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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope that you and yours had a wonderful holiday. I enjoyed the rest and recuperation from the many activities we have all attended during the first few months of school.

We are in need of donations to the Scholarship Fund so that we can continue to give the same number of Scholarships to graduating seniors in Caddo Schools. Only a few schools have contributed to this fund so we are asking you to consider donating at least \$20.00 to this worthy fund. The form can be found on the website if your unit would like to donate or just mail the check to Kim FitzGerald.

We are looking forward to hosting the upcoming Founders Day Banquet in our new venue, Western Hills Baptist Church again this year and we thank them for their continued support. The committee has met several times and is hoping all of you will attend and enjoy the event as we honor our many volunteers in our many schools. This year's theme is "*We Love Our Volunteers.*" which I think is so appropriate, because PTA's depend on volunteers to do the work we do for our Caddo Schools.

National PTA has a challenge that many of you will see in this newsletter. They are challenging PTA's to reach higher and have a membership campaign in the early months of this new year. I will join 5 PTA's that approach me to purchase membership cards from their PTA at our February General Meeting.

All of the Caddo District PTA Reflections Winners are listed in this newsletter. We have sent notices to your PTA Presidents in hopes that your names are spelled correctly. If for some reason it is incorrect please contact me at: [lapta@comcast.net](mailto:lapta@comcast.net) so that we can make the correction.

The Caddo District Life Membership committee has selected the recipients for the Caddo District PTA Founders Day Awards. Notices for the Nomination Committee will be sent to your school with the necessary forms to make advisory nominations to the Caddo District PTA. The position's to be elected are 2nd Vice President and Treasurer (pending a bylaws approval).

Remember that the next Caddo District PTA General Meeting will be held on February 1, 2011. Remember to bring your membership card to Vote on the Bylaws Amendment to Caddo District PTA Bylaws.

*Margie Rayburn*, President

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. GERALD D. DAWKINS SUPERINTENDENT



*"CREATING WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS FOR WORLD CLASS STUDENTS"*



This month, we pause to recognize a group of district employees who serve a vital role in maximizing student success during National School Counseling Week, February 7-11, 2011. If you are unfamiliar with the role of a school counselor, you may imagine someone who simply hands out college applications, makes schedule changes for students and meets with trouble makers in a school. Those days are long gone. Today's school counselors are vital members of the education team. They help *all* students in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development and career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted adults of tomorrow.

Here in Caddo Parish Public Schools, we have 117 school counselors in the district, with nearly one-third nationally board certified. These men and women are an important part of the educational leadership team and provide valuable assistance to our students from elementary through high school. Not only do they assist

students, our school counselors aid teachers and parents, promoting positive attitudes and encouraging better relationships.

I encourage you to get to know your child's school counselor and visit the American School Counselor Association's (ASCA) website at <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?contentid=532> for tips on understanding the school counselor-parent connection.



### SIX WARNING SIGNS THAT YOUR CHILD IS BEING BULLIED *Red flags include a disconnect from family, friends*

Approximately 160,000 children miss school every day in the United States for fear of being bullied; more than 50 suicides have been linked to prolonged bullying; and approximately 85 percent of school shootings have revenge against bullies as a major motive, according to Dr. Ted Zeff, a practicing psychologist and author.

The costs of bullying are high. Unfortunately, many children suffer alone, keeping their bullying experiences to themselves. Dr. Zeff provides parents with six warning signs that their child is being bullied.

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more than 50 suicides have been linked to prolonged bullying; and approximately 85 percent of school shootings have revenge against bullies as a major motive. School-related bullying has led to depression and poor school performance in many children.

Many children are taught that it is a sign of weakness to ask for help, and frequently fail to tell anyone when they are being bullied for fear of appearing weak. Many children feel shame and assume, "Something must be wrong with me. Why else would they target me?"

