

# KSPTA News

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## District Competition Time

It's that time of year.....dust off the competition hats and get ready for the district driving competitions.

### WHO CAN COMPETE & REQUIREMENTS:

The district competitions are open to any person who is currently employed or has been employed within the past 12 months as a full-time or substitute school bus driver in the state of Kansas.

Contestants shall meet all Kansas school bus driver qualifications in accordance with K.A.R. 91- 38-6. These include: possession of a current and valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Class A, B, or C with Passenger (P) and School Bus (S) endorsements; documentation of physical qualification ("DOT" physical) within the last 2 years; documentation for successful completion and current status of an approved accident prevention course (defensive driving) and an approved first aid/CPR program.

Drivers currently resid-

ing in a state other than Kansas shall present the appropriate CDL documentation with endorsements within their state of residence.

NOTE: Driver qualifications for competition will be checked during the registration procedures. At no time will a driver be allowed to compete in more than one official state competition during the calendar year. You may download the Safety Competition Book and study guide at: <http://www.ksde.org> or [www.kspta.net](http://www.kspta.net).

The **Northeast and Southeast** regions will run simultaneously on Saturday, April 21, 2018. The event will be held at Washburn Rural High School, 5900 SW 61st Street, Topeka. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.. Competition will begin at 9:00 with the written test followed by the driving competition. The Auburn-Washburn Transportation Department will host a concession stand during the event. Remember to bring sunscreen and a lawn chair.

Event organizers would like to know if you

are coming and/or receive your registration no later than April 6th, however, you may register the morning of the event.

More information, including the registration form can be found at [www.kspta.net](http://www.kspta.net) or on the School Bus Safety Unit page of [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org).

**South Central & Southwest** regional competition will be held on Saturday, May 5. It will be held at the Northeast Magnet High School, 5550 N. Lycee, Bel Aire, KS. Competitor check in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Competition will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the written test followed by the driving competition.

Remember to bring a lawn chair and sunscreen. There will **NOT** be a concession stand at this event so consider bringing a picnic lunch.

Event organizers would like to know if you are coming and/or receive your registration no later than April 27, however, you may register the morning of the event.

More information, including the registration form can be found at (Continued on pg. 2)

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The **North Central & North West** regional competition will be held on Saturday, April 28th at the Riley County High School, 12451 Fairview Church Rd., Riley, KS. Competitor check in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Competition begins at 9:30 a.m. with the written test followed by the driving competition.

Remember to bring a lawn chair and sunscreen. There will NOT be a concession stand at this event so consider bringing a picnic lunch.

Event organizers would like to know if you are coming and/or receive your registration no later than April 6th, however, you may register the morning of the event.

More information, including the registration form can be found at www.kspta.net or on the School Bus Safety Unit page of www.ksde.org.

### KSPTA 2018 Membership Pin Design Contest Conference Theme: "My Driver.....My Safety Hero"

1. "2018" and "48 Years" must be part of the design.
2. The pin can be any symmetrical or asymmetrical shape; however, the design must be legible as a lapel pin.
3. All artwork must be original by the individual placing the entry.
4. When submitting via email, please include "Pin Design 2018" in the subject line. Entries must be submitted to [kspta1970@gmail.com](mailto:kspta1970@gmail.com) with a submission deadline of March 31, 2018. Be sure all information listed on official entry form is included in your email.
5. When submitting via US Post Office, submit designs to KSPTA Membership Pin Contest, 24098 Haigwood Road, Tonganoxie, KS, 66086. Be sure to attached the contest entry form to the back of your artwork.
6. All entries must be received no later than March 31, 2018.
7. The KSPTA Executive Board will judge the entries and select a winner at their April Executive Board Meeting.
8. Winner will receive a plaque and a \$75 voucher for the June 5-7, 2018 School Bus Safety Conference. This voucher is non-transferable.

Entry form can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

## KSPTA by the Region



# Fall Conference Highlights

Already in the history books, here are a few highlights from the KSPTA Fall Conference held in Hutchinson, KS on October 4, 2017.

Nearly 15 vendors representing various industries in the school transportation world participated in the trade show.

Tate Toedman and Doug Boline from KSDE provided important information on recent changes in the McKinney-



Vento Act regarding homeless and foster child transportation. Darlene Davis, Regional Training Manager for First Student presented on ways

to recruit and retain school bus drivers.

School Bus Safety poster contest winners were recognized and presented with plaques

marking their first place achievement.

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## Kansas Entry Places Third at National Contest

All of the first place division winners from the school bus safety poster contest were sent to the NAPT Conference in Columbus, Ohio where they were judged against other State winning entries. We are very pleased that our Division 2 entry placed third in the national competition. Macey Pecenka from Manhattan USD 383 is the artist.

