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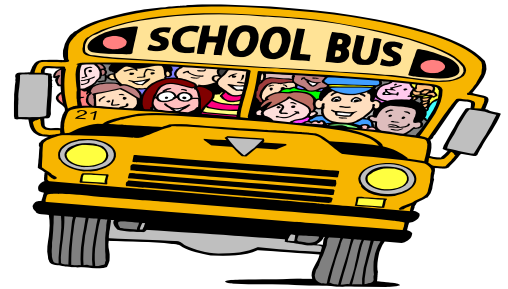
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President's Message

I would like to begin my message by thanking everyone who attended our annual Principals' Luncheon. We enjoyed every minute and are especially proud of the number of supporters and principals who took time from their daily schedule to join us for this event. The Principals' luncheon committee did a fantastic job and were pleased with the participation and decorations from local PTA units for their principal's table.

Also, please be mindful that the goal of our newsletter is to provide a central informational source for principals, central office personnel, and local PTA units and presidents of issues facing Caddo District PTA and the schools in Caddo. We want to provide additional insight into concerns and issues facing our schools and students. If you have information that you would like include in our newsletter, please email Beverly Hudson (bfhudson@caddo.k12.la.us).

I would like to encourage principals and local PTA units to encourage students to enter the various PTA contests. Caddo students represent us exceptionally well at the state level. Many of their entries are sent on to the national level for competition.

As always, I must offer my support to all PTA local units in Caddo. If you need my assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 631-6358.

Mariah Underwood
Caddo District PTA



From the Superintendent's Desk...

Caddo Salutes 2007-08 Teachers of the Year

Mr. Rodney Watson
Interim Superintendent, Caddo Parish Public Schools

Teachers are the key to a strong instructional program. As parents, you know that this statement is true and that teachers play a major role in the lives of your children. To pay tribute to their contributions in education, yearly Caddo recognizes teachers in conjunction with the Louisiana Teacher of the Year Program. Each principal is invited to nominate a school winner for competition at the district level. District winners then compete at the regional and state levels.

I am encouraging all PTA units to join me in a special salute to the 2006-07 school level winners, finalists, district and regional winners in the Teacher of the Year Program.

Caddo Overall Winners:

Elementary Teacher of the Year: Staci Thomas, A. C. Steere Elementary School

Mrs. Thomas is a Kindergarten teacher with 12 years experience and is a regional winner in the Louisiana Teacher of the Year Program.

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Sharman S. Burgess, Youree Drive Middle School Mrs. Burgess has 34 years experience as a Language Arts & Literature/6th & 7th grade teacher. She is a regional winner the Louisiana Teacher of the Year Program.

High School Teacher of the Year: Willie Franklin McPhearson, Captain Shreve High School - Mr. McPhearson is a mathematics teachers with 33 years experience.

Elementary Finalists:

April Miles

Summer Grove Elementary

Karen Schilling

Summerfield Elementary

Middle School Finalists:

Joan C. Catanese

Linear Middle

Patricia Desormeaux

Linwood Middle

High School Finalists:

Bert Algood

C. E. Byrd High

Patricia George

Southwood High

Elementary School Winners

Melony Shaw Templin, Alexander
Carla Preiss, Arthur Circle
Ursula McKim, Barret
Susan Christine Free, Caddo Heights
Cynthia Rhea Lawhon, Claiborne Fundamental
Patty Ratcliff Lee, Eden Gardens Fundamental
Vallie S. Anderson, 81st Street ECE
Emily A. Parker, Fairfield Fundamental Magnet
Kristin Hillman Meaux, Forest Hill
Anna Christine Web, Herndon Magnet
Chermonica Dennis, Lakeshore
Lucy Baines Smith, Mooretown Professional
Martha Grisso, Mooringsport
Joan Lee Maxwell, Northside
Tamisa Jackson, North Highlands Magnet
Karen Y. P. Jones, Queensborough
Christine Griffith, Riverside
Amy Avery, Shreve Island
Delphia W. Stevens, Newton Smith
Patricia Melanson, Southern Hills
Lydia Barber, South Highlands
Cynthia Puckett Riser, EBW Stoner Hill Lab
Mary Ann Williams, Sunset Acres
Alison K. Rinehart, Jack P Timmons
Shirley Barton, Turner Elementary/Middle
Charles G. Moser, University

Anita Wilson, Vivian Elementary/Middle
Patricia George, Walnut Hill Elementary/Middle
Shondolyn S. Truman, Werner Park
Lillian M. Fields, Mrs. Eddie Jones West Shreveport
Charlene Marie Voorhies, Westwood

Middle School Winners

Connie Wilson, Broadmoor Lab
Janet N. Nash, Donnie Bickham
Erin Wilson, Caddo Middle Magnet
Josephine Daniel Antwin, Caddo Middle Career & Technology
Dana Fergins, Ridgewood
Angela S. Kirkpatrick, Turner Elementary/Middle
Chanda Clifton, Vivian Elementary/Middle
Joselyn G. George, Walnut Hill Elementary/Middle