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# Membership Matters

## Why Join the PTA: The Difference Between PTA, PTO and Other Parent Groups

The term “PTA” is commonly used to describe any parent group. However, there are distinct differences between PTAs, PTOs and other parent organizations. For one, PTA provides a unified voice for all children.

### The PTA/PTSA Difference

More than 5 million members networking & supporting **ALL CHILDREN**.

The **Reflections Program** engages more than half a million students in the arts each year.

**PTA Healthy Lifestyles** awarded \$20,000 to local PTAs and helped more than 460,000 students eat right and exercise more.

**Free online volunteer management system**, OMDRplus, for every unit.

**Welcomes everyone**, including grandparents, mentors, educators, neighbors, and community leaders.

**PTA Takes Action** helps parents & citizens get involved in federal public policy

**Local & National discounts** on retail and travel services and products

Ever-growing list of **free** national, state, and local **resources, programs & awards**.

**Training online** and in-person through conventions, workshops, publications, e-learning and websites.

## Membership Goal

### 30 Members In Every Unit

We are working very hard this year to ensure that the students, parents & teachers in each school in the District have an Active, “Unit in Good Standing” PTA. Study after study has shown that when parents and students are active in their school community, student’s test scores, academic achievement’s improve. When everyone works together the school improves in every measurable aspect.

### “Together, We Can Make A Difference”

**18 PTA/PTSA** Units still need to place orders. **30 Cards** need to be ordered to be a “Unit in Good Standing”.

Already have 30 members? Mentor a school that still needs to organize members (or at least order cards). Your experience can help benefit and grow not just your PTA but another school’s as well.

Membership cards are \$2.75 & 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 District General Meetings or by contacting Eppie Adams (687-0442 or [web@caddodistrictpta.org](mailto:web@caddodistrictpta.org)). Make checks payable to LA PTA. With four or five days notice your Unit Name and LUR Number can be printed on your cards!

*“The PTA has so many ways to be involved, . . .Because of the PTA I feel I’m making a difference in my daughter’s school, even though I’m not able to attend every meeting or devote hours of time.” ~ Teri Davis, Vancouver, WA*

## 115th Annual National PTA® Convention and Exhibition

Thursday, June 9–Sunday, June 12, 2011  
Disney Coronado Resort & Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida

Join thousands of parents, teachers, students, and leaders who come to national convention each year to enhance their skills, connections, and success!

**REGISTRATION OPENS IN MARCH 2011!**



## DISTRICT NEWS

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Are you running a membership campaign right now? Consider it. Nationwide, approximately 18 percent of PTA members join in January and February. Capitalize on people's optimism that the New Year brings new opportunities to improve themselves, their lives, and their worlds. Encourage them to make it their number one resolution to be more involved in their children's education by joining PTA.

January and February are not too late for parents to make a real impact in the current school year. Ask each of your units to be part of the "New Year—New Opportunities" membership campaign.

PTAs that run more than one membership campaign a year have, on average, 20 percent more members. Grow your state's membership now!

### CADDO DISTRICT PTA SCHOLARSHIP

Caddo District PTA gives at least three \$500 scholarships to Caddo students to help with expenses. Students must be attending a College or University in Louisiana. This is a one time scholarship.

Applications have been gray boxed to the Senior Counselor in each of our public schools. The information sheet lists all of the requirements for completing the entry and submitting it for consideration.

All entries must be postmarked by March 25, 2011 and mailed to:

Scholarship Chair - Tillie Cailleff  
868 Southgate Road -  
Shreveport, LA 71105

Applications and information can be found on the Caddo District PTA website. Forms will be available at the February 1, 2011 General Meeting.

**If your school PTA has not made a donation to the Caddo District PTA Scholarship Fund, please consider doing so by the March deadline for entries. Any amount will be appreciated and will help us honor more students.**

### OUTSTANDING GRANDPARENT OF THE YEAR

The entry requirements for the Outstanding Grandparent for Caddo District PTA have been changed this year. Copies have been grey boxed to the schools. The form can also be found on the Caddo District PTA web site.

