



# Caddo District PTA Newsletter

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## President's Message

In this newsletter you will find all of the Reflection and Safety Program Winners from Caddo District PTA listed. All of these students are invited to attend the Caddo District Awards Ceremony being held in their honor in the Lel McCullough



Auditorium of Caddo Middle Magnet, on May 7, 2009 beginning at 9:30 am. Also listed in this newsletter are the Educators of Distinction, Caddo District PTA Scholarship Winners, Newsletter Winners, and Honor and Outstanding Unit Winners who are invited to attend this special meeting. Membership Awards for local PTA units who have reached membership total of 500 members or more will also be presented their awards. There are some special awards in membership which will also be presented.

I hope that all the delegates who attended the Louisiana PTA State Convention have some memorable experiences and enjoyed meeting PTA Friends from across the state of Louisiana. We had a wonderful time hosting hospitality for all of the delegates. The only drawback that I could see is that when working with a hotel and a convention center a lot of moving around from one to the other takes time.

Hope to see all of you at the "Spring Fling" on April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Caddo Parish School Board Staff Development Center. The meeting will be helpful to all incoming PTA Presidents. Remember that all local unit presidents are invited to please bring their prospective president for 2009-2010 or newly elected president to this meeting.

The Caddo District PTA Summer In-Service is scheduled for August 8, 2009 in the Caddo Parish School Board Room, registration is from 8:00 thru 8:45 AM. We have inserted the information form and registration form in this newsletter.

This will be the last newsletter sent out until September. We hope you have enjoyed this informative way of communicating with local unit PTA Presidents and Principals, as we strive to bring information of interest to keep you informed as well as the information we you need to run your PTA smoothly. If for any reason you need assistance or need questions answered, please don't hesitate to contact a Caddo District Board member, who will assist you or will know someone they think will be able to assist

you. On another note, about the Caddo District PTA Newsletter, Our editor Charlotte Echols received an award at the Louisiana PTA State Convention for all the hard work she does in the newsletter:

## **Congratulations Charlotte for a job well done!!!**

If you know of someone who might be interested in serving on the Caddo District PTA Board, please contact: Margie Rayburn, Caddo District PTA President, 8305 Forest Cove Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71107. or call 318-929-5313 (H) or 318-458-4179 (C)

*Margie Rayburn*  
Caddo District PTA, President



## From the Superintendent's Desk

### Two New Middle Schools to Open in August 2009

**Dr. Gerald Dawkins,** Dear Caddo District PTA Members:  
**Superintendent**

Two new middle schools will open in the fall of 2009 for the students who currently reside in the Linwood Middle School and Linear Middle School attendance areas. In January, both schools were taken over by the state. However, students **do not** have to remain at Linear and Linwood but may attend one of Caddo's **new middle schools** that will open in August 2009. We are committed to keeping our current students and invite you to help us share information about the new schools and programs.

Parent informational meetings will be held throughout the district to present plans for the coming school year and to help parents and students transition to new school assignments. Highlights of the new middle schools and school populations impacted are listed below:

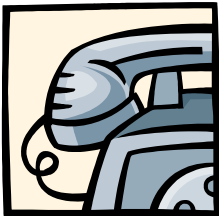
**New Newton Smith Middle School, 2998 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive** – a comprehensive core curriculum (math, science, social studies, language arts), performing arts middle school, comprehensive arts instructional programming, foreign language, career education exploration

- For students of Linear Middle
- Also for children who will be entering middle school in August 2009 who now attend Newton Smith Elementary, Pine Grove Elementary, Northside Elementary, and Cherokee Park Elementary.

**New Math Science Middle Magnet School, 6660 Quilen Road** (current Oak Terrace site) – expansion and growth of math/science magnet component, making middle grades work, interventions and acceleration, foreign language

- For students of Linwood Middle
- Also for children who will be entering middle school in August 2009 who now attend Caddo Heights Elementary, Sunset Acres Elementary, Atkins Elementary, Summerfield Elementary, Summer Grove Elementary, Southern Hills Elementary and Barret Elementary.

*The Caddo Plan* speaks to *Creating World Class Schools for World Class Students* and addresses improvements for all of our students in each school. I will continue to update you on portions of *The Caddo Plan* in upcoming issues of this publication.



### **CALLING ALL PTA PRESIDENTS!**

Please complete this form as soon as possible after your election of new officers is held. This information is vital for new presidents to receive information and mailings from District, State and National PTA. Note: Even if the person is serving a second term, we need this form filled out and sent in. Please mail to Caddo District PTA, 8305 Forest Cove Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107 or e-mail to [lapta@comcast.net](mailto:lapta@comcast.net).

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# Membership Matters

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

Caddo District PTA has almost 16,000 memberships as of March 31, 2009.

