

SAVE THE DATE

January 26th, 5-8 pm
 PTA Sonic Night
 Greenwood Location

February 6 - 10th
 National School
 Counseling Week

February 17th
 No School
 Collaboration/Professional
 Development

February 20th
 No School
 President's Day

**February 24th,
 6:30-8:30 pm**
 PTA Carnival/Auction

March 7th
 School Principal's Day

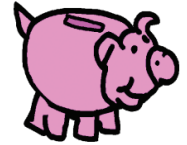
March 8th
 End of Third Quarter

March 26-30
 Spring Break

PIA Paw Print

News from the Summit Pointe Elementary Parent Teachers Association

Where does your money go?



Welcome back to school. Below is a quick summary of recent PTA expenses and income.

The holiday store was profitable after costs for the invoice and previous purchases made after Christmas last year.

The December teacher's luncheon was provided for a total \$177.81. PTA understands SPE teachers work very hard. PTA is thankful.

The PTA Teacher's Fund paid \$289.98 for a wireless microphone for use in the gym and \$66.09 for second grade unit of "Holidays around the World".

The December skate night brought \$120 of income for our PTA.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ketra Kirk

This month's featured volunteer is Ketra Kirk. Ketra has two children: Eagan, a second grader in Mrs. Campbell's class and Kelsa, who is 4, and very excited to start kindergarten at SPE in the fall. Her husband's name is Rodney.



This year Ketra is the PTA Audit Committee chair, Teacher Appreciation co-chair and Membership co-chair. She also helps organize the PTA staff luncheon's. She is in charge of the Tyson A+ Project--so be sure to send in your Tyson food labels because PTA receives 24 cents per label. Ketra also volunteers as a room parent and volunteers in the classroom each week.

Ketra works part-time as an actuary. Her favorite past times, besides spending time with family, are warmer weather outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, boating and going to the pool.

THANK YOU, MRS. KIRK FOR ALL YOU DO!

GETTING TO KNOW...

Ronda Schulenberg Paraprofessional



Where did you grow up?
Peculiar, MO.

Tell about a favorite elementary school memory or teacher?

Believe it or not, back in the day, my 5th grade teacher Mr. Labitska had every student spend the night at his house with his family, if they wanted to. Each child had a night throughout the year, then he took us to school the next day. Can you imagine that happening in today's world? No way. We ate dinner and played board games. It was fun and what a cool memory for me.

Favorite subject? English.

What did I want to be when I was young?
A nurse.

Favorite color? Purple.

Favorite Food? Mexican.

Favorite Ice cream?
Chocolate Peanut Butter.

Family? My mom, and dad, 2 boy's.

Do you have any children?
Tanner 15 and Cameron 10.

What is your favorite vacation memory?
Hawaii with my mother in 1986.

If money were not an object, where would you like to go on vacation?
Australia.

Favorite thing to do on weekends?
Spend time with my boy's, read, do puzzles, swim in the summer.

If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why? Cheetah. Because I would like to run very fast for a day.

What is your favorite time of year and why?
Summer. I love the heat, swimming, and being off work with my children. I also love the day's being longer.

What one thing do most people not know about you? I am an only child.

Pets? Rescue dog Gracie June and Edward the beta fish. He has lived forever!

What are your hobbies? Decorating my house, puzzles, reading, movies, spending time with my family and friends. Sleeping! I love to sleep!

If you could go back in time, what year would you choose and why? 1996. The year my first child was born. What a glorious time in my life, becoming a mother and all the fun experiences that first year.

Jill Carpenter Paraprofessional



Where did you grow up? I grew up in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

What did I want to be when I was young?
I wanted to be a nurse so I could help people.

Favorite color? Purple

Favorite Food? Mexican food and my husband's fried fish and hush puppies.

Favorite Ice cream? I love the Peanut Buster Parfait from Dairy Queen.

Family? I am married and have two children and a dog.

Do you have any children? I have a daughter named Whitley. She is 19 and is in College. My son's name is Tanner. He is 12 and goes to PLMS.

Vacation? I love to go anywhere that is hot and has a beach.

What is your favorite vacation memory?
Taking my family to Disney World and going to Caledesi Island.

If money were not an object, where would you like to go on vacation? Australia

Favorite thing to do on weekends? I love spending time with my kids, watching my son play soccer and going to visit my daughter at college.

Instruments? If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why?

What is your favorite time of year and why? Summer because it's hot and my family and I get to go on vacation and spend time together.

What one thing do most people not know about you? I love to ride horses. I have been riding horses since I was about two years old.

Pets? I have a boxer named Apollo. He is extremely energetic.

Mary Filipowicz Paraprofessional



Favorite Food? My favorite food is pizza. It's the perfect food. So many variations and combines bread, veggies, meat and cheese.

Favorite ice cream? Anything with chocolate in it.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Omaha, NE. I was the youngest in my family. I have 1 sister and 3 brothers.

What did I want to be when I was young? I wanted to be a mom and a preschool teacher.

Favorite subject?
My favorite subject was math.

Do you have any children?
I have three sons. My oldest son, Ron, lives in Chester Springs, PA. He is married and has 2 daughters and is expecting a son. My middle son, Tony, was married in July 2011 and lives in New York City. My youngest son, Craig, is getting ready to travel overseas to teach English in either Georgia or Russia.

