



Caddo District PTA Newsletter

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President's Message

Caddo District PTA was very excited to see all of the principals and their school PTA president's and other guest at the Principals' Luncheon. We had about 200 attendees and we hope fun was had by all who attended this pleasant event that we thoroughly enjoy hosting every year.



I sent the Caddo District PTA Directories to your school thru the gray box and need you to check to be sure that your personnel information is correct. You will see a section in the newsletter where corrections to the directory will be printed. Eppie Adams and I sent an envelope to your school with the papers that you need to complete to become "A Unit in Good Standing". Please check to be sure that you received the package and complete the work that is required.

We hope that all of you have filed your 990-N Epostcard with the IRS. It is one of the **most important** things you can do for you local unit. All PTA units who make less that \$50,000.00 this year must file for the 990N Epostcard. **This will have to be done every year or your PTA unit will loss nonprofit status with the IRS.** When you file please keep a copy of the e-mail that you receive that your unit has been approved for your records. I have already filed for Caddo District PTA.

Remember that Reflection entries are due at the November 8th general meeting. Please have them packaged as required by National PTA. The local unit arts guide is on the website under forms-Reflections section. Be sure to fill out the Local Unit Participation form and have all entries signed and all consent forms signed. Patricia McCann and Tillie Caileff will be at the board room through the meeting and will stay until 11:00 a.m. to receive these entries.

We are preparing for the state convention which will be held on April 28 – 29, 2012 in Lafayette at the Hilton Hotel. Caddo will be in charge of decorating for the Children's Luncheon and the theme is "Blazing New Trails with PTA". We must have decorations for over 40 tables and decorating will hopefully take place the night before the luncheon on Saturday. If you are planning to attend the convention please let me know. We will need everyone attending to help decorate on Friday night.

If you are considering submitting an Educator of Distinction entry, we recommend that you start working on this packet as soon as possible. Check with me for a handout that may help you develop this entry. Caddo did not have any winners in this category last year and we don't want to see that happen again so we are looking for many of our local units to submit entries.

We will elect members for the Caddo District Life Membership Committee and the Nominating Committee at the Nov. 8th meeting so be thinking about people to serve on these important committees. The life membership committee will choose deserving volunteers for us to honor at our Founder's Day banquet. The position's the nominating committee will be seeking advisory nominations for are President, 1st Vice President and Recording Secretary. We need you to seek nominees for these positions, have the consent of the nominees and send in these nominations to the nominating committee so they can present us with a slate of potential officers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with all of your family and friends as we celebrate this season and drive safely as you travel during this time.

Remember Reflections entries are due and be sure to have them in at the November 8th general meeting.

Safety Drawing entries will be due at our January 10th, 2012, general meeting.

Margie Rayburn, President

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From the Desk of Dr. Gerald D. Dawkins Superintendent



PTA Message November 2011

Staff appreciates your support as letter grades for Caddo schools were released.

We have work to do in some schools that have not made gains at an acceptable level. We must and we will continue to address these concerns. School staffs work hard daily to serve the uniqueness of all students and school communities. The supports they need are provided. During these challenging times, they need most to be encouraged and continuously supported by all stakeholders.

It is amazing how fast time flies! Merchants are counting the dates of holiday shopping already.

Caddo is counting too!

- Impressive numbers of students and staff members recognized for national, regional and local titles and awards.
- Representative numbers of students/families taking full advantage of Supplementary Education Services, after-school tutorial programs to improve academic performance.
- Improved graduation cohort rates in our high schools as reported by the state.
- Increased opportunities for professional staff development for all employees.
- A better than projected budget situation.

Legislative Update

Well the fall elections are over and the battles will soon begin for all who advocate for public schools. If the governor has his way BESE will be stacked for him and his education agenda. LSBA's lobbyists predict a huge number of bills for the legislature aimed at the public schools and school boards. We need to pay close attention and let our legislators know how we feel about the bills on which they will be voting. Dr Mary Nash Robinson will be watching both the legislature and the BESE board and keep us informed. I will be working as a member of the board of directors of LSBA to keep everyone informed as well. We will need to write letters and make phone calls. So please use this short message as a call to action to save our schools.