The deadline for submitting entries is March 1, 2011.

They may be turned in at the District PTA Meeting that morning or mailed to :

Tillie Cailleff  
868 South Gate Road,  
Shreveport, LA 71105

### FEBRUARY 1, 2011 ENTRIES DUE—WHERE TO MAIL.

Safety Drawing Theme Search, Educator of Distinction, Scholarship mail to :  
Jessica Wallace Ayala, 7454 Board Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Newsletter, Website:  
Attn: Charlotte Echols, 9736 Jade Circle,  
Shreveport, LA 71106

Honor and Outstanding Units  
Attn: Susan Laborde, 20551 Riverside Drive,  
Covington, LA 70433



**Louisiana PTA** needs your pictures. We are gearing up for State Convention and need your help. We are making a slideshow of pictures from PTA's around the state. We would love to have pictures from our state level, district level and especially local units. This is your chance to show off! Did you have a great function at your school, host training, attend National PTA Convention? Share them with us. Email all photos to: [kerrielandreth@charter.net](mailto:kerrielandreth@charter.net). Please include your unit(school)/district name and who is pictured/what is going on. I want to make sure you get credit for contributing!

Thank you for helping us out and I am looking forward to seeing all your great pictures.

Kerrie Landreth

## DISTRICT NEWS CONT'D.

### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE CORNER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee is elected by the membership, as describe in Article VI, Section 7 of your bylaws. The number of people to be elected to the committee is also stated in the bylaws. It is always an uneven number. The secretary should read those positions of the bylaws pertaining to the nomination and election of officers to the entire membership before the election of the committee. Elect the committee at least one month prior to the election meeting.

A PTA can be no more effective than its leadership. Therefore, the members of the nominating committee have a tremendous influence on the future of the PTA and should be selected carefully. The committee is charged with seeking the most qualified nominees for the elected leadership of any member who has paid current year's dues to the unit is eligible. All members should have an opportunity to nominate or be nominated for the committee.

The principal may serve on the committee if elected as any other member. If not elected to the

committee, he or she may serve in an advisory capacity.

The current PTA president **may not** serve on the committee. All discussion in the committee is **confidential**. Examine carefully the qualifications of each suggested nominee. Members of the committee may be nominees without resigning from the committee. Vote by ballot if the committee cannot agree on a nominee. Get consent of member before placing the name in nomination. All members agreeing with the report should sign it.

#### **Skills Members Should Possess?**

Fair, ethical and impartial judgment when evaluating people or situations

Tact, discretion and integrity

The ability to listen

The ability of keep all deliberations

**confidential**

An understanding of the PTA's mission, purposes and plans

*See you in the Corner, Margie*

### FOUNDERS DAY

It's not too early to start thinking about which of your PTA volunteers to honor at the Founders' Day Banquet in February.

There are two ways to honor volunteers and support Caddo District Scholarships: Order forms for both of these are available on the website – [www.caddodistrictpta.org](http://www.caddodistrictpta.org)

1. Caddo District Member Scroll: For a \$10 donation, your volunteer will receive a pin and certificate. This award is available from Mrs. Kathleen Barberousse, Principal of Fairfield Elementary Magnet.
2. Caddo District Honorary Life Service Award: For a \$30 donation, your volunteer receives the highest honor awarded by our district with a custom made pin and certificate. This award is available from Carol Fullilove, who chair's the life service committee. Carol may be reached at Arthur Circle Elementary.



All of the access funds raised by these awards allows Caddo District to give more scholarship to graduating seniors of Caddo Schools.

#### 3. Louisiana PTA Life Service Award:

This is the award that can be given by a local unit. It is purchased from the State PTA office at a cost of \$40, and includes a pin and certificate. Please allow three weeks for delivery.