Congratulations Macey on a job well done representing Kansas and the school bus industry .

### 2018 MEMBERSHIP PIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please complete and attach this form to the back of each pin entry. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed by a school district or school bus contactor? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, who is your employer? \_\_\_\_\_

## Plans for Summer Safety Conference Underway

Mark your calendars for June 5-7, 2018 for the Summer Safety Conference and State Driving Competition. That's right! The Conference has been extended to 3 days so that we may bring you some very special events.

Collins Bus Corporation is celebrating its 50th year and they've invited all of us to take part in their celebration. On Tuesday, June 5th they will host special tours and a luncheon for conference participants. On Tuesday evening, join KSPTA for dinner and a movie featuring "The Bully Project". This evening will feature pizza, soda, popcorn and your favorite movie snacks.

Wednesday, June 6th will feature specialized training for school bus drivers in the areas of bully prevention and student suicide.

Our afternoon speaker will bring a lighter atmosphere to the event and it's hard to predict the surprises that Dr. Steve Woolf will have in store for our group. Dr. Woolf is the Superintendent of Schools at Erie USD 101.

The "official" competition will kick off on Wednesday afternoon with the written test. That evening Keith Dreiling and

Dennis Tate will host their annual test review party with some fabulous door prizes for those who attend.

After the test review the evening continues with a couple of new events. A team t-shirt contest will be held as well as a conference themed costume contest.

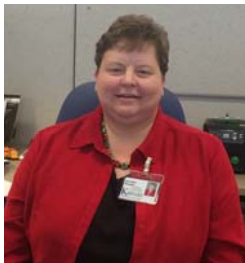
Thursday is competition day and will kick off with Chris Cakes pancakes. Western Veep Matt Hayden will be firing up the grill again for

lunch. The annual banquet will be held on Thursday evening. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Watch for a special edition of  
the KSPTA Newsletter  
featuring more conference  
details to be published soon

## What's New at KSDE School Bus Safety Unit

Meet our newest face.....Annette Blevins. Annette joined the School Bus Safety Unit in November when long-time employee Wilma Crabtree retired. Annette handles all of the video rentals for the department in addition to a multitude of other tasks. Please join us in welcoming Annette and wishing Wilma nothing but the very best with her future endeavors.



Also new on the unit website ([www.ksde.org/agency/school-bus-safety](http://www.ksde.org/agency/school-bus-safety)) is a tab that says upcoming events. This tab is located in the gray box on the right, just under our department directory. When clicking on that tab you will be directed to a page that shows all the upcoming events.

Please make special note of the

Mechanic's Workshop on April 4, and Reasonable Suspicion Trainings for CDL Supervisors in July.

One final note, if you are planning to have any of the team provide First-Aid, AAA, or any of our other specialized training now is the time to be getting on our calendar. Our spring months are nearly full and requests are already coming in for the fall.



### *You make us proud!*

Congratulations to Jerry Palmer, Stephanie Bell, Madeia Mayfield, John Ferguson and Eduardo Escobedo for representing KSPTA at the International School Bus Driver Safety Competition held in Indianapolis, IN in July 2017.

Who will be representing KSPTA in July 2018? We hope its you!!! But first, you must qualify by participating in the KSPTA Summer Conference and School Bus Driver Safety Competition scheduled for June 5th through June 7th.

# 2018 Heroism Award Nominations

Members of the KSPTA Awards Committee are seeking assistance in finding Kansas school bus drivers who are deserving of special recognition for performing a heroic act on or off duty during the 2017– 2018 School year.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be a school bus driver employed with a school district or contractor in the state of Kansas. Meeting all requirements of a Kansas school bus driver. (First Aid, CPR, DDC, Physical)
- Performed heroic act on or off duty
- Heroic Act was performed during the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Please provide information on per-

son receiving nomination such as length of employment, achievements, hobbies. Attach newspaper clippings-articles-photos if available

Please complete the following form and return to kspta1970@gmail.com by May 18, 2018.



Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

USD # or Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Position \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed Account of Incident (location, time, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper but be sure include all of the above information.

# 2018 Outstanding Service Award

Members of the KSPTA Awards Committee are seeking assistance in finding active members who are deserving of special recognition for their actions or efforts in promoting school bus safety.

**KSPTA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD  
2017 –2018 NOMINATION FORM**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

USD # or Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Reason the nominee qualifies for special recognition: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper but must include all of the above information)

Submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline to submit nominees for any KSPTA award is May 18, 2018. Award nominations may be submitted kspta1970@gmail.com*



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