



# Caddo District PTA Newsletter

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## President's Message

I hope that your and yours had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the new year of working with PTA to serve all children and youth in your school. We have listed in the newsletter all the information that you will need to send off all of your entries to the



Louisiana PTA for judging.

I hope many of you are looking forward to attending the Louisiana PTA State Convention. Karen Black is in charge of the convention as the convention coordinator. Caddo District PTA will be in charge of the hospitality room and we look for many of you to come and relax with us. Be sure that your PTA budget reflects some funds to attend this convention. It is the closest that it will be for all of the student winners and parents to attend so that the students may enjoy the Reflections and Safety Drawing Program Luncheon that is held in their honor.

We also have the nominations and elections of office for the Caddo District PTA in the coming months. Nominations are due by February 27, 2009 to Eppie Adams, Chair of the nominating committee. This committee will bring a slate of officers to the April meeting for elections. Be sure to bring you membership card so that you may vote in the election. We also, have one amendment to the Caddo District Bylaws in March concerning the election of officers.

There are many entries that are due by February 2, 2009 and we hope all of the units are entering the program awards for Louisiana PTA that honors local units for what they do for their PTA's.

We need all of you to help the school system in their endeavors for parental involvement in the schools that are in jeopardy with the state school system. We all have a concern for schools to succeed and we need to support the Caddo Parish School System to do the work that needs to be done. Caddo District PTA is here for all the children.

You should have already received information for ordering the Caddo District PTA Memberscroll, Caddo District PTA Honorary Life Membership Award, the Louisiana PTA Life Service Award and the National PTA Life Achieve Award. These interactive forms can also be found on the website:

[www.caddodistrictpta.org](http://www.caddodistrictpta.org) . Be sure you purchase these awards with plenty of time to honor your PTA volunteers with awards and thanks at the February 19, 2009 Founders Day Celebration at Broadmoor Baptist Church, at 6:30 pm as we celebrate the founding of PTA.

*Margie Rayburn*

**Caddo District PTA, President**



## From the Superintendent's Desk

### Happy Birthday PTA!

**Dr. Gerald Dawkins,  
Superintendent**

Dear Caddo District PTA Members:

In just a few weeks, the Caddo District PTA will join many other units and parents across the nation in celebrating Founders Day. I salute you during this annual time of celebration and applaud you for your commitment to the students in Caddo Parish Public Schools. Parental involvement is a vital component in the academic success of our students and many of you play a key role in our schools. Thank you for your commitment.

Locally, regionally and nationally, PTA has worked on behalf of all children and families. Many of you have been leaders in our local achievements. You have carried high the torch of PTA's founders Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founder of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Selena Sloan Butler. All three were women of imagination and courage who understood the organized power of parents and guardians working together for children. Ms. Hearst, Ms. Birney and Ms. Butler had a simple idea—to improve the lives and futures of all of our children. That idea is as important today as it was in 1897 when PTA got its start in Washington DC as the National Congress of Mothers. Today, as we face the challenges of educating all of our youth, I look forward to working with you as we *create world class schools for world class students* in Caddo Parish.

Have a great Founders Day Banquet. Happy Birthday PTA!



### Message from your Caddo Parish School Board President



I have been a PTA person for 20+ years. I have seen all the good things done for children in every school in this parish. Unfortunately, we have seen a decline in participation in PTA. In today's world we must see a return to the "good ole days" when parents were visible in their children's schools. Our children want to see parents in the schools but more importantly they need to see parents in their schools. It has been proven time and again that parental involvement has a direct and positive effect on a child's performance and attendance in school. Middle schools and high schools are no different. Parents are needed in every arena of their child's education. Even though this year is half over it's not too late to start to participate. Volunteer!!!! We teach our children to give back when they see us working in our schools.

Caddo is in a state of suspended animation because of the state's action of taking over schools. Many members of the Caddo school board went to Baton Rouge to ask for more time to accomplish the goals set by the state. We asked that Caddo be given more time for Dr. Dawkins to implement his Caddo Plan. I believe this plan can work with the cooperation of administration, teachers, students and parents. We will also need the help of community organizations. Dr. Dawkins will let us know more when he knows more from the state.

Let's keep working toward having world class students in world class schools. This is an achievable goal. Start today making a change in your child's life.

Bonita Crawford  
President, CPSB



## Membership Matters

Eppie Adams, 1st V.P. Caddo District PTA/Membership

Caddo District PTA is pleased to have over 14, 500 members as January 15, 2009. Keep up the good work!