#### 4. The National Life Achievement Award:

This is the highest honor that be bestowed upon a PTA member. This is a national award that has to come from the National PTA. To order you can go to the Caddo District PTA website and the information is under forms. Please allow 4 weeks to receive this award.

These are the many ways that you may honor your volunteers at your school. Please consider giving these awards to the members of your unit that go above what is expected from them to make the school a wonderful place for student to learn.

# NATIONAL PTA NEWS

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD

*Individualized plans a plus*

Many students struggle in school at some point during their academic career. In particular, math and science pose the greatest challenges. If your child is falling behind, then tutoring may be the best way to reverse the trend and set him or her up for long-term success. Steve Magat, an education consultant and owner of Tutor Doctor in Richmond, Virginia, offers tips for evaluating math and science tutors.

The best science tutor for your child is the one who can provide him with an individualized learning plan designed to capitalize on his strengths while focusing on identifying and addressing issues that are keeping him or her from academic success. Here are several things to consider when choosing a math or science tutor for your child.

### **The Right Experience**

One of the most important things to look for in a science tutor is experience teaching science. Science is a complex field, Magat says, and students struggle for a number of reasons. In the younger grades, it can be a matter of reading skills as science requires the ability read and clearly understand complex instructions. As students get a little bit older, science actually becomes a function of math.

If math skills are lacking, then performance in science classes will inevitably suffer. Magat says that when students struggle with science, they also tend to struggle in their math classes, algebra in particular. This is where a one-on-one tutoring program can be extremely beneficial. By

identifying and addressing individual barriers to learning, a tutor is better able to suggest changes that may make a student more successful in the areas of both science and math. These changes can actually alter the way that the student relates to these challenging subjects for the remainder of his or her academic career, Magat says.

The best tutors possess education backgrounds. Many have teachers' certifications; some are current teachers and others, due to scheduling or child care considerations, have teaching credentials but aren't currently teaching.

Other things good tutors have in common are that they're all very enthusiastic, they know their subject matter, and they're good at relating to students and parents, Magat says.

### **The Right Environment**

When choosing a math or science tutor, parents should consider the environment in which their child will learn best. Magat says kids do their optimal learning in a safe, comfortable, distraction-free environment. For this reason, tutoring a child in the comfort of his or her own home can yield excellent results. Kids learn best when they're comfortable, Magat says, so private, in-home tutoring is the best way to get kids focused on complex subject matter like math or science.

*Steve Magat joined Tutor Doctor in 2009 as an Owner/Education Consultant. For more information about Steve, visit his website at [TutorDoctorofRichmond.com](http://TutorDoctorofRichmond.com) or follow him on Twitter @tutordctorva*

## IS THE FOOD IN YOUR FRIDGE SAFE?

National PTA and Consumer Reports have partnered to provide you with monthly safety tips and product recalls alerting you of possible dangers in your school or home.

### **January Safety Tip**

Keep safety a priority in the new year! Parents, check your fridge and freezer for the latest food recalls:

Over the past few weeks, greens such as sprouts, cilantro, parsley, and dill have been recalled.

Approximately 34,373 pounds of organic ground

beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 have been recalled.

Recalled products include 16-oz. packages of "Nature's Harvest organic ground beef brick," 16-oz. packages of "Organic Harvest Ground Beef Brick" and 16-oz. packages of "Nature's Harvest Ground Patty."

The bacteria in recalled foods may be deadly. Keep your children safe by checking for and purging these items. For more information on this recall and for additional food and product recalls and safety alerts go to [ClickCheckandProtect.org](http://ClickCheckandProtect.org).

## SCHOOL NEWS

### JACK P. TIMMONS GIVING SCHOOL WITH HEART

"This has been a back-to-back giving year for **Jack P. Timmons Elementary**," said Stephanie Hyatt, PTA President. They were very proud to announce a record goal of \$1,525.00 they collected for St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. Right after Halloween they collected 71 lbs. of candy, which was sent to our troops overseas. At their Annual Holiday Food Drive, they collected over 600 food items for the Food Bank. Timmons is currently collecting pet food for PetSavers animal shelter. Timmons is a small school with a big heart.