High School Winners

Janice McDonald Roberts, Caddo Career & Technology
Nancy Roberson Bennet, Green Oaks
Evelyn Adams, Hamilton Terrace
JoAnn G. Silvie, Hosston
Debra Collins Spearman, North Caddo
Sandy Beach Hearron, Northwood
Sonya Smith Bryant, B. T. Washington



Membership Matters

Karen Black, 1st V.P. Caddo District PTA/Membership

Caddo District PTA is pleased to report as of October 19, 13,758 members. **Remember to participate in the upcoming contest you must purchase your membership cards and submit your signed Budget Approval form by November 6.**

Active PTA volunteers need to make the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians feel welcome and wanted. Encourage support from your principal as well by asking them to expect every teacher and staff member to join. The result will be a big boost for your early enrollment. An active PTA enhances student achievement and will improve the overall student experience.

Membership cards are only \$2.75 and must be issued to every paying member. Each card comes with the added bonus of membership in Caddo District, Louisiana and National PTA. Cards are available at any District General Meeting or by contacting Karen Black (861-7555 or karenanneblack@aol.com). Please make checks payable to LA PTA. With one to two days notice your unit name and number can be printed on your cards!

Remember:

- Make PTA membership a priority.
- Review the “Unit in Good Standing” criteria.
- Read “What Caddo District PTA Does for Local Units”.
- Be sure to report those milestones to Karen Black as they occur at your school.
 - 100% Faculty (every faculty member has joined your local unit)
 - 100% Faculty and Staff (all faculty members and support staff have joined)
 - 100% Membership (your overall membership total s the number of students in your school-based on the school board enrollment figure as of October 1, 2007)

Congratulations!

100% Faculty

Claiborne Magnet

100% Staff

Werner Park Elementary

100% Faculty & Staff

Caddo Middle Magnet
Youree Drive Middle

100% Membership

A. C. Steere Elementary
Caddo Middle Magnet
Fairfield Magnet



Caddo Website Seeking Information

Margie Rayburn, PTA Website Coordinator

The Caddo District Website is hosted for you. On the website, we have an *Ideas Exchange* where all of your wonderful ideas about membership drives, Teacher Appreciation Week, programs, and fundraising information that worked for you and your PTA can be posted. Help us by including your information that can posted on the website and maybe other schools will consider them for their schools.

Also, check out the *Photo Album*. We will place digital photos from events held at your school on the website as you send them to us.

Please sign in at the *Guestbook* section. Let us know what you think about the website and if you have some ideas of other things you would like to have placed on the website.

Visit the website soon: <http://caddodistrictpta.org/>

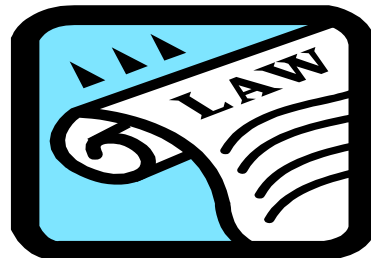
Units Needing to Update Bylaws

Margie Rayburn, Bylaws and Standing Rules

The following local units need to update bylaws before they expire or have expired.

Bylaws have to be updated by the following dates:

Cherokee Park Elementary	11/17/07	
Ingersoll Elementary	01/24/08	
Lakeshore Elementary	03/03/08	
Linear Middle	03/18/07	expired
Mooretown Elementary Professional	03/03/08	
Pine Grove Elementary	12/27/99	expired
Summerfield Elementary	09/01/07	expired
Vivian Elementary/Middle Magnet	01/29/08	
Booker T. Washington High	04/11/08	



Please contact me as soon as possible so that I can help you submit a new set of bylaws to the Louisiana PTA for your unit to have updated bylaws. Bylaws have to be updated every five (5) years. My address is 8305 Forest Cove Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107. You may call me at 929-5313 (home) or 458-4179 (cell).

Caddo District PTA Website Updates

Margie Rayburn, Website Coordinator

Website address: <http://caddodistrictpta.org/>

Great News!! There are interactive forms on the website. This means that you can type on and print out the forms.

Interactive forms are available for students to apply for the different *Recognition and Awards Programs*. Please inform all the teachers, parents, and students about this great resource. When they type their information it will be legible and the spelling of names will be correct. Sometimes when completing lists of winners we have problems reading hand written forms.