At the start of the 2nd semester, building membership and recruiting volunteers can seem like a monumental challenge. Here are some recruiting tips found in the January PTA Today Magazine in an article entitled, "Fight the Midyear Volunteer Slump".

1. **Make Timely Requests:** try something new like a "seasonal volunteer sign-up system". By sending sign-up sheets around in the fall, winter and spring, you keep people involved throughout the school year. Plus, it's a reminder for those who may have signed up in the fall for a spring event.
2. **Show appreciation to your PTA members during the middle of the year, not just at the end.** Publicly recognize individual volunteers at meetings, present a certificate, praise volunteers not just to them, but to others as well.
3. **Have PTA Members "Bring a Friend"** to your next PTA meeting or event. Make recruiting new parents a friendly competition and award prizes such as a rotating priority parking spot or "gold" name badge for "Recruiter of the Month".
4. **Just Ask:** Do you see someone regularly up at the school? Or maybe a classroom parent? When you ask, be specific about the help you're looking for. Busy moms and dads will be much more likely to agree to a two-hour shift selling snacks at the Valentine's Day dance than to a vague request to help out with the dance.
5. **Talk About the Benefits:** The PTA is a great place to make friends, become involved in the community, and to learn new skills. Remember to point out how the involvement of parents benefits students. Parental involvement at school has a positive effect on their child's academic performance and is a great way to create family memories.

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 Eppie Adams (687-0442 or [web@caddodistrictpta.org](mailto:web@caddodistrictpta.org))

### CADDO DISTRICT PTA OUTSTANDING GRANDPARENT

This is a great way to honor a grandparent who volunteers to work at your school. You may submit only one entry from your school. Guidelines and forms are printed on the Caddo District PTA website. Copies have also been gray boxed to the schools, given out at our Summer In-service session and will be available at the February 3rd General Meeting. The deadline for submitting your entry is March 3. They may be turned in at that meeting or mailed to: Tillie Caileff – 868 Southgate Road - Shreveport, LA 71105

### AMERICA'S CARING COMMUNITY

We trust all of you, our wonderful friends of the Caddo District PTA, had a joyous Holiday Season. With over 40,000 caring persons (15,000 middle school and high school youth) connected together through the We Care Team, we are transforming our community from an ordinary community to "America's Caring Community."

Our commitment is to be recognized as the first American city in history where people are concretely connected together through their conscious decision and commitment to care for one another. Every local PTA chapter in Caddo Parish is a vital part of this transformation of our community.

We would like to come to your school and make a presentation at one of your regular meetings. Bob Griffin will recognize your chapter and your school on his regular radio show on 710 KEEL. Please email or call Tom Watts to set up a time.

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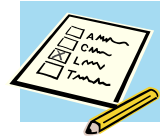


## Caddo District PTA Bylaws Amendment

The Caddo District PTA Board of Managers is recommending a bylaws amendment to the bylaws of Caddo District. This amendment will be voted for approval at the March General Meeting.

The statement from Page 2. Article VI. Nominations for Office, C. in the Caddo District PTA Standing Rules to be inserted in the Caddo District PTA bylaws on page 5. Articles VI: Officers, Section 4. to be a new letter e. and re-letter \*\*e. and f. The new e. would read:

- e. If a member wishes to run for office from the floor after the slate of nominees has been announced, they must give notice by submitting their qualifications statement to the Caddo District PTA Nominations chair seven (7) days prior to election.



## Caddo District PTA Advisory Nominations

The following offices are up for election at the April 7, 2009 Caddo District PTA General Meeting:

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY  
TREASURER**

Requirements for nominations from the Caddo District PTA bylaws, Article VI, Section 4. reads:  
Section 4. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of this district PTA:

- \*\*a. Each officer shall be a member of a local PTA within the area of this district PTA.
- \*\*b. Only members of a local PTA in good standing with the Louisiana PTA shall be eligible to hold office.
  - c. A candidate for District President or 1st Vice President must have served on the District Board for one full term within the past five (5) years and on a local unit board for one full term either concurrently or previously.
  - d. Candidates for offices other than district president and 1st Vice President must have served on the board of a local unit PTA.
- \*\*e. No officer may be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
  - f. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.

