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President's Message

Fantastic! Awesome! Excellent! These are a few of the words I would like to use to describe the Caddo District PTA for the 2007-2008 school year. We are a great organization with helping children succeed being our major focus.

All local units should have their 2007-2008 leadership kit. The format of the kit is not new, but there are exciting additions this year. Information for various PTA trainings, membership development information, and a number of relevant items are included.

You are encouraged to use the websites of both the Caddo District PTA and National PTA. Websites for both are as follows:

Caddo District: www.caddodistrictpta.org.

National PTA: www.PTA.org (800-307-4782)

There is no limit to the amount of positive things that can come from strong parent-teacher collaboration. With this thought in mind, remember that it is critical that all parents feel welcome at their child's school. Much can be done by everyone to contribute to the daily successes of all Caddo students.

Let us not forget August 11, 2007. There were over 100 in attendance and the presenters were super during each session. Participants were excited and eager to begin the new school year.

Thanks are extended to my Caddo District Board for all of their hard work. We have an excellent team that works well together for ALL Caddo students. Our goal is to leave no child behind and to represent every child with one voice. Together we can achieve this goal.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to a local PTA unit, do not hesitate to call me at (318) 631-6358. I look forward to a great 2007-2008 school year.



Mariah Underwood, President
Caddo District PTA

From the Superintendent's Desk...



Mr. Rodney Watson
Interim Superintendent, Caddo Parish Public Schools

“Pushing From the Bottom And Pulling From the Top”

It was great meeting many of our district's outstanding parents during Caddo District PTA's annual summer workshop. You welcomed me in an encouraging manner and I look forward to working with you. Together, I am sure that we will continue to build on the commendable legacy that you have established in Caddo.

In order for our schools, parents, students, central office and community to work even closer together, it is imperative that we focus our efforts in the same direction. Our 2007-08 school year theme, “*Pushing From the Bottom and Pulling From the Top*,” keeps at the forefront the message that we can and must improve learning for all the students in our school district. The Caddo Parish School Board has approved 2007-08 goals and objectives that will guide our efforts. I invite you to join our academic and support employees as we assume diligent roles and responsibilities in meeting these yearly objectives that address Caddo's four *Priority Goals*.

PRIORITY GOAL I: Raise the level of the educational program and student performance: Raise the level of accountability to focus on **results and attention to detail**

- Objective 1:** Increase the percentage of students participating in Enhancement Programs throughout the district by 2%
- Objective 2:** Increase the percentage of students scoring Mastery or Advanced on state assessments by 1%
- Objective 3:** Reduce the percentage of students scoring below Basic on state assessments by meet individual school growth targets and/or scoring above the state **striving to School Performance Score (SPS) of 60**
- Objective 4:** Increase the subgroup performance scores on state assessments by 2% with **emphasis on the special education and poverty subgroups**
- Objective 5:** Provide support and resources beyond district allocation to the 12 Academically Unacceptable Schools (AUS)
- Objective 6:** Increase opportunities for over-aged students resulting in a 2% acceleration to a higher grade level
- Objective 7:** Increase the number of inclusive schools trained in Differentiated instruction from 21 to 30 schools

PRIORITY GOAL II: Recruit, train, evaluate, and retain high quality staff

- Objective 1:** Increase teacher and staff recruitment efforts and activities by increasing visibility on more college campuses
- Objective 2:** Support to all principals and administrators

PRIORITY GOAL III: Coordinate and deliver efficient and effective administrative support functions aligned with school-based needs

- Objective 1:** Implement effective systems for school construction, maintenance, repair, and **transportation** that improve services and the coordination and communication **between principals and central office**

PRIORITY GOAL IV: Expand family, community and school connections: Create a high level of expectations for parental/guardian and community **participation in student learning**

- Objective 1:** Increase opportunities for parental and community involvement in schools and increase partnerships by 5%.



Membership Matters

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

Thank you, Mayor Glover for becoming a *card carrying member* of each PTA unit in Caddo District.

Caddo District PTA is pleased to report as of September 19, 10,493. Keep up the good work!

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)

Additions to Caddo District PTA Directory

Diana May
Directory Chair

Several schools have given us new information regarding their presidents or principals. The following additions/changes should be made to your directory:

Broadmoor Middle – PTA president to be elected

Caddo Heights – President –

Sharonda Snow, 1835 Vivian St., Shreveport, 71108
h – 636-2114, w- 741-5290

Caddo Middle Career & Technology – President –

Rudolph Glass, 1431 Clay St., Shreveport, 71101-2549
h- 221-3753

Central Elementary – President –

Martha Lloyd, 713 Hyde Park Place, Shreveport, 71108
h- 688-9777, w- 222-5550

Hillsdale Elementary – President –

Bridgette Woods, P.O.Box 37777, Shreveport, 71133-7777
h- 636-7251, w- 868-7936, 868-1893
email -bbwsilverbullet@bellsouth.net

Ridgewood Middle School - President

Shelley Gordy, 9531 Miahes Blvd.,
Shreveport, LA 71106

h – 687-7434

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Turner Elementary/Middle School - President

Letha Banks, 6400 Frondosa, Shreveport 71119
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Werner Park Elementary – New Principal

Deborah Alexander, Principal





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Calendar of Events

September

25	PTA Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Caddo School Board - Room 1
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October

2	PTA General Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Caddo School Board - Board Room
18	Caddo Principals' Luncheon	11:30 – 1:30	Galilee Baptist church
30	PTA Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Caddo School Board - Room 1
31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN		