Vacation? We usually travel to the East coast to visit our sons. There is so much to see and do in both the Philadelphia area and New York City. Someday I would like to travel to Ireland, Italy and Hawaii.

Favorite vacation memory? I really cherish the memories of the vacations we took with our 3 sons when they were young. We drove to California one year and to Florida another year and saw all of the sights in between. It was fun to all be in the car together for the long ride. Lots of time to play games and talk!

What one thing do most people not know about you? I worked in the dental field for 30 years before coming to SPE.

Favorite color? Any shade of blue.

If you could be an animal for a day, what would you be and why? I would be a bird. Preferable one that flies South for the Winter. I love the view of the earth from the window of an airplane, so I think it would be great to be able to fly places whenever you wanted and see the sights below.

What are your hobbies? Yoga and Gardening

What is your favorite time of the year? I love Summer. I love to be outside and it is the best time to visit my grandkids on the East coast.

Lacey Rozycki Life Skills Teacher



How long have I been teaching and why? This is my 5th year teaching and I love working with and forming lasting relationships students and their families!

Where did you grow up? I was born and raised right here in Lee's Summit.... Graduated from the Lee's Summit Schools, attended MU then came running back home to work in Lee's Summit!

What did I want to be when I was young? Since Kindergarten I knew I wanted to be a teacher...but it wasn't until my Junior year of High School that I knew I specifically wanted to teach Life Skills.

Tell about a favorite elementary school memory or teacher?

Mrs. Faulkenberry was my Kindergarten teacher at Pleasant Lea Elementary and I remember learning the "letter people" and dressing up as a pig for Halloween in Kindergarten!

Family? My husband and I have been providing foster care services since June for a 2 year old little girl and are having a blast with her. We have 2 dogs; Crash is a 6 year old, black, German Sheppard and Irish setter mix and Lexi is 2 years old, is white with brown spots and is definitely our trouble maker!

Vacation? We love to travel... especially to see family in Philadelphia, Montana and Wisconsin. We also love Florida and Las Vegas! We hope to keep traveling and discovering other wonderful places to vacation.

What is your favorite vacation memory? Driving through Bear Tooth Pass in Montana on the way to Yellowstone National Park.... What a sight to see!!

Favorite thing to do on weekends? Spend time with family and friends... try to get in some rest and relaxation... go out to eat... watch a movie... go shopping...

Favorite Food? Cheesy Chicken Burritos and chips and salsa

Favorite Ice cream? Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream... but I also love Sonic's Lemon Berry Creamslushes! Yummy...

What one thing do most people not know about you? I'm working on my Master's in Autism through KU... hope to graduate in August 2012 and I also sell Lia Sophia jewelry in my "free time"

Time to order your child's 2011-2012 Yearbook!

Ordering your yearbook online is as easy as: 1, 2, 3!

Step 1: Log into Jostens at: <http://shop.jostens.com>

Returning Families: Click on "Sign In" *New to online, no problem!* Click on "Register" Complete the Registration Form.

Step 2: Choose Your School: Summit Pointe Elementary is in Kansas City (not Lee's Summit)

Step 3: Add books to your cart and pay via Jostens secure website.

Questions? Need assistance with online orders/access:

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If you are interested in serving as a PTA officer in the upcoming 2012-2013 school year please contact Kim Bruno at kimbrunousa@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

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We want your pictures!!

We all love to see our kids in the yearbook! Help us capture the moments by submitting the photos you take at school or during school activities to the Josten's website:

<https://images.jostens.com/>

user id: 400112751

password: gopanthers

Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "image share."

Enter information about the photo, provide contact information and click "save details".

*If you have many photos it will probably be easier to copy them to a disk and send to school in an envelope labeled "PTA - Miranda Finnerty."

Questions? Need Image Share assistance

Miranda Finnerty: 537-0791 or miranda@finnerty.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMIT POINTE PARENTS!!!! PTA needs help!

PANTHER PARTY GRAS CARNIVAL is coming soon! February 24 2012

The Summit Pointe Carnival will be held on Friday February 24th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm (with a make up scheduled for the following Friday, March 2nd in case of a snow day). The carnival will be similar to SPE carnivals in years past with many carnival games and a few inflatables. Back by popular demand are both the unlimited inflatable bracelets as well as the prize redemption center. We will be serving light snacks, but with a 6:30 pm start time you should have plenty of time to feed your family a nutritious meal before arriving at the carnival-ready to have a good time! As always, we will be looking for volunteers, keep a look out for more information regarding volunteers and donations in the coming weeks. If you can't wait until then, please email Heather McFarland at heatherjmfarland@yahoo.com or 913-208-8725 (cell) with questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Carnival Donations

If you are a business, do you have merchandise sitting in inventory or a service to offer? Do you have items such as unused gift certificates, unopened toys or games to donate as auction items and prizes? Would you be willing to donate larger items that raise significant money such as sports and performance tickets-or your vacation home/condo? Anything you are willing to donate can be used to benefit our students while also providing you a tax break. Over 300 parents and teachers attended our event last year giving you an opportunity to showcase your business or organization to a group of neighbors in the Summit Pointe area.

To make a donation this year, would you kindly contact Deidra Atchley by Jan 24, 2012? We will be glad to pick up your item before January 31, 2012. The Summit Pointe PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations to the auction are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Again, many thanks for your generous and steadfast support of our students!

Deidra Atchley, SPE PTA Auction Chair

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