Bonita Crawford
Legislative Chair

Good things are happening all over the district! Add it to your daily routine to visit the district's website, www.caddo.k12.la.us, for details and updates.

By now you should have received your child's first report card. You are reminded and encouraged to discuss **any** concerns with the building level administration and to use JPAMS to stay abreast regarding matters of academic performance, assignment requirements, attendance, discipline and calendar of school activities.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, we are grateful that you entrust the children to us daily. These children are our community's greatest resource. Be assured that this school district is committed to world class teaching, learning, maximum growth and development for all of them.

We graciously accept the responsibility to *create world class schools for world class students.*

Enjoy the holiday season!

Gerald D. Dawkins, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

"Creating World Class Schools for World Class Students"

Caddo District PTA Speakers

We are pleased to announce the following guest speakers for Caddo District PTAs General Meetings:

Nov. 8th – M. Bartlett-Jackson – Supervisor of Parent Resource Center for Caddo Public Schools. She will share what resources are available to parents. Coming with her will be Rosalind Bryant – Title One Supervisor for Caddo Public Schools.

Jan 10th – Tentative – Deborah Harris –Director of Child Nutrition for Caddo Public Schools



Remember
To Vote
November 9th



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

I'm often asked questions like "How do we communicate with our PTA Members?"; "How do we keep track of volunteers?"; "I don't have a lot of time, is there an easy way to update our members' information?" The answer is YES!

I've spent time the past month looking into www.justbetweenfriends.com, the system the National PTA uses for its membership management and communications systems. In doing so, I keep asking myself why it took me so long to realize just how powerful a tool "Just Between Friends" (JBF) is. These are just a few of the JBF Features:

- ★ Membership Management: You can add members or have them enter & update their own information. This makes membership renewal and tracking easy from year to year.
- ★ Directories: Create paper or online directories with powerful search capabilities. On line directories are secure and allow for multiple last names in the same family; multiple phone numbers & email addresses.
- ★ Communication: Communicate more effectively with your entire group. Create sub-groups and only email to that specific group when needed.
- ★ Calendar: Post deadlines and events to a calendar that can be viewed by every member.
- ★ Manage: recruit, manage & report your group volunteer activities. Post volunteer hours for specific projects. Members can track their own hours.

Notices sent to schools about fulfilling Obligations for "A Unit in Good Standing"

Last week all of you should have received an envelope from Eppie Adams and Margie Rayburn. These were sent so that you would know what items your local unit needs to fulfill to become a "Unit in Good Standing". The cover letter had boxes that were checked with the items your local unit needs to complete with copies of the paperwork needed to be completed. I need all budget forms faxed to me E-Fax 866-865-5302. Eppie Adams needs all orders for membership cards sent to her. We have several units that do not have a current set of bylaws approved by the state. If you are having trouble filling out the paperwork for Local Unit Bylaws, please contact Margie Rayburn, 318-929-5313(H) 318-458-4179 (C) or at lapta@comcast.net



Just Between Friends is FREE to all local PTA/PTSA units. I'm currently in the process of setting up the Caddo District Account. Plus, JBF provides incredible support through mentors, webinars and more.

Overall I'm quite pleased and excited about all that JBF can do for PTA/PTSAs. I believe that this tool can help make our local units more efficient & effective. With the help of JBF, I will be putting together a presentation regarding the features and benefits of Just Between Friends. I'll have the details in a future newsletter.

Finally, if you are interested in using JBF, please contact me at 687-0442. I am arranging for JBF to assign mentors for our local units. Mentors will help units navigate all of the features of JBF and use them to their best benefit.

Membership cards are \$3.25 and must be issued to every paying member.

Cards are available at Caddo District PTA General Meetings or by contacting Eppie Adams (687-0442 or web@caddodistrictpta.org). Make checks payable to the Louisiana PTA. With 2-3 days notice your Unit Name and LUR Number can be printed on your cards.



If you are a facebook user, please "like" the **Shreveport-Caddo Crime Stoppers page.**

From <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Caddo-Parish-Crime-Stoppers/103421293081070>

We need some friends.