Forms have been sent to each PTA president and you can make copies of it if you need. Enter only one advisory nomination on each form. Complete all requested information to the best of your knowledge. Must have consent of nominee and request that they send in the qualification statement to the committee.

Return completed forms to: Caddo District PTA, Nominations, 2853 Alkay Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118

### Guest Speakers for the February 3, 2009 General Meeting

Be sure to attend the February 3, 2009 General Meeting, 9:30 am in the Caddo Parish School Board Room  
To hear Caddo School Counselors speaking on:

“Gratitude Project”

Louisiana Counseling Association

## Caddo District PTA Founders' Day Banquet

The Founders' Day Banquet will be held on Thursday, February 19, 6:30 PM, at the Broadmoor Baptist Church. Plan to come early to meet some of the royalty from the Krewe of Gemini! The queen and members of her court will be on hand after 5:45 pm to greet guests as they arrive and hand out special beads.



### PTA Founders Day Banquet 2009 *"Caddo District Takes Mardi Gras World Class!"* Ticket Order Form Deadline to order Tickets is February 12, 2009

This year's Founders Day Banquet will be held at the Broadmoor Baptist Church on February 19, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the January 6, 2009 and February 3, 2009 General Meetings. Tickets may also be purchased by mailing a self-addressed & stamped envelope along with the form at the bottom of this sheet to Ann Wolf, 700 Martinique Court, Shreveport, LA 71115. If you are mailing the form within a few days before the February 12th deadline, you may call in the reservation at 318-797-2911 to prevent the additional charge for late ticket purchases. All reservations must be paid in full, even if all the tickets are not used.

Checks must be payable to Caddo District PTA and have the qualified signatures on them.

Tickets are available for \$20.00 each. Please purchase a ticket for each of your award recipients and others who will be attending.

We encourage the members from each of our PTA units to come early and enjoy visiting with all the other attendees.

The Caddo District Board of Directors would like to remind you of standing rules that apply to purchasing tickets:

Caddo District PTA Standing Rules, #16. e. and f.

- e. Any tickets purchased or reserved before the published deadline will be charged the published price per ticket.
- f. Any tickets purchased or reserved after the published deadline will be charged the published price per ticket plus a \$10.00 late fee per ticket.

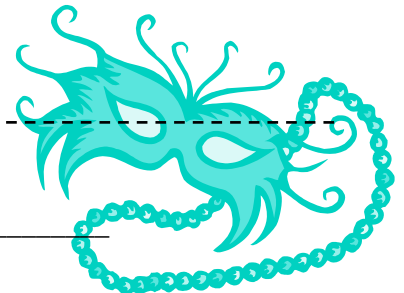
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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets needed: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each      Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



## Founders Day Recognitions

It is not too late 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.

Interactive forms for both of these are available on the website: [www.caddo.districtpta.org](http://www.caddo.districtpta.org)



- 1 Caddo District Membersroll: For a \$10.00 Donation, your volunteer will receive a pin and certificate. This award is available from Mrs. Kathleen Barberousse at Fairfield Elementary Magnet, 6215 Fairfield Avenue: Phone 318-868-9826 (W)

- 2 Caddo District Honorary Life Service Award: For a \$30.00 Donation, your volunteer receives the highest honor awarded by Caddo District PTA with a custom make pin and certificate and folder. This award is available from Carol Fullilove, Arthur Circle Elementry, 261 Arthur Avenue, Phone: 318-861-3537 (W), or home at 418 Kenshire Court, Phone: 318-797-0148.



- 3 Louisiana PTA Life Service Award: This is the highest award that can be given by a local unit. It is purchased from the State PTA office at a cost of \$40.00 and includes a pin and certificate. Please allow three weeks for delivery.
- 4 National PTA Life Achieve Award: Any PTA – local, district or state in conjunction with the National PTA may give a National PTA Life Achievement Award to a deserving person. This is the highest honor that PTA's may give to someone for outstanding service to children, promotes children's well-being, health and safety, and serve as an advocate for children in all areas of education. This award may be applied for online at the website: <http://www.pta.org/ssi/hlmonline.asp> this award cost \$125.00.

The above listed awards may only be presented to a recipient by a local unit or the Caddo District PTA.

