



FES FAMILY MODELS "FRIENDSHIP"

By Ron Barry

When Friendship Elementary School, like all other Crockett County School District locations, opens its doors today to begin a new school year, one familiar family will be making sure it's doing all it can to model the school's name.

Beginning her third year as Friendship's PTO president, Mandy Lawson has been an important fixture at the town's school. Ever-present for Friendship's fundraisers, Fall Festival, and Teacher Appreciation Week, in addition to even serving as a proctor for official State of Tennessee testing, Lawson is always around the school helping in any way she can.

This year she has an extra-special incentive to continue her volunteer service. Lawson will have two daughters – fifth-grader Maddie and first-grader Maci – attending the elementary school, which will have its initial PTO meeting later in August.

The Crockett County School District salutes Mandy and the similar volunteers who are active in other schools across the County, helping make today's kickoff of the 2023-24 academic year a promising one for all involved.