## 5 Things You Can Do With Your School to Promote Learning

This comes from a really great article from PTA Parent. The ideas are tried and true ways of involving parents with students and the school.

- 1. Listen when your child talks about school.** Pay attention to what your child says about school. If your child is happy with his or her classroom and school activities, write or call the teacher to say thank you. If your child seems frustrated, bored, or lonely at school, call a teacher or counselor to see what can be done.
- 2. Take advantage of school meetings.** Finding the time to attend school meetings can be a challenge. Many schools offer alternative times and places for parents to ask questions and discuss solutions to common problems. Often these meetings provide child care.
- 3. Volunteer at school.** By volunteering in the classroom, you can better understand how to support your child's learning at home. Try being a room parent, a chaperone at school functions, or a tutor. Even parents who work full-time can create opportunities if they do not exist.
- 4. Join or create a "Social and Emotional Learning Book Club."** In some communities parents have created book clubs to learn how they can encourage their children's social and emotional development. This could be part of your PTA. It could also be something you do with friends.
- 5. Encourage good communication with the school.** Good communication is basic to supporting your child's education. Ask your child's teacher to provide suggested home activities to support skills the children are learning at school. Ask for homework assignments that directly involve parents.

## Caddo Students Shine



**Nicholas Taylor**  
Louisiana High School  
Student of the Year

Nicholas Allen Taylor of Shreveport, LA, has recently been selected as the Louisiana High School Student of the Year as well as Region 1 and Caddo Parish High School Student of the Year. A senior at C. E. Byrd Math/Science Magnet School, Nick is number one in the senior class of 452 students and President of the Top Jackets, Byrd's school ambassadors. He is a National Merit Finalist, a U.S. Presidential Scholar Semifinalist and a Coca-Cola Scholars Semifinalist. In addition to being Captain of the Quiz Bowl Team and Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Nick is a member of the Key Club, French Club, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Varsity Lacrosse Team. Nick attended the Northwest Louisiana Literary Rally where he won first place and received medals in calculus and physics. He attended the Louisiana State Academic Rally where he won first place over all divisions in Chemistry in 2008. Nick is an active member of the Ellerbe Road Baptist Church Youth Group, where he plays guitar for the Youth Praise Band and works with both children and youth. He plans to attend LSU this fall, majoring in Chemistry and participating in the Chancellor's Future Leaders in Research program. His parents are Sharon and David Taylor of Shreveport.

Congratulations to Henry Lin! Wednesday, April 15, 2009 Henry Lin was named the 2009 Louisiana Middle School Student of the Year. Henry Lin is a student at Caddo Middle Magnet where he maintains a 4.0 GPA. He is a member of Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Builders Club, Newspaper Staff, Advanced Piano, and has continued to be very active within his community. He is the son of Binshan and Eileen Lin. Some of his honors include being a two-time winner of the Desk and Derrick Essay contest, winning first place in the Louisiana Torgrimson Swanzy Piano Competition, winning 2nd place at the AR-LA-MS Junior Fencing Olympics, winning first place in Economics at the regional Social Studies Fair, receiving recognition from Johns Hopkins University and Duke TIP for high ACT test scores, and being invited to and attending the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in D.C. Henry is the first Caddo Middle Magnet student to win this prestigious award. We are very proud of Henry's accomplishments and the recognition he has brought to himself, his family, our school, and the Caddo Parish School System.



**Henry Lin**  
Louisiana Middle School  
Student of the Year



**Samantha Hilburn**  
Caddo Parish Elementary  
Student of the Year

Samantha Hilburn, Caddo Parish Elementary Student of the Year, is the daughter of Cary and Jennifer Hilburn. This South Highlands Student of the Year was also named Regional Student of the Year. Samantha is a very active fifth grade student at South Highlands Elementary Magnet School and in our community. While maintaining strong grades in the classroom, Samantha also serves on the South Highlands Student Council, volunteers as a peer helper and flag raiser, and participates in the South Highlands Running Club. She is an active member of Grace Community United Methodist Church where she recently completed a service project which required making blankets for those in need. Samantha has participated in and received many awards in contests including the PTA Reflections, Artbreak literary and art competitions, Shreveport Symphony Orchestra Music Memory Competition, and the South Highlands DARE essay contest. She has also been published numerous times in Caddo Parish School's Seedlings where her writings have

been previously chosen as the best in her grade level!! Samantha is an exemplary student who is actively involved with her school, church and community.



l-r David Taylor, Sharon Taylor, E. Renae Conley, (President of Entergy Corp.), Nicholas Taylor (High School SOTY), Walter Lee (BESE) and Ollie Tyler (State Dept. of Ed.)



Henry Lin, Samantha Hilburn and Nicholas Taylor in Baton Rouge, LA for State Student of the Year judging



l-r Walter Lee, Ollie Tyler, Louis Cook (CMM Principal ), Binshan Linn, Henry Lin (Middle School SOTY), Eileen Lin, E. Renae Conley, Barbara Bennett (CMM Counselor), and Linda Johnson (BESE).