### State Deadline for Programs – Due to Louisiana PTA

*Due February 2, 2009*



- **Safety Theme Search** Mail to: Peggy Seeley, Health & Safety Chair, 39208 Oak Street, Pearl River, LA 70452
- **Educator of Distinction** Mail to: Anna Billiot, Education Chair, 21408 Overmier Road, Loranger, LA 70446
- **Honor and Outstanding Unit Application** Mail To: Louisiana PTA, Chris Cohea, President, 41090 Cuthell Drive, Hammond, LA 70403
- **Outstanding Newsletter Entries** Mail to: Jennifer Penny, Newsletter Chair, 273 Emerald Creek West, Abita Springs, LA 70420
- **Outstanding Website Entries** Mail to: Christie Camp, Website Chair, 221 Carmel Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448
- **Resolutions/Bylaws Recommendations** Mail to: Louisiana PTA Office, 1543 Del Plaza, Suite 13. Baton Rouge, LA 70815

*Due March 31, 2009*

- **Largest Grandparent Membership** Mail to: Michelle Roy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership, 26236 East Birch, Lacombe, LA 70445



*PTA Discovering Endless Possibilities, Live the adventure.....  
Louisiana PTA!  
Louisiana PTA State Convnetion*

The Louisiana PTA wants you to discover endless possibilities at the upcoming Louisiana PTA State Convention. The Louisiana PTA State Convention is just around the corner. The state convention is being held in Shreveport, at the new Shreveport Convention Center connected to the Hilton Hotel. The dates for convention are Friday afternoon and Saturday, April 17-18, 2009. Registration for the convention and workshops will be \$50.00. There are additional fees for the Children's Luncheon, the Saturday night Awards Banquet, and the dance. All reservations are due by April 1, 2009. Please be sure to have this as a budgeted item in your PTA budget. Caddo District will be in charge of the hospitality room and we look forward to seeing you there. Explore the endless possibilities as you attend the Louisiana State PTA Convention April 17-18, 2009.

### **Developing Your Child's "Super-Ready" Literacy Skills**



The National Institute for Literacy's Early Literacy Panel just released its "[Developing Early Literacy](#)" report. The report identified essential early skills and abilities important to later literacy development. It also found that parent involvement had a significant impact on measures of oral language skills and cognitive abilities.

The findings and recommendations inspired Liza McFadden, president of the Volunteer USA Foundation, to compile this "To Do" list of actions to help children become "super-ready" for school.

#### **Finding #1. Alphabet Knowledge**

"Alphabet Knowledge" is the knowledge of the names and sounds associated with printed letters. I think of this finding as if my kids were wearing superhero costumes while becoming "masters of the alphabet." Their job: to learn the name of every letter and the sound each letter makes. My job: to switch on the TV closed-caption option so words are part of my child's every TV experience; to point to the beginning letter of words and make the sounds of the letter.

#### **Finding #2. Phonological Awareness**

This finding says super-ready kids have "phonological awareness"—which means they have the ability to distinguish words and syllables, independent of their meaning. It's critical that children truly hear the sounds in words and play with these sounds. It means reading fun poetry like Dr. Seuss books and singing songs like "Clap, Clap, Clap your Hands" where children clap to syllables.

#### **Finding #3. Rapid/Random Order Learning**

By age 5, super-ready kids must be able to instantly identify letters, numbers, colors and objects in "rapid" and "random order." So it's not just knowing the numbers one to 10 in order—it's important to recognize them quickly in any order.

#### **Finding #4. Writing Skills**

Super-ready kids need to be able to wield powerful pencils. While most of us spend lots of time reading bedtime stories, I'm not sure we've been as conscientious about writing skills. Specifically, at age 5 children should be able to write their own name and write any letters that are called out. One idea is to have your child write their name in all their books.

#### **Finding #5. Phonological Memory**

This finding is a doozy; researchers call it developing a child's "phonological memory." Simply stated, super-ready kids have great recall and we know how they love to "retell" their favorite stories.

Previous reading research suggested parents read to their kids 20 minutes a day. If you've been doing this, you're ahead of the curve! But the takeaway here is that simply reading doesn't get us all the way there.

## National PTA News



### **2009 PTA National Convention**

113th Annual PTA National Convention & Exhibition  
Friday, June 26 – Monday, June 29, 2009  
Greater Ft. Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center,  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



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

- Education — Choose from 30+ workshop
- Exhibits — Visit more than 200 exhibits
- Issues — Raise your voice on national business and emerging issues
- Resources — Gather 100s of ideas, handouts, giveaways —interact with 1,000s of other PTA leaders from around the country

Ft. Lauderdale — Stay and play in this great family vacation destination. Registration and hotel information will be available March 2009

### E-Learning Courses for the National PTA



*Note: Your username and password are on the back of your membership card.*

At a time when PTA budgets are tight and schedules are even tighter, e-learning is a solution for members looking to expand their skills cost-effectively and without the need to travel. This e-learning initiative is a step toward achieving PTA's goal of making all members informed advocates by 2020. Choose from the following courses, and look for new courses to be added throughout the year. Each course takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete and can be revisited repeatedly for more practice.