Timmons students participating in the Annual Holiday Food Drive are back row l-r are Ashley Schiller, Astrid Tims and Triniti Parker and front row l-r are Joah Jackson, Nate Spurlock and Bailey McLaughlin.

### A.C. STEERE PTA ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO "THINK ABOUT IT"



"Think About It" offers students an opportunity to win one of three \$5 gift cards each month by interpreting a designated theme or correctly answering a question posed to them through monthly "Think About It" posters. Each poster provides an inspirational quote from a famous or noted personality; lists some basic identifying information about that person's life and accomplishments; offers some additional reading or research resources; and then asks a specific question about the subject. Students who find and submit the correct answer to the question earn an opportunity to win a \$5 gift card from a random drawing of all correct answers. Addition-

ally, students can earn two more chances to win by interpreting the associated monthly theme in a short paragraph, poem, drawing or photograph. One visual and one literary interpretation winner also is selected each month.

"The point is just to get them thinking," said Becky Celli, PTA Vice President of Communications. "In the process, they learn a little something and get an opportunity to express themselves in ways not always available to them in their day-to-day class work."

Celli said the program has been growing steadily since its kick-off in August. "I'm amazed at the depth of understanding expressed in some of the submissions," she said. "You never know when a particular topic is going to strike a chord with a student – and when it does, it's magic."

"Think About It" also is enhanced by the new "Kid Stuff" page in the PTA's monthly newsletter that provides fun and interesting information for all grade levels. The specific variety of information is designed to stimulate and strengthen different thought and analytical processes that hopefully will benefit the students during high stakes testing.

"Kid Stuff offers things like distorted photos of teachers, which is always good for a laugh and requires students to use some analytical processing to figure out who's in the photo," Celli said. "Our teachers and parents recommend books for each grade level; Fascinating Facts lists interesting, bizarre or obscure facts; and Lost in Translation provides common words or phrases in the three international languages of English, French and Spanish. The kids learn something about word origins without even realizing it.

"There are several features that rotate in and out depending on space, and it's all designed to simply get them to use their brains in different ways," Celli said. "If they can learn to find answers by looking at problems from different perspectives, then everyone's a winner."



The Louisiana PTA is "**Wild About PTA**". Join us at the upcoming Louisiana PTA State Convention in Baton Rouge, LA. at the new Crowne Plaza Hotel. The dates for convention are April 15-16, 2011, Friday afternoon and Saturday.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MEET AMOS WINBUSH III



Bob Griffin and I were busy marking our calendars for the We Care Essay contest presentations in Caddo and Bossier Parish Schools the week before Thanksgiving. About that time I received a call from Shannon Wall, Principal at Donnie Bickham Middle School. Maddison Benge, seventh grader at the school, was the We Care Essay contest winner for all middle school students in Caddo Parish Schools. Mr. Wall suggested we make the presentation to Maddison at an assembly that was to feature a special guest by the name of Amos Winbush III. Amos had attended Donnie Bickham Middle School a few years earlier.

When Bob and I arrived at Donnie Bickham on Friday morning a few minutes prior to the assembly, Mr. Bush was chatting with Mr. Wall in his office. Bob and I were ushered into the Principal's office, a place that both of us knew only too well as youth.

Amos Winbush is easy to get to know... because he is very real and most passionate.

Amos is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of CyberSynchs, a technology company that has developed leading edge technology for the safeguarding of information for mobile device users (cell phones, etc.) by synchronizing data from the user's device to a website mirror. For more information go to [www.cybersynchs.com](http://www.cybersynchs.com).

Amos Winbush has been named to Inc. Magazine's annual list of "30 Under 30," a list of America's most successful young entrepreneurs.