**2011-2012 Safety Program Theme
"At Work, at Play, Let Safety Lead the Way"
(District Deadline: January 10, 2012)
2011—2012 Reflections Theme
"Diversity Means..."
(District Deadline: November 8, 2011)**

Community Renewal News

Yellow Jackets Spread the We Care Message

Last month, my friend Bob Griffin and I had the opportunity to speak to the Byrd High School Key Club at the invitation of John Georgiandis, Key Club Sponsor. After our presentation, as Bob and I were heading to our vehicles, I remarked that seldom had I been in the midst of a more courteous, energetic, and outgoing group of young people. That doesn't happen by accident. Mr. Georgiandis sets the bar high and expects the best out of the Key Club members, all 252 of them. John and Greg Panos, Byrd Key Club sponsors, are great role models and leaders for the youth.

For my own enlightenment and perhaps for others who might want to know more about the Key Club, I copied the Key Club overview from the C. E. Byrd Key Club website.

"Key Club is a high school organization sponsored by Kiwanis

International. Key Club assists Kiwanis in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. High School members of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing, and organizing food drives."

This overview is right in sync with the mission statement of Community Renewal International:

"We are here to partner with God and others to help make our world a home where every single child is safe and loved."

So it seemed a natural fit for the Byrd High Key Club and CRI to work together. We did, and we hope to have many opportunities to work together again in the future.

On Saturday, October 15, members of the Key Club along with Mr. Georgiandis and I met at the CRI office for a service project—to deliver We Care signs to We Care Team members in our community. The We

Care signs are a symbol of a caring community. The proliferation of the signs is having an enormous impact in showing that we are a community *connected together in caring*.

CRI does not have the manpower to get signs to the over 40,000 local We Care Team members, so we really appreciate the Byrd High Key Club and other organizations who help distribute the signs throughout our community.

Thanks to the Byrd High Key Club for your willingness to care for and serve our community. It just makes me downright PROUD of my Alma Mater!

Tom Watts

Renewal Team Director

**Community Renewal International
425-3222**



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CADDO PARISH SCHOOLS...

Presents...A life-changing event for parents, educators and administrators with nationally-renowned speaker

Kirk Martin, founder of Celebrate Calm

WHEN: Friday, November 11, 2011; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Auditorium, Captain Shreve High School, Shreveport, LA



At My Wit's End!

Stop Defiance, Bullying & Power Struggles

Want a sneak peek? Go to: <http://celebratecalm.com/>

****Admission is free****



Time will "**Fall Back!**" to standard time again on Sunday, November 6, 2011, when daylight saving time ends.

SAVE THE DATE!



**Louisiana PTA Convention
April 27th - 28th, 2012
Hilton Hotel—Lafayette, Louisiana**

Reading...the key to your child's success!

Want to help your student score higher on all the tests he will take in his career as a student? The answer is simple—make sure he is a good reader! Studies have indicated that good readers are good test takers. Improving reading ability can be accomplished at any age, beginning even with our youngest students.

When our children are young, we should surround them with books of all types. Books they can handle help them understand the relationship of the printed word with the world around them, and that these words are arranged in an orderly fashion—left to right, top to bottom. They also need books that you read to them. These books help them to learn vocabulary so that they can relate what they can read on their own at some point to what they are hearing.

As children grow, they should begin a library of their own. Books make great gifts as do gift cards to book stores. Pride of ownership and personal selection are very important in encouraging independent reading. A child should be able to read things that he is interested in as well as the books he is required to read for school. Hopefully, he will be a well rounded reader when coupling books of their own choosing with the variety of things he is assigned to read. Ordering from school books orders and purchasing from the Library's Book Fair are great ways to make reading fun, allow for personal interest, and support your child's classroom and library collections as well.

Don't forget reading aloud to your student of all ages. Many times, we make the mistake of thinking that once our student can read independently there is no need to read aloud to him any longer. This should not be the case. The time spent reading together forms a bond that could help you and your child connect during stressful times or difficult adolescent years. Alice Ozmont tells about such a time spanning many years in *The Reading Promise*. In this book, her father committed to spending ten minutes a day reading to her, a promise which lasted years. Think of the joy shared, memories formed, and crises averted in making such a commitment! Our own Teddy Allen talks about reading, often together, all of the

literature assigned to his son throughout his high school career. They were able to discuss feelings about the assigned books which led to conversations about many other topics as well.

