds we can move forward to successful solutions as a team.

I recently read an article about Parent Teacher Conferences and would like to share a few of my favorite finds:

Talk with your child prior to the conference
Over the next few weeks make a list of your top questions, concerns, and ideas,
Express your appreciation and gratitude to your teacher, your child, and yourself.

Lastly, take heart in knowing that you are not alone in your job as parent. Talk to fellow parents, enjoy each challenge and celebration, and take good care along the way.

This article can be viewed on the principal's blog.

<http://ncolbaughpossibilities.weebly.com>

You are welcome to submit comments and responses to the blog.

Congratulations to New Officers

Congratulations to the recently elected Becky Fraley who will serve as Field PTA's Secretary and to Sonja Shaw, who will serve as Field PTA's Vice-president of Fundraising.

Special thanks to these ladies for their willingness to share their time and talents!

Walk This Way! Wednesday, Oct. 6



On Wednesday, October 6, Field will be participating in iWalk to celebrate International Walk to School Month. This event gives children, parents, school teachers and community

leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as they celebrate the

10/29

FALL FESTIVAL

Field Directory Distribution

Field directories are on their way! Watch for sales information.

This year we are asking \$1 per directory to help offset the costs.

Questions? Please contact Sarah McNew, sarahamcnew@yahoo.com or 887-6506.

A Slice of Nice

See someone doing something exceptionally nice at Field? Turn them in for a Slice of Nice!

A Slice of Nice to:

Tom Morris for helping to jump start a vehicle in the car line during a torrential downpour!

The green-thumbed ladies who cleaned out and mulched the flower beds before the school year started!

Membership Dues

Annual PTA membership dues are \$5. We hope every student's parents or caregivers will join us to help make this a great year at Field Elementary.

Forms have been sent home, are available at the front of the school, and will also be at Open House.

Don't forget to join!!!

many benefits of walking.

Please take this opportunity to walk with your child to school. Students and parents will meet at different intersections at 8:15 to form a "walking school bus."

Designated intersections include:

Barataria and Chantilly (east from school)
Barataria and Wallis Smith (west from school)
Luster and Edgewood (north from school)
Luster and Cambridge (south from school)

Please note: If you live do not live within walking distance, please park at Brentwood Christian Church (1900 East Barataria, west from school) between 7:30 - 8:30 AM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM to participate in this event.

We hope you can make it!

www.iwalktoschool.org

New Playground Equipment Fund Drive October 8th Deadline

Dr. Colbaugh is very happy to announce that Field Elementary has been chosen to receive a grant for \$30,000 to purchase a play system!

Though Field has been awarded the grant, we still need to raise \$5,000 to purchase a complete package which will include items to further enhance physical fitness.

Gametime, the company from which the equipment is to be purchased, will match the \$5,000 we raise. This generous match will bring our total to \$40,000 worth of much needed, updated equipment.

Please consider contributing to this special playground fund. Any gift amount, from \$1 to \$1000, will make a difference and help us reach our goal. Please send your donation in an envelope marked "playground" to your child's class by October 8. (We only have a brief window of opportunity to take advantage of the \$5,000 matching funds from Gametime.) Please make checks payable to Field PTA.

If you have any questions, please call Dr. Colbaugh at 523-4800.

Thank you!

Fundraiser Updates

We are excited to report our gross profit from the Mr. Z's products totaled \$5,981. Donations made to Field PTA in lieu of or in addition to Mr. Z's items totaled \$1,231. Therefore, we currently have a grand total of \$7,212 from this fundraising drive. Thank to everyone for making this a successful fundraiser for Field.

Applebee's brought in a net of 1,236.10. A big thank you to Gary Miller for leading this event, to our teachers for providing A+ service to Field families and friends at this event, and thanks to everyone who attended we hope you had a wonderful morning.

Please remember that if you sold Mr. Z's products, you will need to

Faculty Birthdays!

October:

4 - Jenny Salvador

7 - Barbara Wormington

30 - Courtney Becker

Sign-up for Our E-Newsletter

If you would like to receive our e-newsletter, please send your e-mail address to carolwooten@mchsi.com.

Submit Information for Next Month's Newsletter

Please contact Carol Wooten, carolwooten@mchsi.com, with your communication needs, concerns, or newsletter submissions.

The deadline for November's edition is October 20.

PTA PURPOSES

To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship

To raise the standards of home life

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into close relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social,

pick them up on Monday, October 4, in the Field multi-purpose room between 3:30 and 6pm.

Reading is Fundamental



Reading is Fundamental of Springfield and Pizza Inn (on West Battlefield between Fort and Kansas Expressway) are teaming up to support reading.

On Monday, October 25, RIF volunteers will be helping with the buffet and serving the drinks from 6-8 pm. Come and join us and support RIF. If we have 50 people purchasing the buffet, we receive part of the proceeds of the evening.