Amos was the keynote speaker for an auditorium full of middle school students, and many of his prior teachers. He told the students they could be anybody they wanted to be and could do anything they wanted to do...*and they believe him*. Amos gave one of the most motivating talks I have ever heard. He reminded me of a truism that I embrace in my daily life—"Nothing is taught until something is learned"—and Amos has learned how to be and do; and he has learned it very well.

The next Tuesday Amos visited the Community Renewal International office. He wanted to learn more about our *model for renewal* being developed in his own home town. And Bob and I wanted to learn more about Amos. We had a

great visit. Amos was asked to join our National Advisory Board and enthusiastically accepted, showing his heart for giving back to the community.

Amos Winbush III is really a neat guy—and a great example, not only for middle school students, but for all of us. I hope you get to meet him sometime.

### BARNES & NOBLE "MY FAVORITE TEACHER"



A school is much like a bookstore—both are places of aspiration, passion, education, and dreams. That's why Barnes & Noble is excited to recognize the foundation of our great American schools—our dedicated teachers. The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest provides your students with the opportunity to tell your community how much their teachers are appreciated.

**WHO PARTICIPATES:** Students in Kindergarten – Grade 12

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Students write an essay, poem, or letter sharing how a teacher has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire them. You collect the essays and share them with your Barnes & Noble bookseller.

- Entries should be 500 words or less and typed on 8.5" x 11" white paper in English.
- Each entry should be submitted with the entry form provided.
- A parent or legal guardian must sign the entry form acknowledging that they have read the Official Contest Rules.

**SUBMITTING ENTRIES:** All entries should be provided to your local Barnes & Noble representative by Friday, March 18, 2011. You may also mail them to the store postmarked by the deadline. The address of your nearest Barnes & Noble retailer can be found at <http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com>

**Once the winners are selected, plans for a celebration begin!**

**WHAT STUDENTS GET:** The students who write the winning essays or poems will receive a certificate of recognition and will be honored at their local store during a ceremony for the winning teachers.

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## COMMUNITY/NATIONAL NEWS CONT'D.

### "MY FAVORITE TEACHER" CONT'D. FROM PAGE 8

**WHAT TEACHERS GET:** The winning teacher will be recognized at an event at their local Barnes & Noble where they will receive a special award acknowledging their achievement, a set of ten (10) Sterling Children's Classics books for their library, and additional recognition and praise from their community.

The six regional winners will each receive a NOOK™ eBook Reader and a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card.

The winner of the "Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year" award will receive \$5,000 and will be recognized at a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000 as well. The winner will also receive five copies of the winning essay published in hardcover by Tikatok.com, the site where students create and publish their own books, and a \$250 Tikatok Gift Card that will allow the teacher to publish select stories written by students in their class.

For entry forms and deadlines contact your nearest Barnes & Noble and ask for their Community Relations Manager for complete details or visit: [www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher](http://www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher).

### SAVE THE DATE



**Justin Bloxom Day  
"Because We Care About Our Kids"  
Sponsored by Sheriff's Safety Town  
Saturday, April 16th - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**This event will include:  
Car seat checks  
A Bike Rodeo ( bring your own bike)  
Tours of Safety Town  
Water Safety Information  
Internet Safety Information  
Contact Safety Town at 698-SAFE(7233)  
for more information**

### "SIX WARNING SIGNS" CONT'D. FROM PAGE 2

When children experience traumatic experiences like bullying, they often become frozen and exhibit feelings of helplessness and shame. This sometimes renders them unable to defend themselves when attacked or put under pressure. Traumatized children then bring this state of helplessness to other situations that they perceive as threatening. The more withdrawn these children become, the more likely they will slip into serious emotional trouble.

Parents need to be aware of the warning signs for when their children experience depression, severe anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder due to bullying. The following is a list of red flags to look for:

Is your child disconnecting from people and isolating him/herself in their room? Although teens usually separate from the family, they normally connect more often with their friends.

Has your child developed physical problems such as stomachaches and headaches that interfere with their life?