- Preventing Theft in Your PTA—**NEW** offering from PTA Leadership Training
- PTA Basics—Discover the history and structure of PTA, as well as the programs and issues that the national network of PTA members undertakes across the country to strengthen parent involvement in every school. (Course designed for emerging local leaders.)
- Grant Writing—Does your PTA need more non-dues revenue to use in the school or community? Get familiar with the grant-writing process by taking a free introductory course on the basics of grant application.
- Conflict Management—Learn the basic principles and techniques of conflict management by immersing yourself in a simulated real-life situation, guided by immediate feedback and expert advice.
- Planning and Goal Setting—Developed around a five-step process from Franklin Covey, this course contains printable tools and exercises for use in setting and reaching your goals.
- Parliamentary Procedure—We have all attended a meeting where there were no objectives, people interrupted each other, conversation was dominated by arguing, and decisions weren't made fairly or in a timely manner (or at all!). Learn how rules of conduct positively effect the decisions a PTA makes while ensuring fair and orderly unit operations.
- Running a Successful PTA Program—Outlines the steps for taking a program idea from concept to reality to meet the needs in your school. (Course designed for both emerging and current local PTA leaders.)
- Effective Advocacy for Your Child—Organize around local issues and address them to benefit the needs of children and your community. (Course designed for emerging local leaders.)
- Writing and Proposing PTA Resolutions—This course combines "stories from the field" with advice from members on researching and drafting resolutions and a checklist for writing and proposing resolutions.
- Planning Your PTA Year—Disorganized volunteer projects lower enthusiasm and make people wonder why they tried to get involved in the first place. This course sets you up for a successful year, assisting your planning and goal setting.

## Parental Controls Become Easier to Understand, Install – From National PTA

No more excuses — parental control software helps parents supervise their children's computer usage, even when the parents are away from the computer, and the software is becoming simpler to use, according to [TheOnlineMom.com](http://TheOnlineMom.com).

Nearly everyone knows of a friend or neighbor's child that stumbled across an inappropriate website or accidentally deleted important files. How can you make sure this doesn't happen in your house? It's easy... and getting easier, according to [TheOnlineMom.com](http://TheOnlineMom.com). And it's even more important in this post-holiday season with new laptops and desktops received as gifts. Use this primer to learn about parental controls.

### What are parental controls?

Parental control software allows parents to:

- Manage time spent on the Internet or on the computer
- Limit what their children are allowed to see and read online
- Select which computer programs children can use
- Monitor and log all Internet activity



### Managing computer time

For all children, managing time spent at the computer is as important as monitoring the amount of time spent watching TV. Like the TV, computer use should not be an automatic right; rather it should be a privilege earned by good behavior and respect for the rules of engagement.

Most parental control software allows scheduling of times when the computer, and by extension the Internet, is and isn't available to your children.

### Filters and blocking software

When it comes to controlling what children are allowed to see and read, most security suites will typically offer to block websites matching specific categories such as pornography, violence, drugs, or chat. Some blocking software will refer to its own database of matching sites, which is constantly updated for new additions, and others will analyze page content in much the same way that search engines do.

### Protect files and turn off applications

All parental control software programs will also allow parents to "turn off" applications that are normally available to older users. Typically these would be e-mail services but could also include financial applications, games, movies, or other entertainment programs available off the desktop or elsewhere.

### To spy or not too spy?

Finally, there is the "spyware" side of parental controls. This can be a useful tool if you want to monitor how adventurous your children might be getting with their Internet searches. Typically, these monitoring features will log every attempt to visit a banned website or simply record every website visited, good or bad. They can even send notifications real-time, so you can be at work and see which sites your children are attempting to visit.

