



# Caddo District PTA Newsletter

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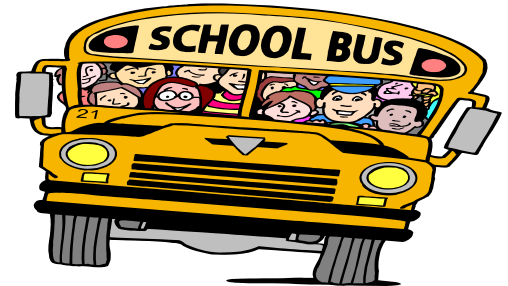
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## President's Message

It is that time of year when PTA's across the national honor those who contribute to their local PTA. I encourage you to decide who the people are in which you wish to recognize at your school with membership scrolls. Remember, as an added benefit to Caddo, when you purchase Memberscrolls from the District, you are helping to support our scholarship fund. A great portion of the monies collected for the sale of Member Scrolls help to pay for one-time college scholarships for at least three Caddo District seniors.

Our Founders' Day Banquet will be held February 21, 2008 at Broadmoor Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. I hope by now you have saved the date on your calendar and plan to be in attendance. The evening will be a spectacular event that you will not want to miss.

Keep in mind that the week of March 10-14, 2008, is testing week of all Caddo Schools. This will be a stressful week for all who play a part in the teaching and learning environment in our school system. All students will be taking some form of standardized these on these days, and I urge all PTA units to speak with the principal of their school to see if assistance is need in any way.

I urge each principal and president to attend the district PTA meeting each month. This is an open meeting and we certainly would love to see as many people possible at our meetings.

Again, I would like to remind you that recruiting members for PTA is an ongoing process. Our membership is growing because of dedicated presidents and members. If you need help at the local level in any way, please call me or your district liaison. We are available to answer questions, problem solve, or simply support.

*Mariah Underwood*  
Caddo District PTA



Mrs. Wanda Gunn  
Interim Superintendent

## From the Superintendent's Desk

In January I was appointed by the Caddo Parish School Board to serve as the Interim Superintendent until a permanent superintendent is named. It is with a great deal of pride that I continue to focus on the achievement of students under our care. Research shows that student achievement increases when parents are involved. I encourage you to continue to motivate your children at home as you work closely with their teachers, the principal and school support employees. Together we can produce more successful learners.

As may of you know, I am not new to PTA. Just this school year, I led an initiative, in conjunction with the district president, to increase the numbers of PTA units in the parish. We shall continue our efforts to secure a business of community partner for each school in Caddo.

The focus of this month's issue is student transfers. It is critical that parents carefully review and adhere to the following information.

1) Hardship, Curriculum Necessity, Out of Parish/State and Medical Transfers expire at the close of the 2007-2008 school year. They must be renewed annually.

2) Provision is made by the Caddo Parish School Board for students to transfer from a school in which they are a part of the majority race to a school where they would be a part of the minority race. Transportation for a student who is transferred under this provision of the **Majority to Minority (M and M)** policy will be provided to a school nearest the student's home school attendance area. Transfers approved by the provisions of the Majority to Minority Policy **do no** have to be renewed annually: they remain in effect as long as the student is enrolled at the school.

3) Applications and information regarding Majority to Minority, Hardship, Curriculum Necessity, and Medical Transfers may be obtained fro the Attendance and Census Department, Caddo Parish School Board, 1961 Midway Avenue, Room 205, 8:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for transfer requests for the 2008-2009 school year is April 15, 2008.



## 2007-08 Safety Drawing Winners

### PRIMARY DIVISION:

|              |                 |                        |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| First Place  | Samantha Lau    | South Highlands Magnet |
| Second Place | Pranit Nanda    | South Highlands Magnet |
| Third Place  | Peighton Watson | Eden Gardens Magnet    |

### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION:

|              |                |                     |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| First Place  | Grant Pryor    | Fairfield Magnet    |
| Second Place | Avery Grimshaw | Eden Gardens Magnet |
| Third Place  | Camille Tharpe | A. C. Steere        |

### MIDDLE/JUNIOR DIVISION:

|              |                  |                     |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| First Place  | Brooke Fort      | Caddo Middle Magnet |
| Second Place | Janniesha Butler | Youree Drive Middle |
| Third Place  | Caitlin Bruce    | Youree Drive Middle |