Has your child's schoolwork recently suffered, and is it difficult for your child to concentrate?

Does your child have trouble falling or staying asleep or experience frequent nightmares?

Does your child seem listless, unenthusiastic, and uninterested in life?

Have you noticed that your child seems hypervigilant, extremely nervous, depressed, or emotionally explosive (beyond the normal teenage angst and moodiness)?

If you suspect that your child is suffering from any of the above symptoms that is interfering with his or her life and you have not been able to help alleviate their suffering, you should consider having your child evaluated by a licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and family counselor, or licensed social worker. If you can't afford to pay for private therapy sessions, virtually all cities have low-cost therapy clinics (check with your city or county department of mental health).

*Dr. Ted Zeff is the author of The Strong, Sensitive Boy: Help Your Son Become a Happy, Confident Man. For more information please visit [DrTedZeff.com](http://DrTedZeff.com).*

# CADDO PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS 2010-2011

## DANCE - CHOREOGRAPHY

### Intermediate Division Award of Excellence

Ashleyn Malik                      South Highlands Magnet  
Sarah Murphy                      University Elementary

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Excellence

Alden McCollom                      Caddo Middle Magnet

## FILM .VIDEO

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Excellence

Micheal McCrary III                      Caddo Middle Magnet  
Nicole Shaw                      Youree Drive AP Magnet  
Kaitlin Vaitkus                      Youree Drive AP Magnet

## LITERATURE

### Primary Division Award of Excellence

Olivia Butterman                      South Highlands Magnet  
Diya Desai                      South Highlands Magnet  
Graham Harris                      Eden Gardens Magnet

### Award of Merit

Ashini Modi                      South Highlands Magnet  
Melanie Nolen                      South Highlands Magnet  
Paulyn Robinson                      Eden Gardens Magnet

### Intermediate Division Award of Excellence

Sunjay Latchuman                      South Highlands Magnet  
Anne Tibbit                      Herndon Magnet  
Olivia Zepeda                      Fairfield Elem. Magnet

### Award of Merit

Victoria Baylis                      University Elementary  
Rachel Britt                      Forest Hill Elementary  
Georgia Hilburn                      South Highlands Magnet

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Excellence

Carleigh Byrd                      Herndon Magnet  
Walker Simmons                      Youree Drive Middle AP  
Hayden Viskozi                      Caddo Middle Magnet

## LITERATURE/CONTINUED

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Merit

Pamela Diaz                      Youree Drive AP Magnet  
Sarah Roblow                      Caddo Middle Magnet  
Monica Stults                      Youree Drive AP Magnet

### Senior Division Award of Excellence

Rachel Dorsey                      C. E. Byrd High  
Leigh Green                      Captain Shreve High  
Madeline Wagnon                      Captain Shreve High

### Award of Merit

Mariah Adams                      Southwood High  
Shelby Paine                      Captain Shreve High  
Allison Waddell                      Captain Shreve High

## MUSICAL COMPOSITION

### Primary Division Award of Excellence

Hannah Hobson                      Fairfield Elem. Magnet

### Intermediate Division Award of Excellence

Thuytien Chu                      South Highlands Magnet  
Ceara Johnson                      South Highlands Magnet  
Audrey Tate                      University Elementary  
Lillie Thibodeauz                      Herndon Magnet

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Excellence

Allison Case                      Youree Drive AP Magnet-  
Neil Nathan                      Caddo Middle Magnet

### Senior Division Award of Excellence

Joshua Nabors                      C. E. Byrd High  
Sean Nathan                      Caddo Magnet  
Patrick Murphy                      Captain Shreve High

## REFLECTION THEME FOR 2011-12

“DIVERSITY MEANS...”