*This abridged article is reproduced from a two-part series on parental controls originally published on [TheOnlineMom.com](http://TheOnlineMom.com), a website offering tech information and advice to parents. [Both articles](#) can be found in full at [TheOnlineMom.com](http://TheOnlineMom.com).*

## Tips for Children's Use of Online Social Networks from National PTA

The value of kids' use of online social networks can be debated, but what is indisputable is that kids are using them to socialize and form relationships. Authors Charlene C. Giannetti and Margaret Sagarese offer these tips for encouraging openness and proper use of technology:

- **Consider your child's age when buying a device.** Does a 10-year-old really need a camera phone? Can you be sure your 11-year-old won't misuse that camcorder? If you decide to go ahead and buy, remember that these devices don't come with proper-use manuals. That message must come from you.
- **Focus on the behavior, not the technology.** The technology may have changed, but kindness and decency should still be at the top of everyone's list. If your son is going to break up with a girl, he shouldn't send her an e-mail to do so.
- **Talk about public versus private.** A young girl may think it's okay to pour out her innermost thoughts on a public website. Point out how that information may be used against her to fuel rumors.
- **Learn how your child is furthering romance on the Internet.** Mention this article; then ask, "How are kids in your school using the Internet?"
- **Talk about romance and relationships.** Kids may have a lot to teach parents about new technology, but parents have more to teach their children about relationships and romance — on and off the electronic highway. If parents neglect to talk about the excitement and beauty of love, adolescents will get that information from peers, the media, and, yes, the Internet.

For the full article, go to the [Child Safety](#) section of PTA.org.

**Caddo District PTA**  
**2008-09 Reflections Winners**

**Dance Choreography**

**Intermediate Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Trinity Jones                      Judson Fundamental  
 Gabbi Sorensen                  A. C. Steere

**Award of Merit**

Lucia Boyd                          South Highlands Magnet

**Senior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Emily Smith                      C. E. Byrd High  
 Lacy Schichner                  Northwood High



***Literature Continued:***



**Middle/Junior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Charlton Boyd                      Caddo Middle Magnet  
 Alexandra Garcia                  Youree Drive Middle  
 Shelby Paine                          Youree Drive Middle

**Award of Merit**

Alexa Babin                          Caddo Middle Magnet  
 Erin Jackson                          Caddo Middle Magnet  
 Morgan DuBois                      Youree Drive Middle

**High School Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Tabatha Ballard                      North Caddo High  
 William Carlisle                      C. E. Byrd High  
 Randle Milliken                      C. E. Byrd High

**Award of Merit**

Mary Anna Billingsley              Captain Shreve High  
 Dylan Touchstone                      Captain Shreve High  
 Kaleko M. Tucker                      Captain Shreve High

**Film/Video**



**Intermediate Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Jake Crusan                          South Highlands Magnet  
 Haley Thompson                      South Highlands Magnet  
 Sarah Davidson                      South Highlands Magnet

**Award of Merit**

Holly Heafner                      A. C. Steere  
 Luke Lemere                          Fairfield Magnet

**Literature**



**Primary Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Caroline C. Adkins                      South Highlands Magnet  
 Ashleyn Malik                          South Highlands Magnet  
 Jasmine Harris                          Eden Gardens Fundamental

**Award of Merit**

Graham C. Harris                      Eden Gardens Fundamental  
 Ceara B. Johnson                      South Highlands Magnet  
 Cora Barnard                          Eden Gardens Fundamental

**Intermediate Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Lucia B. Boyd                          South Highlands Magnet  
 Lilyth G. Foley                          University  
 Owen C. Roberts                      University

**Award of Merit**

Averi-Alexya Beck                      South Highlands Magnet  
 Trinity S. Jones                          Judson Fundamental  
 Rebecca Parsons                      Eden Gardens Fundamental  
 Yu Hang "Pius" Lau                      South Highland Magnet

**Musical Composition**



**Primary Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Thuytien Chu                          South Highland Magnet

**Middle/Junior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Patrick Murphy                          Caddo Middle Magnet  
 Neil Nathan                              Caddo Middle Magnet  
 Sean Nathan                              Caddo Middle Magnet

**Senior Divisions**

**Award of Excellence**

Andrew Murphy                          Captain Shreve High

**Photography**



**Primary Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Athan Cosse                              South Highlands Magnet  
 Caleb Green                              University  
 Chase Harner                              University

**Award of Merit**

Henry Lott                                  South Highlands Magnet  
 Mary Lott                                  South Highlands Magnet  
 Ben Lightbody                          A. C. Steere