Finally, remember to read many genres of literature, not neglecting nonfiction. As we move into the national education standards, known as the Common Core, we are reminded that our students will be expected to read and dissect a larger portion of nonfiction than ever before. Doing research projects, as these new standards will suggest, requires that a student be able to know which sources are the best for the answers they need, read the material analytically, and produce a product that is not a work of "cut and paste, or read and regurgitate."

Current technology will help our students have access to materials at a level never before possible. Online catalogs of materials available in school and public libraries cuts down on search time as the searching can be done at home, appropriate materials selected to be picked at the library. Digital resources such as World Book online, EBSCO databases, Tumblebooks for younger students, and Gale reference sources for older ones can be used without ever leaving the classroom or home. Check with your school or public librarian for links and logins for these invaluable resources. By using ebooks, students can access nonfiction books allowing simultaneous use through online sources. Personal ereaders such as the Kindle, Nook, Sony and others can provide books at their fingertips for a minimal cost per book to parents.

Reading is truly the key to your student's success. Hopefully, by providing a variety of materials throughout his growing up years, your student can be a good reader. His test scores depend on it!

Catherine Smith
Supervisor of Libraries
Caddo Public Schools

Needed: New President's Information

Please mail your contact information (name, address, phone contacts and email) to Margie Rayburn, Caddo District PTA, 8305 Forest Cove Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107 or email to lpta@comcast.net



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A Note from your Hospitality Chair

We need refreshments donated for the General Meetings. Contact Letha Banks at 635-1233 or justkidding@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Thank you,
Letha Banks

Visit our website: caddodistrictpta.org



District News

Corrections and Additions to the Directory

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Blue Ribbon School, Eden Gardens Recognized at City Council Meeting



The U.S. Department of Education added Eden Gardens Elementary Magnet to Caddo's growing list of Blue Ribbon Schools. Blue Ribbon Schools are recognized for high performance and high achievement, especially among disadvantaged students. Mayor Glover recognized Eden Gardens' Students, Staff and Administration for their achievements during the Shreveport City Council meeting on October 11th. Keep up the good work Eden Gardens!

Caddo District PTA would like to extend a big congratulations to Eden Gardens Elementary Magnet also for being chosen as a Blue Ribbon School.

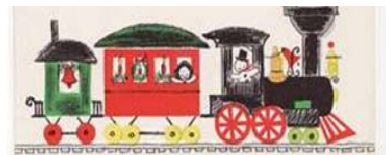
KCS HOLIDAY EXPRESS

KCS Railroad is preparing for its eleventh run of the Holiday Express Christmas Train. The train has 6 cars: Rudy—the engine, flat car with Santa's sleigh and reindeer, boxcar—work car, green caboose, reindeer car that contains two O-scale model railroads and Santa's caboose.

The train will at the Festival Plaza in Shreveport Monday, December 5th at 4:00 P.M. The train is a public service by the KCS Railroad and there is no cost to tour the train.

This train will travel through eight states and will be visited by approximately 40,000 people during its 3 week tour.

Elf Tillie Cailleff



Southern Hills Homeowner's Association

Support YOUR Southern Hills Community

Christmas In the Hills 2011

Old Fashioned Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 10, 2011

(Rain Date-December 17th)

Submit this entry form today to participate!

Information Contacts:

Pat Spigener (Parade Chairman) (318) 686-5045-pspigener@aol.com or Judy Grimes at (318) 459-7986 judykgrimes@comcast.net

Come and be a part of the 2011 Old Fashioned Christmas Parade in Southern Hills. All types of groups and individual parade entries are welcome-car clubs, school bands, cheer groups, social groups, churches, youth groups, businesses, families, individuals, etc. Provide Drivers License of driver with signed Application Waver below as early as possible!

Parade Route-Starts at Southwood HS, North Walker, East Mackey, left Sara Ln into SGB Church parking lot, ending at Sheriff's Safety Town. Line-up Southwood HS 3 PM. Parade starts 4:30 PM



Group or Name of Business: _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Cell phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

March _____ Float _____ Number in group _____

Number of vehicles _____

I agree to hold harmless the Southern Hills Homeowner's Association and any other agencies, contractors, and subs for damages of any type whatsoever either to the above described property or to persons situated thereon. I release, discharge, and waive any action either legal or equitable that might arise by reason of any action of the above entities while conducting the activity described therein.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____



**Mail form to Southern Hills Homeowner's Association
P. O. Box 18443, Shreveport, La. 71138 or fax to 687-5991**



A safe place where kids can create, share and learn.