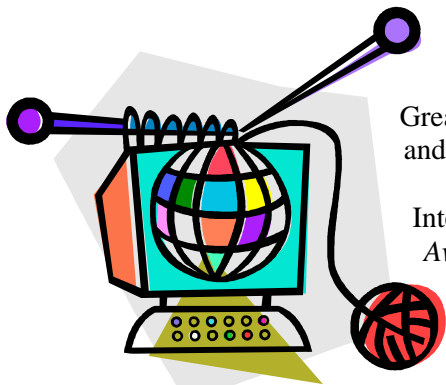
The *LAPTA Resource Guide* on the website is also interactive. This resource guide has been updated with all the corrections needed. All of the forms included in the guide in the *Other Programs and Awards* section where the Newsletter, Website, Educator of Distinction, Honor Unit and Outstanding Unit information is located are interactive.

Again, please let all students who are going to enter *Recognitions and Awards Programs* know to visit the website and type on, print out, and attach their interactive forms to their entries.

Visit the website often. It has the most current information on what is going on in Caddo District PTA.

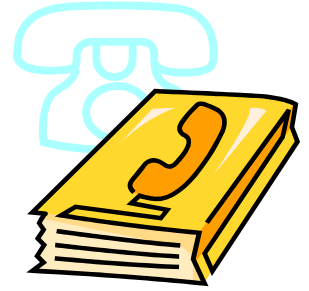
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Directory Updates

Diana May, Directory Chair



Please make these additions and corrections to the Caddo District PTA Directory.

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Sheriff's Safety Town

Thank you so much for your great response to Sheriff Steve Prator's presentation at the September District PTA meeting concerning Sheriff's Safety Town. As the Sheriff and his staff explained, preventable injuries and deaths to children in our area are more than four times the national average. We must all join together to educate our children and stop this trend.

We are asking each school PTA to help in the effort to construct a schoolhouse in Sheriff's Safety Town. Many PTAs have already donated \$1,000 or more, and will have their schools' names included on the schoolhouse. If you can't make a donation that large, don't worry. Your school (and PTA) will receive recognition for whatever contribution is made.

Contributions may be sent directly to the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department Safety Town, 505 Travis Street, Room 700, Shreveport, LA 71101-3042, or you may send them to Dr. Susan Shofner, Grant-writer/Manager, Caddo Public Schools, 1961 Midway, Shreveport, LA 71108. All checks should be made payable to **Friends of Safety Town**. If you have questions, call Dr. Shofner at 603-6589. By working together, we can prevent needless injuries to our children.

Schools Needing Proof of EIN

Submitted by Margie Rayburn



This is to let you know that the following schools don't have a copy of their EIN (tax identification number) on file in the state office.

I have recently written the IRS and they will mail your EIN - Proof of tax identification number to the address on record for your school. Hopefully all of the addresses will be your school address. Be sure to let the staff at your school know that you are looking for a letter from the IRS. If you have a copy of your proof EIN please mail to me.

One on the items needed to be a "Unit in Good Standing" is to have your current proof of EIN on file in the state office. I have contacted the state office and have a copy of all the forms the secretary had on file in the state office. I have them on file with your bylaws.

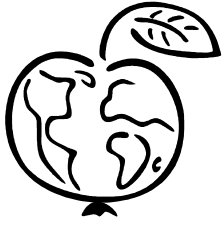
If you receive a copy of proof of EIN from the IRS, please provide me with a copy. I will fax it the state office to be placed on file. If you do not receive a copy of your EIN you will need to do another application. Contact me and I will help you with this. The form to fill out is on the website under a "Unit in Good Standing" fill out and mail to Internal Revenue Service, Attn: EIN Operations, Philadelphia, PA 192551 or call 215-516-3990.

Schools Needing Proof of EIN's:

Atkins Elementary
Barret Elementary
Blanchard Elementary
Caddo Middle Career
Central Elementary
Claiborne Fundamental Elementary
J. S. Clark Middle Magnet
Creswell Elementary
Fair Park High
Green Oaks High
Hillsdale Elementary
Ingersoll Elementary
Keithville Elementary/Middle
Lakeshore Elementary
Linear Middle
Linwood Middle
Midway Elementary
Mooretown Elementary
Morringsport Elementary
North Highlands Elementary
Northside Elementary
Oak Park Elementary

Oak Terrace/J. B. Harville
Oil City Elementary
Pine Grove Elementary
Queensbrough Elementary
Ridgewood Middle
Southern Hills Elementary
Summerfield Elementary
Vivian Elementary/Middle
Walnut Hills Elementary/Middle
Booker T. Washington High
Werner Park Elementary
West Shreveport Elementary
Westwood Elementary
E. B. Williams Stoner Hill Lab
Woodlawn High

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Calendar of Events

October

30	Board of Directors Meeting	Room 1 – 1961 Midway	9:30 a.m.
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November

1	Reflections Theme Search for 2007–2008 mail to Louisiana PTA		
6	My Louisiana Essays Deadline		
6	Safety Drawing Posters		
6	PTA General Meeting	Board Room – 1961 Midway	9:30 a.m.
19-23	Thanksgiving Holidays - Schools closed		
27	Board of Directors Meeting	Room 1 – 1961 Midway	9:30 a.m.