**Caddo District PTA Reflections Winners *continued*:**

**Photography *Continued*:**



**Intermediate Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Josef Adams                      Judson Fundamental  
Sarah Davidson                  South Highlands Magnet  
Walker Lee                        South Highlands Magnet

**Award of Merit**

Rex Bryant                        Herndon Magnet  
Luke Lemere                      Fairfield Magnet  
Nathan Rowley                  Herndon Magnet

**Middle/Junior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Aby Depesa                        Youree Drive Middle  
Michael Miller                    Caddo Middle Magnet  
Avery Walton                      Caddo Middle Magnet

**Award of Merit**

Karlie Rowley                    Caddo Middle Magnet  
Warren Travers                  Youree Drive Middle  
Charlton Boyd                    Caddo Middle Magnet

**Senior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Hayden Flint                      C.E. Byrd High  
Mary Ellen Kerr                  Captain Shreve High  
Caitlin Sattler                    C.E. Byrd High

**Award of Merit**

Felicia Anderson                North Caddo High  
Meagan Lambrecht              Captain Shreve High  
Caroline Boley                    Captain Shreve High

**Visual Arts**



**Primary Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Madison Allen                    Arthur Circle  
Lillie Johnston                  South Highlands Magnet  
Hannah Renfro                  Arthur Circle

**Award of Merit**

Emma Chamberlain              A. C. Steere  
Ashini Modi                        A. C. Steere  
Cameron Semon                  Eden Gardens Fundamental

**Intermediate Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Taylor Metheny                  Arthur Circle  
Taylor Reed                        Fairfield Magnet  
Audrey White                      Arthur Circle

**Award of Merit**

Sarah Davidson                  South Highlands Magnet  
Anna Lester                        Eden Gardens Fundamental  
Austin Wilder                      Forest Hill

**Visual Arts *Continued*:**



**Middle/Junior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Rheannon Dahm                  Youree Drive Middle  
Morgan DuBois                  Youree Drive Middle  
Natalie Hunter                  Youree Drive Middle

**Award of Merit**

Will Cook                         Herndon Magnet  
Madelyn Greenleaf              Caddo Middle Magnet  
Haley Koch                        Youree Drive Middle

**High School Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Cole Bourland                    C. E. Byrd High  
Mary Ellen Kerr                  Captain Shreve High  
Chelsea Lyn Oliver                C. E. Byrd High

**Caddo District PTA  
Safety Drawing Winners 2008-2009**

**Primary Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Kelsey Krikorian                  Arthur Circle  
Kylie Gomez                        Arthur Circle  
Ashleyn Malik                      South Highlands Magnet

**Award of Merit**

Lauren Lindsey                  South Highlands Magnet  
Adam Wilson                      Fairfield Magnet  
Abigail Lindsey                  South Highlands Magnet



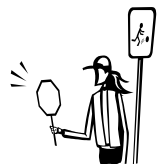
**Intermediate Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Taylor Reed                        Fairfield Magnet  
Jalan Mitchell                    A. C. Steere  
Shelby Tobin                      Riverside

**Award of Merit**

Jalen Helm                         Riverside  
Leilani Iem                        Riverside  
Seth Steele                         Riverside



**Middle/Junior Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Brook Fort                         Caddo Middle Magnet  
Brittany Rapp                      Youree Drive Middle  
Skylar Owens                      Youree Drive Middle

**Award of Merit**

Erin Carson                        Caddo Middle Magnet  
Aly DePesa                        Youree Drive Middle  
Andrew Culver                    Youree Drive Middle

**High School Division**

**Award of Excellence**

Meredith Bogan                  C. E. Byrd High





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*Calendar of Events*



**February**

- 2** Deadline for Safety Drawing Theme Search Entries, Newsletter Entries, Website Entries, Educator of Distinction Entries, Honor and Outstanding Units Entries: Due to State
- 3** Caddo District PTA General Meeting – Caddo Parish School Board Room, 9:30 am
- 16** Presidents Day Holiday, **School Closed** 
- 19** Founders Day Banquet, Broadmoor Baptist Church, 6:30 pm 
- 24** Caddo District Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 am, Room 1

**March**

- 3** Caddo District PTA General Meeting - Caddo Parish School Board Room, 9:30 am  
Outstanding Grandparent Entries Due
- 20** Caddo District PTA Scholarship Applications Due 
- 23-17** Caddo District PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- 31** Caddo District Board of Directors Meeting – 9:30 am, Room 1  
Louisiana PTA Membership Deadline for Convention Recognition