



## Shadowlawn Middle School

*Welcome Back to Shadowlawn Middle School*

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Welcome to another great school year here at

Shadowlawn Middle School. I hope everyone had a great summer. We said goodbye to several longtime Shadowlawn teachers last spring.

Bill Cannon, Evelyn Joyner, Mary Krause, and Sandra Panks all retired from Shelby County Schools.

We were also very sad to lose Evelyn Hill, who passed away in June; Evelyn taught for 31 years at Shadowlawn Middle.

There are a number of new faces at our school this year. We are happy to welcome the following new faculty

members:

Kirbrina Carroll - 6th Grade

Linda Crossett - Library

Don Deaton - Resource

Karyn DeFouw - 6th Grade

Germany Dixon - 6th Gr.

Edward Holt - 8th Grade

Amy Pintchuck - Guidance

Jennifer Powell - 7th Grade

Josh Ransom - Art (Interim for Mrs. Leggett)

David Sloan - 8th Grade

Jason Taylor - P.E.

Ronald Wilson - 7th Grade

Wesley Wright - 7th Grade

We are looking forward to another great school year, and we have a variety of

events planned for the year. Some important fall dates to remember are as follows:

Thursday, September 18 - Fall Pictures

Tuesday, September 23 - Open House/PTSA

Friday, September 26 - Back to School Dance

Please call us at 373-2654

if we can be of assistance. We want to help all of our students to have a successful and productive year.

John McDonald, Principal

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### Shadowlawn PTSA is here for YOU!

[fgiboney@bellsouth.net](mailto:fgiboney@bellsouth.net)

My name is Felix V. Giboney III, President of Shadowlawn Middle School PTSA, and I'm proud to serve you this year. This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year with the PTSA. I have served as a substitute teacher for 3 years in the Shelby County Schools, as well as a City of Memphis Fire Fighter over the last twenty plus years. I am married and a father of 5 children, the youngest of which is a student at Shadowlawn Middle.

My goal as your PTSA President this year is to have 100% involvement for all parents and at least three hours for the year. Your PTSA is here for you. Fathers are asked to get involved more. Your PTSA will work close with parents and teachers to help this year be a success for students, teachers and parents.

Let us be proud of our school and our neighbourhoods. Our teachers are well-equipped to prepare our children, so parents

let us make sure our children come dressed and equipped to receive from the teachers.

I ask all parents to go over the school policy and dress code with their children so we all can work together and are on the same page. This will be in our children's best interest.

**Felix V. Giboney III**

Year 2008-2009 PTSA President

## Box Tops for your child's Education

Parents,

Please help our children by saving the Box Tops for education.



When you clip these and send these to the school, through your child, this not only helps your child's teacher, but the school as a whole! Last year, we earned \$ 435.00. Let's

double that this year. You can help by doing the following things:

Go to the following link:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/EmailNewsletters/>

It will ask you your school name and state and then proceed.

Right now you can sign up for the email and get free box tops and there is a sweepstakes drawing that individuals can register for each day for their school. So, if you have time please go to the site and sign up the emails first, then go to promotions and you will see the Trix

rabbit and the sweepstakes entry.

Help our children and teachers!



Remember Trix are for EVERYONE!

## You want me to what—3 Hours a Year?

This year at Shadowlawn Middle School, the PTSA would like to invite you to spend 3 hours a year volunteering your time with your child's school.

Today, in society, we are all busy with the daily routine! We understand that! With 3 For Me, you will find:

- creative ways to connect all families to their child's school and education

- ideas to strengthen home-school-community partnerships, and resources to motivate parents.

Contact your student's teacher and ask how you can help in their class. Spend time in the Library putting books back on the shelf. There are many ways that you can spend your 3 hours here at

Shadowlawn  
Middle School!  
Call: 373-2654

**Three for  
Me —  
A Little  
Means A  
Lot**

## Plan Ahead for these upcoming events

Mark you calendars for the following dates:



### September

September 18, Fall Pictures  
September 23, Open House—  
General Board Meeting.  
September 26th, Back to  
School Dance

### October

October 9, Parent Conference  
October 23, Make up Pictures  
October 24, Masquerade Ball

# Go Wild About PIA

**September 3, 2008**

Advent Presbyterian Church  
1879 N. Germantown Parkway, Cordova

**Join us for a Coffee Meet & Greet at 9:30 a.m.**

**Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.**

Membership Kick-off with the Mayors  
Buzzy Fire Safety Program Kick-off  
Local Municipalities' Fire Marshals  
will be on hand to answer  
questions specific to programs in  
your community!

Did you know they have programs  
designed for all age groups and grade levels?



Here is your chance to learn more.

## **Donations graciously accepted**

Please be kind and assist with a small donation of the following items.

There are those days when "accidents" happen. On those days, we want our children to have the items they might be in need of.

Please send the following items to the school  
office:



## SAFETY POSTER CONTEST



Safety Poster Contest theme this year is "Stranger Danger". Poster drop-offs will be on Tuesday, November 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. location TBA and Thursday, November 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. location TBA. You may drop off your safety posters on either of the designated days. Forms must be completely filled out and include the Student Entry Forms/Local Unit Entry Forms securely attached to the back of each poster. Remember to make extra copies of the blank entry forms to use for the state contest. If one of your entries is chosen to represent the Council, you'll have to amend your Unit Entry Form. If you have any questions, contact Joni McMahan at [healthandsafety@sccpta.org](mailto:healthandsafety@sccpta.org).

## Safety Issues

Now that school is in session, the streets around the schools can become quite congested. For everyone's safety, please keep the following in mind:

*Obey the school zone speed limit*

*Do not double park while dropping off or picking up your student*

*Do not block crosswalks or driveways with your vehicle*

*Allow passengers to enter and exit your vehicle through the curb-side door only*

*Use the crosswalks when crossing the streets*

*Do not allow children to head to school before the crossing guards are in place (generally 30 minutes before the start of school)*

Parents, you set the example for all of the children. I want to thank each of you for your cooperation and for working with the crossing guards so far this year.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact my office. Thank you again for your support. By working together we can make this school year a safe one.

Rory A. Mack

Lieutenant, Bartlett Police Department

Bartlett Station Municipal Center

5868 Stage Road

Bartlett, TN 38134

901-385-5510, email if you have any concerns [rmack@bartlettspolice.org](mailto:rmack@bartlettspolice.org)

## We want to hear from you!

Parents,

We as the PTSA board want to hear from you! Please let us know what you would like to see in future newsletters!

Please visit our website at [www.shadowlawnptsa.com](http://www.shadowlawnptsa.com) and let us know how we can serve you!

We have asked the teachers and staff at Shadowlawn how we can help. In doing this, we may need help as well. Support your child, as a parent, spend at least 3 hours a year at your child's school, this year! Get active in your child's education. Help your child with homework when needed, make sure all their assignments are completed and on-time. These children are our future! We can make them successful in their lifetime. If you would like to see anything printed in future publications, please feel free to contact me at 901-217-1671 or email at [shadowlawnptsa@gmail.com](mailto:shadowlawnptsa@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you as parents, friends and concerned in the welfare of our future leaders!

Denise Sokolowski, Publicity Chair