Louisiana PTA State Convention was held April 17-18, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel/Shreveport Convention Center. Bylaws were amended, we elected new officers, membership awards were presented, Honor Units were named, and we honored students in the Reflections and Safety Drawing Programs at the Children's Luncheon. Newsletter, Website, Scholarship, Educator of Distinction and Louisiana PTAs top award, the Outstanding Honor Unit was also presented at the banquet. Congratulations to the newly elected officers: Susan Laborde – President; Sam Jones – President-Elect; and Susan Strain – Secretary. We also want to thank Karen Black, Convention Coordinator, for the outstanding job she did. A great time was had by all.

# *Congratulations*

## **Caddo Units receive Highest Honor**

### **Caddo District PTA Honor Units**

C. E. Byrd High

Caddo Middle Magnet

### **Caddo District Outstanding Honor Unit**

Caddo Middle Magnet

C. E. Byrd High School and Caddo Middle Magnet were also named Louisiana PTA Honor Units, which is a great accomplishment for a PTA and Caddo Middle Magnet was distinguished as an Outstanding Honor Unit by Louisiana PTA, which is the highest recognition a PTA school can achieve. Congratulations to the Presidents as well as their board members and principals for their collaborative efforts to make these PTAs schools from Caddo so phenomenal.

### **Caddo District Scholarship Winners**

The following students will receive a \$500.00 scholarship from Caddo District PTA. They will be honored at an Awards Ceremony Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lel McCullough Auditorium at Caddo Middle Magnet. Congratulations to these outstanding high school seniors and Caddo District wishes them well as they embark on their college dreams.

Mya Baker – Captain Shreve High

Taylor Prothro – C. E. Byrd High

Adam Carlisle – C. E. Byrd High

Ella Rose – C. E. Byrd High

Brittany Moore – Captain Shreve High

Joseph Rossum – Huntington High

### **Caddo District PTA** **2008-2009 Educator of Distinction Winners**

The following Educator's of Distinction were recognized Saturday night, April 18, 2009, at an Awards Banquet of the Louisiana PTA at the State Convention which was held at the Shreveport Convention Center. They will be honored again by Caddo District PTA Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the Caddo District PTA Awards Ceremony at Caddo Middle Magnet's Lel McCullough Auditorium. Our congratulations and appreciation goes out to these outstanding educators for all they do for our children, schools and communities. Thank you all.

Bert Algood  
Jackie Arthur  
Chris Dunn  
Darryl Gates

C. E. Byrd High  
University Elementary  
Caddo Middle Magnet  
Youree Drive Middle School

### **Caddo District Newsletter Winners**

Elementary Division

Eden Gardens Fundamental Elementary Magnet

Middle /Junior Division

Youree Drive Middle

High School Division

C.E. Byrd

C. E. Byrd High School and the Caddo District PTA Newsletter each won an Award of Excellence from Louisiana PTA. These awards were presented at the LA PTA State Convention Banquet April 18, 2009. Congratulations to all the editors of these district and state winners. A lot of hard work goes into all of our great newsletters. .

**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

**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  
 Ashley Malick      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

**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

**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 Division**

**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**

Aly 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 Arthur Circle  
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



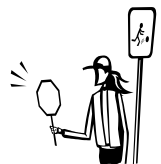
**Intermediate Division**

**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



## Strategies for Social and Emotional Learning

### *SEL can help boost academic achievement*

The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) promotes the idea that students perform better when academics are combined with social and emotional learning (SEL). According to CASEL, children can learn how to deal with their emotions and relationships with others in healthy ways just as they can learn language or mathematics skills.

Key SEL skills include:

- Self-awareness (recognizing feelings and managing them)
- Understanding others (developing empathy)
- Making responsible decisions (considering long-term consequences)
- Understanding yourself (handling emotions and dealing with obstacles)
- Building healthy relationships (saying no to negative peer pressure)

Mastering these skills helps children succeed in school and life, according to CASEL. They become happier and more confident. Parents can foster social and emotional learning at home with these techniques:

- **Focus on strengths** – When your child brings home a test, talk first about what he or she did well. Then talk about what can be improved. Praise specific strengths. Don't just criticize things that were done wrong.
- **Follow up with consequences for misbehavior** – Decide on consequences that are fair and can be carried out. Don't let anger lead you to say "No television for a month" when you know that the TV will go back on in one or two days.
- **Ask children how they feel** – When you ask your child about his or her feelings, the message is that their feelings matter and that you care.
- **Find ways to stay calm when angry** – Learn to recognize trigger situations and do something about them before you lose control. Sit down as a family and talk about what everyone can do to stay calm.
- **Be willing to apologize** – Parents need to be able to apologize to their children if what they said was not what they meant. By doing this, you are being a good role model and showing how important it is to apologize after hurting someone.
- **Give children choices and respect their wishes** – When children have a chance to make choices, they learn how to solve problems. Giving children ways to express preferences and make decisions shows that their ideas and feelings matter.
- **Ask questions that help children solve problems on their own** – Don't be tempted to step in and take over when a child has a problem. Asking good questions can help children develop the ability to find solutions on their own. For example, you can ask "What do you think you can do in this situation?"
- **Encourage sharing and helping** – You and your child can prepare food in a homeless shelter or go on a fund-raising walk-a-thon. You can help elderly neighbors or needy families. These kinds of activities teach children that what they do can make a difference in the lives of others.