# CADDO PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS 2010-2011

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### Primary Division Award of Excellence

Luke Muslow                      Fairfield Elem. Magnet  
Kevin Robinson                 South Highlands Magnet

### Award of Merit

Diya Desai                         South Highlands Magnet  
Clair Sanders                     Eden Gardens Magnet

### Intermediate Division Award of Excellence

Gracyn Bricker                 South Highlands Magnet  
Ceara Johnson                 South Highlands Magnet  
Nathan Rowley                 Herndon Magnet

### Award of Merit

Luke Celli                         A. C. Steere Elementary  
Chase Dittman                 A. C. Steere Elementary  
Joshua Hobbs                 Jack P. Timmons Elem.

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Excellence

Lucia Boyd                        Caddo Middle Magnet  
Sabrina Rushing                Herndon Magnet  
Camille Tharpe                 Caddo Middle Magnet

### Award of Merit

Madi Hathaway                 Herndon Magnet  
Morni Modi                        Caddo Middle Magnet

### Senior Division Award of Excellence

Kevin Chan                        Captain Shreve High  
Brook Fort                        Captain Shreve High  
Hailey McGuire                 C. E. Byrd High

### Award of Merit

Phillip Gill                        C. E. Byrd High  
Kristin Sibley                    C. E. Byrd High  
Madeline Wagnon                Captain Shreve High

## VISUAL ARTS

### Primary Division Award of Excellence

Charity Costanza                Arthur Circle Elementary  
Hadlee Hoffman                 Arthur Circle Elementary  
Asini Modi                        South Highlands Magnet

### Award of Merit

Lilah Estes                        South Highlands Magnet  
Kaitlen LeMere                 Fairfield Elem. Magnet  
Nickolas MacKowiak            Riverside Elementary  
Karsen Pittman                 Riverside Elementary  
Cathrine Ross                    South Highlands Magnet

### Intermediate Division Award of Excellence

Caroline Boswell                Forest Hill Elementary  
Hannah Evans                 Arthur Circle Elementary  
Greer Handley                 University Elementary

### Award of Merit

Charity Durr                      Arthur Circle Elementary  
Buh-Yu "Samantha" Lau        South Highlands Magnet

### Middle/Junior Division Award of Excellence

Kobie Lofton                      Caddo Middle Magnet  
Caroline Manning                Caddo Middle Magnet

### Award of Merit

Haley Kirton                      Youree Drive AP Magnet  
Jessica Smith                    Herndon Magnet  
Audrey White                    Youree Drive AP Magnet

### Senior Division Award of Excellence

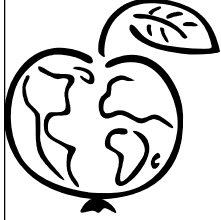
Madison Kane                    Captain Shreve High  
Catherine Newell                Captain Shreve High  
Melody Stevens                 Captain Shreve High

### Award of Merit

Toriana Morris                 Southwood High  
Miles Rogers                    Captain Shreve High

**Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good.  
Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered,  
you will never grow.**

**Ronald E. Osborn**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### January

25 Caddo District PTA Board of Directors Meeting—9:30 a.m., Rm. 1

### February


1 Safety Drawing Theme Search Entries Deadline, Honor Unit and Outstanding Unit Entries Deadline, Educator of Distinction Deadline, Amendments/State Bylaws/Resolutions Submission Deadline, Newsletter Entries Deadline and Website Entries Deadline  
 Caddo District PTA General Meeting—9:30 a.m., Board Room 


21 Presidents' Day (Schools Closed)

22 Caddo District PTA Board of Directors Meeting—9:30 a.m., Rm. 1

24 Founders Day Banquet, Western Hills Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.

### March

1 Caddo District PTA General Meeting—9:30 a.m., Board Room  
 Outstanding Grandparent Entries Deadline 

14-18 Teacher Appreciation Week 

21-31 Spring Break (Schools Closed)

25 Caddo District Scholarship Application Deadline

31 Membership Deadline (for State Recognition)

### April

1 Spring Break

11-15 LEAP 21 & GEE Testing

22 Good Friday (Schools Closed) 