### SENIOR DIVISION:

|              |                 |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| First Place  | N'Desha Scott   | C. E. Byrd High |
| Second Place | Caroline Hailey | Northwood High  |
| Third Place  | Sara Menard     | Captain Shreve  |



*We want them to see stars!*

# CADDO PARISH PTA



*vs. St. Tammany Parish  
(& all other parishes of Louisiana)*

**ATTENTION ALL EDUCATORS, PARENTS,  
COMMUNITY WORKERS, STUDENTS, FRIENDS,  
AUNTS, UNCLES, & ALL OF KIN!**

We are in a "battle" for PTA Membership in Louisiana.  
We have placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to St. Tammany Parish once again.  
*(And we say, "No more!")*

**"A First Place Parish Deserves a First Place Finish!"**

So, let's get the memberships rolling!  
***Come on Caddo, let's get a TKO!***

For additional information, contact our "trainers":  
Samuel B. Jones, LA State Diversity Chairman or Bennie Dotie, LA State Service Representative  
318.518.9213 318.207.2081



## "Catch the PTA Spirit!".....Theme Sets Stage for Founders' Day Recognition

Submitted by Phylis Skains

The red carper will be rolled out on Thursday, February 21, 2008 when the Caddo District PTA Founders' Day Celebration will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church on Youree Drive, here in Shreveport. "Catch the PTA Spirit!" is the theme for this gala affair as we celebrate with the volunteers who have been selected to receive awards through our district. Honorees and guest are urged to wear Dress/Casual attire for dinner, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 each, and can be purchased from Phylis Skains, Chairperson, or at the February 5 General PTA meeting. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, February 13.

There are 2 different ways to recognize local unit members for their contributions to our children. Louisiana PTA Life Service Awards may be purchased from the Louisiana PTA in Baton Rouge. This award costs \$40.00 and checks are made payable to Louisiana PTA.

A Caddo District PTA Memberscrolls is a special way to pay tribute to a local unit members. Memberscrolls are purchased for \$10.00 each and a great portion of the monies collected for the sale of Memberscrolls help to pay for one-time college scholarships for at least three Caddo District seniors. Memberscrolls are purchased from Kathleen Barberousse, Fairfield Elementary Magnet Principal. Checks should be made payable to Caddo District PTA.

Each PTA Unit is encouraged to treat their Founders' Day Award recipients to this special, fun-filled night. So don't miss out...purchase your thicketts today.



### **Outstanding Grandparent Award**

Mark your Calendar. The Outstanding Grandparent Award Deadline is March 6, 2008. This is a Caddo District Award that is presented at the May Awards Program to a deserving grandparent(s). Guidelines and entry forms are posted on the Caddo District PTA Website or you can obtain copies from me. I will also have copies available at the February 5, 2008 General Meeting. Please call or email me if you have any questions. Phone 687-9037 or email [mechols318@comcast.net](mailto:mechols318@comcast.net)

Charlotte Echols, Chair

**CADDO DISTRICT PTA  
MEMBERSCROLL AWARDS ORDER FORM**

**School PTA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Scroll Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

District PTA Membershcroll Awards (including a certificate and a pin) are 10.00 each.

Please list the recipients to be honored. Their names will be included in the PTA Volunteer Distinguished Memberscrolls Awards announced at the Caddo District Founders Day Banquet on February 21, 2008. Also, please include the names of any State or National Life Service Recipients at the bottom of this form so their names may be announced.

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| 2. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_ District Membershcroll Awards @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to Caddo District PTA and may be purchased from Kathleen Barberousse, 6215 Fairfield, Shreveport, LA 71106, phone: (318) 868-9826.

(State PTA) (National PTA) Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Calendar of Events*



|    |                         |               |                          |            |
|----|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 5  | PTA General Meeting     | 9:30 a.m.     | 1961 Midway              | Board Room |
| 14 | Valentines Day          |               |                          |            |
| 18 | President's Day Holiday | School Closed |                          |            |
| 21 | Founders' Day Banquet   | 6:30 p.m.     | Broadmoor Baptist Church |            |
| 26 | PTA Board Meeting       | 9:30 a.m.     | 1961 Midway              | Room 1     |



### March

|       |                           |                   |             |            |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| 4     | PTA General Meeting       | 9:30 a.m.         | 1961 Midway | Board Room |
| 10-14 | State Testing             | All Caddo Schools |             |            |
| 18    | PTA Board Meeting         | 9:30 a.m.         | 1961 Midway | Room 1     |
| 17-20 | Teacher Appreciation Week |                   |             |            |