For more information, go to [casel.org](http://casel.org).

## 10 Truths About Parent Involvement

Research shows that regardless of income or background, when parents are involved, students are more likely to earn higher grades, enroll in higher-level programs, attend school regularly, have better social skills, graduate, and go on to postsecondary education. Here are some truths about parent involvement that you can use to gauge your involvement level and the relationship you have with your child's school.

1. All parents have hopes and goals for their children.
2. Parents differ in their abilities and/or resources to help their children reach those goals.
3. The parent is the central contributor to a child's education.
4. Parent involvement must be seen as a legitimate element of education and deserves equal emphasis with elements such as school improvement and evaluation.
5. Parent involvement is an ongoing process, not a series of events.
6. Parent involvement requires a shared vision, policy, and framework for planning programs and practices that are connected to student learning.
7. Many barriers to parent involvement are found within school practices, attitudes, and assumptions.
8. Successful parent involvement programs help families guide their children's learning from preschool through high school.
9. Families from diverse backgrounds have their own sets of norms and experiences that often influence their relationship with schools.
10. Parents are more likely to become involved when they understand that they should be involved, they feel capable of making a contribution, and they feel invited by the school and their children.

## School News: Sunset Acres Teacher Named Caddo Parish Elementary Teacher of the Year



Darrell Webb  
Elementary Teacher of the Year

Darrell Webb began his teaching career in 2005 as a second grade teacher at Sunset Acres Elementary School. He was chosen as the 2010 Caddo Parish Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Mr. Webb is currently seeking National Board Certification and has an associate's degree in Accounting, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, a master's degree in Educational Technology, a specialist degree in Education Leadership, and is currently preparing his dissertation for his doctorate in Developmental Education with a specialization in Instructional Systems and Technology. Darrell is happily married with an 8-year old son and a 5-month old son. Congratulations from Caddo District PTA and good luck at Regional judging.

## 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! Registration and hotel information will be available in March 2009 at [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org). There will be over 50+ workshops, over 200 exhibitors at this event. The best way to register in online by May 22, 2009 for the early fee of \$170.00, the convention will be in the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center. The host hotel is Ft. Lauderdale Grande Hotel, 1881 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale Florida 22216. This hotel is 10 minutes away from the Ft. Lauderdale's Hollywood International Airport. The hotel is \$136.00 a night for single/double with an 11% state and local tax. All hotel room must be reserved by May 22, 2009 with the PTA Housing Form found of the National PTA website at: [www.pta.org/nationalconvention](http://www.pta.org/nationalconvention).

## Guiding Your Family's Cell Phone Use

Cell phones are so prevalent and so sophisticated that state and local governments have begun to regulate their use and the court system has to determine [their effect on jury trials](#). So is it any wonder that families and schools need to set some ground rules too?

Cell phones can make communication within families a lot easier, but children can also use cell phones to access the Internet or to send pictures and videos to friends, and they don't always think about the consequences of sharing something inappropriate, or about expensive charges they may be racking up. Students must also follow school rules regarding when, where, and how cell phones can be used. Read on for tips to ensure that your family uses cell phones safely and responsibly.

Cell phone safety tips:

- Learn how to use the phone with your child.
- Ask your cell phone carrier about parental controls.
- Research your school's policy for cell phone use.
- Talk to older children about the dangers of using a cell phone while driving.

[Go to PTA.org to learn more.](http://www.pta.org)





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*Calendar of Event*



- 7** Caddo District Awards Day – Lel McCullough Auditorium – Caddo Middle Magnet – 9:30 am
- 13** Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- 14** Last Day for Seniors 
- 19** Caddo District PTA Board Meeting – Room 1 – 9:30 am
- 22** Deadline for Early Registration for National PTA Convention, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 25** Memorial Day Holiday (**School Closed**)
- 29** Last Day for All Students – Have a safe summer vacation! 



- 27-29** 113th National PTA Convention – Ft. Lauderdale, Florida



- 8** Caddo District PTA Summer In-Service, Board Room - 8:00 am

Visit our Website at: [www.caddodistrictpta.org](http://www.caddodistrictpta.org)