



HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

3745 S. Broadway  <http://sps.k12.mo.us/mann/>  Springfield, MO

PTA President's Message to Parents

Once again, the school year is already upon us! With that being said, we have planned many fun activities for all of you to enjoy and participate in. Coming up we have the Fall Festival (Oct. 17) and our first Parents' Night Out (Oct. 23).

We will be changing a few things this year...most importantly is that we have decided to have a "Stress Free Fundraiser". It is our hope to raise enough money through this method to continue offering the many educational and diverse programs to the Mann Elementary community. I don't know about you, but I welcome the simplicity! Now please keep in mind that this will not replace membership (only \$5 and you get a free student directory with membership) in the PTA....we will need ALL of you to join the PTA as well! And to get involved with PTA! PTA planning meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month and childcare is provided. There are many ways to become involved. Please check with the office or your child's teacher to see if they need any help. Volunteers are needed for Fall Fest on Oct. 17: if you can make a crock pot of chili or cupcakes for the Cupcake Walk for this event, please contact me. Parents' Night Out (PNO) benefits 5th graders and helps defer the cost of their activities, so we'd like our parents of fifth graders to help with our first PNO on Oct. 23.

I am looking forward to a great year and appreciate the opportunity to serve as the PTA president again this year. As always, please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. See you soon!

Darby Bowler
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Open House! Sept. 29th

5:30pm Pizza Dinner; 6:00 – 7:00 pm Open House

\$3.00 for a Pizza Dinner (includes 2 slices of pizza, veggies, cookie and drink)

Take time to check out the Class Wish lists posted in the cafeteria and hall. Don't forget the BOOK FAIR will be open for business! Please stop by the PTA table to purchase your \$5 membership and vote for the 2009-2010 PTA Budget.

No-tax-increase bond proposal

On Nov. 3, 2009, Springfield Public Schools will ask voters to approve a no-tax-increase bond issue that will leverage federal stimulus money to fund air conditioning, construction & improvements and technology.

Springfield Public Schools has the unique opportunity to maximize its resources **without increasing taxes**. Interest-free bonds are available through the federal stimulus program to help fund facility improvements. The district needs to pass a bond issue before April 2010 to take advantage of this federal funding source. By participating, the district can save taxpayers millions of dollars in interest by leveraging federal funding to complete critical facility improvements.



If Springfield Public Schools does not participate in this program by passing a bond, the federal stimulus money will go to other Missouri school districts. A bond issue is a mechanism a school district uses to generate revenue to fund capital projects. Money from a bond issue can only be used to pay for capital projects such as building new schools or renovating existing buildings. To issue general obligation bonds, a school district must obtain voter approval.

If you are not currently registered to vote, you must do so by Oct. 7. Any school secretary can provide the necessary form or you may access it online: www.greenecountymo.org/election/file/voter_registration_application.pdf. If you have questions, contact the Greene County Clerk's office

BOND ELECTION FACTS:

- Will air-condition the 8 remaining schools.
- Will **NOT** raise your taxes..
- Springfield School District will receive between \$7 Million to \$9 Million in stimulus money if the bond passes.
- You can register to vote at the Mann Elementary office by Oct, 7 to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 Election.

Source: <http://springfieldpublicschools.org/documents/BondFAQ2009.pdf>

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council meets on the **second Wednesday** of each month at **8:00 a.m.** in the **Art room**. Please have your child enter through the Kindergarten room doors.

Meeting dates:

- Oct. 14th
- Nov. 11th
- Dec. 9th
- Jan. 13th
- Feb. 10th
- Mar. 10th,
- April 14th
- May 12th

Please feel free to contact us at 523-4400 if you have any questions.

- Teacher**
- Mrs. Breckner's Room
 - Mrs. Clark's Room
 - Mrs. Lala's Room
 - Miss Johnson's Room
 - Mrs. McClelland's Room
 - Mrs. Viehland's Room
 - Mrs. Burton's Room
 - Mrs. Halbur's Room
 - Mrs. Montgomery's Room
 - Ms. Prince's Room
 - Mrs. Thomas' Room
 - Mrs. Waddell's Room
 - Mr. Cowles' Room
 - Mrs. Grant's Room
 - Mr. Post's Room

- Representative 1**
- Elizabeth Kennedy
 - Leighton Pantleo
 - Taylor Jones
 - Hailey Fearing
 - Riley Campbell
 - Asantae Haanstad
 - Hasset Chekol
 - John Orr
 - Emily Fisher
 - Madison Hole
 - Alyssa May
 - Lauren Saiko
 - Bailey Russo
 - Isabella Loretz
 - Kelsey Orr

- Representative 2**
- Joseph Bartkowiak
 - Quinten Wofford
 - Spencer Robarge
 - Holden Gaddy
 - Caleb Black
 - Cross Elmquist
 - Austin Lemons
 - Kathi Cuschieri
 - Blaine Bolin
 - Hayes Morgheim
 - Eddie Scaggs
 - Tyler Waggoner
 - Isaac Blakeslee
 - Deryck Crady
 - Caleb Straub

Student Council sponsors : Mrs. Feistner, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Lala, and Ms. Prince.

OFFICE STAFF

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Health Fair: Thursday, October 22

The Health Fair is scheduled every Fall and involves grades K, 1, 3, 5, and Mrs. Draheim's Room.



Children's vision, hearing, blood pressure, height, and weight are recorded. A dentist volunteers to check children's teeth. The Mann library is used for the Health Fair.

Snacks, drinks, and paper products are needed for volunteers. Parents that cannot volunteers can help with this request. Items are placed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for each station in the morning and afternoon sessions:

Vision: 6 volunteers

Height/Weight: 2 volunteers

Dental: One volunteer to write down information

Float: 2 volunteers to help children move to their next station and assist with tying shoes.



EVENTS: Clip out this section for handy reference!



Change for a Change

Save your change for the **first Wednesday of each month!** Mann PTA officers will be armed with buckets to collect change from you in the pick-up car line on Oct 7th!

- 9-25 to 10-1: Book Fair
- 9-29 (Tues): Open House 5:30-7pm
Dinner 5:30-6:30pm & Visiting 6-7pm
- 10-02 (Fri): No School**
- 10-7 (Wed): Change for a Change
- 10-08 (Thur): PTA Planning Mtg @ 6pm
- 10-15: (Thur): PTA General Mtg @ 7pm
Second Grade Performs
- 10-17 (Sat): Fall Festival, 2-5pm
- 10-22: (Thur): Health Fair
- 10-23 (Fri): EARLY Release Day @ 1:30pm!**
- 10-23 (Fri): Parents' Night Out 6:30-9pm