Fall Festival

**Friday, October 29
6-8 p.m.
Field Elementary**



\$\$\$ A Buck for a Buck \$\$\$

Help us raise money for the clothing bank; each dollar raised will be matched by Care to Learn! Admission will be any cash donation for the PTA Clothing Bank.

Come dressed as your favorite Storybook character! Bring your already carved pumpkin for the pumpkin contest! Enjoy the Glow Stick Walk, Build a Scarecrow, the Mash Unit, and much, much more. There will be a hayride which will cost \$3 per ride. McSalty's Pizza will be selling pizza for \$2 per slice. The 5th graders will be selling drinks.

5th Grade Fundraising - Crazy Hair Day

Every year, the 5th grade raises money for a variety of 5th grade activities. The way we raise money is by having a few different sales at special events, a spell-a-thon, and special dress up days.

This year's dress up theme will be "Wacky Wednesday!" We ask that if you participate, you donate \$1 to the 5th grade fundraising efforts. The October Wacky Wednesday will be October 27. The theme will be Crazy Hair Day!

Watch the Flyer for additional Wacky Wednesday information and for bake sales, and water/soda/popcorn sales at different Field events.

Thanks for supporting the 5th grade!

Watch Dog Dads

Calling all dads! Want to help out at your child's school but don't know where to start? Watch Dog Dads may be just what you're looking for!

For information, please contact Jack Dixon, thedixoncrew@yahoo.com.



and spiritual education.

2010-2011 Field PTA

executive committee

President

Jody Tetlow
766-1695 (cell)
885-8044 (home)
jodytetlow@gmail.com

President-Elect

Bill Enos
enos0726@gmail.com

Vice President of Programs

Anna Gintz
agintz0808@yahoo.com

Vice President of Fundraising

Sonja Shaw
shaw28@sbcglobal.net

Vice President of Communications

Carol Wooten
carolwooten@mchsi.com

Secretary

Becky Fraley
b-fraley@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer

Mike Harders
mjharders@yahoo.com

Parliamentarian

Linda Skolnick-Schur
l_skolnick@yahoo.com

Chat-n-Chew



It's almost Chat and Chew time again!!!

Due to overwhelming success last year, we have decided to add a third book this year; that will be 3 total for 1st-5th grades. The book discussions will be in January, February, and March, with the pizza party held in April.

Exact dates and more info to follow-watch for more information will be distributed in November backpacks. The Chat-n-Chew book order will be placed on December 11 at the Field Book Fair fundraiser at Barnes and Noble.

We will need lots of helpers! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Missi Joplin (4joplins@sbcglobal.net) or Michele Boswell (micheleboswell@mac.com).

PTA Reflections

The PTA Reflections program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

This year's Reflections theme is "Together We Can." **The deadline for Field Elementary submissions is November 11.** Please visit Field's website for more information and submission guidelines.

Questions? Please contact Laurie and Ben Edmondson at 877-0612.

Community Partners

We welcome and celebrate our new community partner:

Brentwood Christian Church

Special thanks for partnering with us in support of iWalk International Walk to School Month on Oct. 6.

If you know of an agency or business that would like to help support Field Elementary, please contact Jody Tetlow at 766-1695.

HELP WANTED

Do you want to get involved, but aren't sure where to jump in? Please contact one of our PTA Officers today. Let us know a little about yourself...what you enjoy, what times work best for you, etc. We need your ideas, your questions, and your time in service. There is a spot for everyone.

Available Chair Positions:

Community Partners:

This chair acts as a liaison to our community partnerships.

Art Based Fundraising:

This chair sets up student artwork to be transformed into purchasable goods (bags, notebooks, mugs, etc.).

Sports and Event Concessions:

This chair is in charge of setting up, staffing, and facilitating events for a fundraising return. For example, the chair would set up volunteers to work a concession stand at a local ballgame, concert, or sporting event.

Spiritual Guidance:

This chair attends our PTA meetings and provides an uplifting message. This chair helps to ensure that we are all centered in our purpose to serve as one voice for every child.

Please contact Jody Tetlow, jodytetlow@gmail.com, if you are interested in serving in one of these positions on our PTA Board!

Volunteer Policies and Information

Anyone volunteering directly with children at our school must perform the SPS registration and background check.

In order to become a registered volunteer, and keep your volunteer status current, volunteers must complete and return a Volunteer Registration and Background Check Form each year. This form may be obtained by clicking the SPS Volunteer Registration link below or can be picked up in the volunteer folder at Field's front office window. Upon a clear background check from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, you will be sent written notification (please allow up to 14 business days) which you may be required to present at the school you are volunteering.

Policies and Responsibilities

<http://sps.k12.mo.us/communication/documents/PoliciesandResponsibilites.pdf2010-2011>

Volunteer Registration and Background Check:

<http://www.springfieldpublicschools.org/community/documents/2010-2011volunteerform.pdf>

[Forward email](#)**✉ SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to karen_maxwell@sbcglobal.net by carolwooten@mchsi.com.
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



Field Elementary | 2120 Baratavia | Springfield | MO | 65804