Back by popular demand – Kids.gov “How Do I Become President?” Poster

Visit Publications.USA.gov to order or download your free copy of this colorful, and informative poster that help kids understand the process of becoming President of the United States.

Resources from the National Gallery of Art

NGA Classroom is a place where teachers and students can connect art and curriculum. Get information on [school trips](#), [children's video tour](#), and even [learn how you can borrow free learning materials](#) from the National Gallery of Art's Division of Education. Also visit [NGA Kids](#) for adventures with art – activities and projects.

New Kids.gov Video

Meet Brian and Dixie from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and see how money is printed. You can watch the video on [Kids.gov](#) or on our [YouTube Channel](#).

The Federal Citizen Information Center connects people with government benefits, services and information through its family of websites, including [USA.gov](#), [GobiernoUSA.gov](#) and [Kids.gov](#); by phone at 1 (800) FED-INFO (that's 1 (800) 333-4636) and with publications by mail from Pueblo, Colorado. FCIC is part of the U.S. General Services Administration's Office of Citizen Services.

For up-to-date consumer information, follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or our blog, [Govgab.gov](#).

To receive New for Consumers e-mail releases on timely consumer issues and government benefits, go to

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Safety Drawing “At Work, At Play, Let Safety Lead the Way”

Due: January 10, 2012



Students must participate in the safety contest through a PTA/PTSA “unit in good standing”.

All students who enter must be affiliated with a PTA/PTSA school.

- ★ Students may enter in the appropriate grade division: Schools may submit four entries per division.
 - * PRIMARY: Preschool - Grade 2
 - * MIDDLE/JUNIOR: Grades 6 - 8
 - * INTERMEDIATE: Grades 3 – 5
 - * SENIOR: Grades 9 – 12
- ★ The **drawing theme** is “At Work, At Play, Let Safety Lead the Way”
- ★ **Size:** Drawings may not exceed 18 inches by 12 inches (including a mat if using). You may use regular paper, art paper, or poster board.
- ★ The drawing mediums include pencil, crayon, colored pencil, and markers.
- ★ **Design:** Lettering should be done by hand and should be neat and simple, with a minimum of words. Do not use stencils, magazine clippings or any kind of machine cut-outs. Only original artwork is accepted:

Important information to remember or check before submitting entries:

- ★ Must be a unit in Good Standing
- ★ Each entry must include a **signed by the student** entry form filled out in its **entirety**
- ★ Local Unit information at bottom of student form **must** be filled out on each entry
- ★ Local PTA Participation Form
- ★ Safety poster entrants list is required with students names listed.



Submission

All entries must be judged at the local unit level before submission to the district for judging. Entries are due:

January 10, 2012 - General Meeting to:

Amy Failla

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E-mail: noel1265@bellsouth.net

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Child Welfare and Safety Co-Chair

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Principals' Luncheon Photos

Photos courtesy of CS | Photography



Left: New Southwood High School PTSA President, Carlos D. Thomas, enjoys the Principals Luncheon at East Ridge Country Club with his Principal, Jeff Roberts.



*Caddo Principals
Are
Awesome!!*



Left: Caddo Middle Magnet Principal, Keith Burton and PTSA President, Lisa Folsom are all smiles at the Principals Luncheon which was held, Thursday, October 27, 2011.



Principals' Luncheon Photos Continued

Photos courtesy of CS | Photography



Right: Superintendent Gerald D. Dawkins visits with Bernadine Moss Anderson, Chief Executive Officer for Mayor Cedrick Glover. Ms. Anderson presented a Proclamation naming October 27, 2011, as "Principals Day" in Shreveport.

Below Left: New Principal at South Highlands Elementary Magnet, Mary Harris, attends her first Principals Luncheon and is welcomed into Caddo's elite group of principals.

Below: Southern Hills Elementary Principal, Jesse Scott, speaks to Superintendent Gerald D. Dawkins before the Principals Luncheon begins.



