

# Caddo District PTA Newsletter

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Mariah C. Underwood, President  
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## President's Message



Mariah Underwood  
Caddo District PTA President



Another school year has ended! I hope everyone will take some time now to breathe, enjoy their families, and give yourself time to recharge your batteries. Before we know it, August will be here and those “relaxing” days of summer will be just wonderful memories.

With the close of the school year, I want to thank all PTA volunteers across Caddo for everything they have done to provide the many wonderful opportunities for the children they serve. Local unit officers, standing committee chairs and committee members, our principals, teachers, educational leaders and school community and business partners—Caddo District PTA appreciates all you do to support our purposes and mission in our schools every day.

I want to take this opportunity as well to thank the members of our District PTA Board. While their work continues throughout the year and those “breaks” seem to get shorter all the time, I certainly hope they accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for all they do. I have not forgotten that they too are volunteers. Their time and commitment to our association is very much appreciated as well.

Last but not least, thank you to all of our family members who support the work we do. Whether spouse, children, grandchildren, grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, all of our extended families, without your constant support and understanding of why we do what we do, it just couldn't happen. Your love is constant and always unselfish. Thank you.

PTA members put your feet up and take a break! Enjoy your much deserved “days off”. Before we know it, it will be time to put your PTA hat back on and get ready for the 2007-2008 school year. Speaking of getting ready, don't forget to mark your calendar for the PTA inservice on August 11, 2007. .

With heartfelt thanks,

*Mariah Underwood*

# From the Superintendent's Desk...



**Ollie S. Tyler, Superintendent**  
Caddo Parish Public Schools

## Summer Programs In Caddo

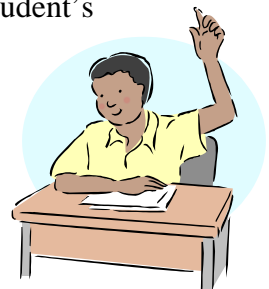
In Caddo Public Schools, we truly believe that every child deserves multiple opportunities for success. With that in mind, a free summer remediation program will once again be offered for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as high school students who do not meet the high stakes testing requirements on the March, 2007 LEAP and GEE assessments. The **Summer Remediation Program** is scheduled for **May 29 – June 28, 2007**, from **8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.** each school day at designated elementary, middle and high school sites.

**Summer remediation sites** for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students include Blanchard, University, Werner Park and Westwood Elementary schools. Sites for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students are Donnie Bickham, Ridgewood and Youree Drive Middle Schools and Byrd High School. Bus transportation will be provided to the summer remediation site that is the closest to the student's home. In addition to bus transportation, breakfast and lunch will be available to all students at no cost.

**Summer Remediation Registration Packets** will be sent home with 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and high school students upon receipt of the LEAP and GEE results from the Louisiana Department of Education on Friday, May 11, 2007; and must be returned to the student's home school no later than 3:00 p.m. **Monday, May 14, 2007.**

The Summer Remediation Program is a collaborative effort of everyone in the Caddo Public School District. The best administrators and teachers, as well as support employees will be selected to enable students to master the skills necessary for promotion to the next grade level or to be eligible for graduation at the high school level. Concentrated instruction will be provided each day in classes no larger than 20 to prepare students for the **LEAP and GEE summer retesting** that is scheduled **June 26 – 28, 2007.**

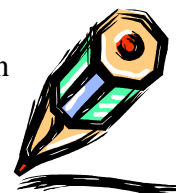
Parental support and involvement is of utmost importance during the summer remediation session. **Parent orientations** will be held at each summer remediation site on **Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m.** and **Wednesday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m.** to share information about the summer remediation program and promotion criteria. Our goal is to keep parents well informed through the parent orientations, a monthly calendar of activities, progress reports indicating each student's attendance and academic effort, as well as conferences and telephone calls as needed. Further information regarding the Summer Remediation Program can be secured at your child's school or by contacting Donna Baker, Summer Remediation Coordinator, at 603-6286.



# Put PTA's Back-to-School Kit in the Right Hands

Reproduced from National PTA

Back to School Kit from 2006-A similar kit for 2007 will be sent to all local units in good standing with valid addresses at the end of June!



The PTA national organization will be sending the 2007 Back-to-School kits to every local unit at the end of June. This year's Back-to-School kit is better than ever, with posters, guides, brochures, membership tools, sponsor offers, programs, and much more to get your PTA year off to a great start and keep it going all year long.