National PTA News



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Health & Wellness: Healthy Lifestyles Month

To promote childhood health and wellness, National PTA created Healthy Lifestyles Month. Throughout the month of November, PTAs nationwide participate in PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month by conducting programs and events that promote health education, physical activity and parental involvement. Knowing that a healthy child can achieve and learn more, PTAs are encouraging families to increase their physical activity, eat fresh fruits and vegetables, develop community oriented physical activity programs and promote healthy lifelong behaviors. National PTA's Healthy Lifestyles Month has encouraged PTA to get creative and develop clever initiatives that make living healthy fun.

Healthy Lifestyles Promotional Toolkit

The Healthy Lifestyles Promotional Toolkit is a marketing tool to assist PTA units in promoting the Healthy Lifestyles Program. This toolkit contains web banners and posters that can be used to promote the Healthy Lifestyles program at your school, on your website, and in your newsletters.

Toolkit materials: go to website: <http://pta.org/4844.htm>
[Healthy Lifestyles Month Web Banner \(small\)](#)
[Healthy Lifestyles Month Web Banner \(rectangle\)](#)
[Healthy Lifestyles Month Web Banner \(skyscraper\)](#)
[Healthy Lifestyles Month Poster 1](#)

[Healthy Lifestyles Month Poster 2](#)

National PTA's Healthy Lifestyles Program is sponsored by Malt-O-Meal®, a [Proud National Sponsor of National PTA](#).



State Laws on Family Engagement in Education

National PTA developed this publication as a tool for State PTAs and other family and child advocates to increase systemic, effective **family engagement** in all of our nation's public schools. Family engagement in education is a critical strategy for ensuring students' academic achievement, graduation from high school, and overall success in life. Low levels of family engagement in schools must be addressed at the federal, state, and local levels through the development of sound public policy and implementation, evaluation, and replication of best practices.

Implementation of state policies at the local school level is among the most critical components of achieving greater family engagement in education by requiring State Education Agencies (SEAs) to develop effective policy that, in turn, governs activities of the Local Education Agencies (LEAs), or school districts.

The purpose of this reference guide is two-fold:

It provides families and advocates with information on

family engagement provisions within state education laws so that they can better advocate for their children's education on the school and district levels.

It guides policymakers' and advocates' development of their legislative reform initiatives as well as their efforts to monitor the implementation of laws already in place. The reference guide provides key facts, background, analysis, noteworthy statutes, and policy recommendations for crafting successful family engagement legislation at the state level. Finally, the reference guide contains a survey of laws including legal citations pertaining to family engagement in education in all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

PTA Resources

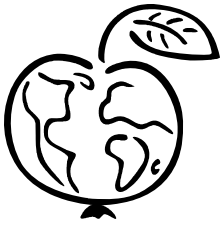
[State Laws on Family Engagement in Education](#)

Downloadable PDF of PTA's State Laws on Family Engagement Report (full version, 2.5 MB)

Reflections

Tick, tock, tick tock... Do you hear that clock ticking? The deadline for Reflections is fast approaching. Remember, entries are due November 8th at the Caddo District PTA Meeting. For more information go to: www.caddodistrictpta.org. The local unit arts guide is on the website under forms-Reflections section. Be sure to fill out the Local Unit Participation form and have all entries and consent forms signed. Patricia McCann and Tillie Cailleff will be at the board room until 11:00 a.m. to receive these entries.





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Calendar of Events



November



- 4-6 LA PTA Board Meeting
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8 Reflections Due at General Meeting
- 8 Board Meeting (8:30) Rm. 1, **General Meeting (9:30), CPSB Room, SEE YOU THERE!**
- 11  Veteran's Day
- 13-19 American Education Week
- 16  Support Professional Day
- 19  Substitute Educator's Day
- 19  Election Day
- 21-25  Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed) 

December

- 1-16 End of Course Test Days
- 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 19-31 Christmas Holidays (School Closed)
- 22 First day of Winter



January

- 1  New Year's Day
- 10  Board Meeting (8:30) Rm. 1, **General Meeting (9:30), CPSB Room, SEE YOU THERE!**
- 12 Safety Drawing Entries Due at General Meeting
- 12 End of Fall Semester, 2nd Reporting Period Ends
- 13 Professional Development Day (No Students)
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (School Closed)
- 23 Chinese New Year—Year of the Dragon 