One way to make sure your local unit gets this valuable resource is to update your contact information with your state PTA or through the Online Membership Data Reporting (OMDR) system. Please update you local unit president for the 2007–2008 school year as soon as you can. If you are not going to have the new president elected by the end of June, please ensure that the current president agrees to pass along this vital resource to his or her successor.



Look for more information about the great items in the Back-to-School kit in upcoming issues of Local Leader News.

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## 2007 Caddo District PTA Scholarship Winners

Krystal French

Northwood High School

Top Scholarship Recipient

Victoria Prothro

C. E. Byrd High School

Kaycee Richards

Caddo Magnet High

Jacob Ambrose

C. E. Byrd High School

Sapphira Brown

Booker T. Washington High School

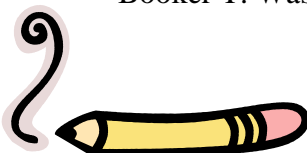
Catherine Rigby

C. E. Byrd High School

Deidre Shepherd

Booker T. Washington High School

Eddie Jones Award





# Caddo Local Units Need to Update Bylaws

Caddo District PTA, Bylaws Chair  
Margie Rayburn

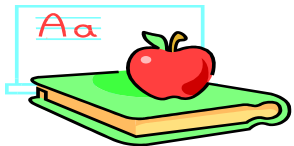
As Bylaws chair for Caddo District I would like to go ahead and give the following units a notice that their bylaws will have to be update to remain in good standing for the upcoming year. All bylaws have to be updated every five (5) years.

The school and the dates their local unit bylaws were last approved are:

<u>School</u>	<u>Bylaws last approved on this date</u>
Ingersoll Elementary	01/24/03
Linear Middle	03/18/02
Ridgewood Middle	03/13/03
South Highlands Elementary	09/18/02
Summerfield Elementary	09/01/02
Booker T. Washington High	04/11/03
Youree Drive Middle	04/11/03

I will be very happy to meet and work with your local unit to update your bylaws. If you do not have copy of your current bylaws, I can furnish you with a copy.

Feel free to contact me at any time at home ((318) 929-5313 or my cell (318) 458-4179.



## Louisiana PGA 2007 Educators of Distinction



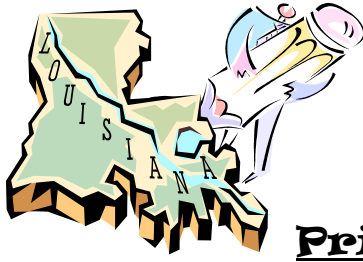
Stephanie Bosco  
**Sharman Burgess**  
 Mary Anne Clement  
**Elizabeth Harrison**  
**Margaret F. Holt**  
 Dana Hladky  
 Leslie Martin  
 Charisse Ripoll  
 Eileen Scoriels  
**Randy D. Smith**  
 Andrea Zuber

L. P. Monteleone JR. High  
**Youree Drive Middle School**  
 Bonne Ecole Elementary  
**Captain Shreve High**  
**University Elementary**  
 Magnolia Trace Elementary  
 Woodlake Elementary  
 Tchefoncte Middle  
 Fountainbleau Jr. High  
**Caddo Middle Magnet**  
 Highland Elementary

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*Congratulations to our Caddo winners!*





# Caddo District 2007 My Louisiana Winners



## Primary Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Blake McGahan	Fairfield Elementary	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ceara Johnson	A. C. Steere Elementary	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Alexander Maddox	Blanchard Elementary	State Award of Merit

## Intermediate Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mariah Corbell	Herndon Elementary	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ashley Christian	Riverside Elementary	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Miranda Donakey	Arthur Circle	State Award of Merit

## Middle/Junior High Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Andrea Fite	Youree Drive	State Award of Excellence
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Danny Cronin	Caddo Middle Magnet	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kelsi Copeland	Herndon Magnet	State Award of Merit

## High School Division

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Matt Trimble	Northwood High	State Award of Merit
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Carolyn Murphy	Captain Shreve High	State Award of Excellence
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Dylan Touchstone	Captain Shreve High	State Award of Excellence



## Treasurer's Corner

Mrs. Ann Wolf, Treasurer  
Caddo District PTA

### Get Ready for Fall

All treasurers of local units should be sure their books are in order to give to the incoming treasurer. The books should be audited and all banks statements and receipts should be kept for a seven (7) year period. Thank you for your hard work.



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## *Calendar of Events*



### *May*

15	Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Room 1 – 1961 Midway
18	Last Day for Students		

*June 28 – July 1, 2007*

*National PTA Convention*

*August 11, 2007 – Caddo District Summer Inservice*

***Have a wonderful summer!***

