

Bullpup Bulletin

A.E. Phillips Laboratory School

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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A. E. PHILLIPS LABORATORY SCHOOL

Opportunities abound at AEP



The A.E. Phillips Cheerleaders placed 8th in the nation at the National Cheerleader Association (NCA) High School National Competition on the weekend of Jan. 21 in Dallas. The competition consisted of a choreographed three-minute routine that includes a hand chart, cheer, situational cheer, and a fight song. It has been many years since A.E. Phillips cheerleaders have competed on the national level, and it was the first time for most of these athletes to ever compete on the national level. We are excited to bring back this tradition!



Love is in the air! Our first grade students in Mrs. Clary's class have been working hard to create hearts using patterns. Mrs. Clary incorporates the elements of design into her lessons and students were able to create beautiful hearts just in time for Valentine's Day.



Recognized photo
Mrs. Michelle Blount was recently named Middle School Teacher of the month for Lincoln Parish! We are so proud of you, Mrs. Blount. You are a fantastic teacher that loves her AEP middle school Bullpup!



Recognized photo
This year marks the second year for Mrs. Blount's Science Olympiad team to compete at an invitational hosted by Louisiana Tech University. Students were meeting numerous teams across the country and exceeded our expectations with several awards.
Mason Turner and Brady Berg (pictured) — 2nd Place in the Forestry Test
Drake Purvis and Kiah Dye — 3rd Place in the Road Scholar Test
Sawyerman Dumbell and Kylan Wagner — 3rd Place in the Cushman Test

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The Ruston Daily Leader showcases AEP.

“Opportunities Abound at AEP.” This was the headline in the Ruston Daily Leader School Edition this month. This couldn't be farther from the truth. The A.E. Phillips Middle School Lab TEAM has had such a busy and exciting month full of job shadowing, mathematics competitions, mentor groups, golf, and much more! Our TEAM has been busy preparing our students for impactful careers, healthy relationships, and a love for lifelong learning. We couldn't be more excited this month as we are heading into spring and seeing the hard work pay off. Way to go Bullpups!

It is truly a great day to be a Middle School Bullpup!

8th Grade Job Shadowing Once Again a Success

Our 8th Grade Job Shadowing program was a success this year thanks to our AEP counselor Mr. Norman Rivera. Mr. Rivera has created a highly successful job shadowing program that allows our 8th grade students to explore their interests in the professional world and hopefully our students will be better informed at career planning. This year our very own 8th grader Berkeley Parr (pictured on the right) was able to shadow AEP Alumni Madison Kaufman while she reported for ESPN + during the Rice VS. Louisiana Tech basketball game. Madison is also the Director of Alumni Engagement at Louisiana Tech University. Way to go Berkeley!





Mathcounts members after their first round of competitions at La.Tech.

Matchounts Sweep the Competition

The Mathcounts Competition Series is a middle school math competition program that gives the opportunity to students to have exposure to complex math. The Competition Series has 4 levels of live, in-person math competitions - school, chapter, state and national. Each level of competition consists of 4 rounds - Sprint, Target, Team and Countdown Round. Altogether the rounds are designed to take about 3 hours to complete.

The following Bullpups qualified for the State competition on March 24:

Gabriel Mhire

Kylin Harris

Maggie Rogers

Anna Kate Clark

Jase Walsworth

Lilla Falting (5th place)

Jaiden Howard (3rd place)

Harper Anderson (2nd place)

Congratulations to the entire AEP Mathcounts program!

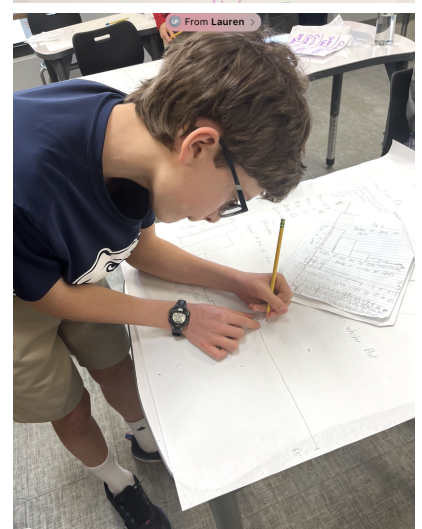
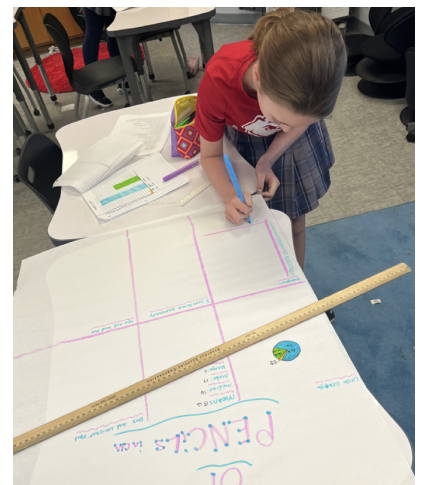
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Statistically Speaking

A.E. Phillips Middle School Lab has around 20 electives that our students are able to choose from each nine weeks. One of these electives is Statistics offered by Dr.

Joseph and Mrs. Pipes. This elective is completely optional and is grade specific. Topics include statistical variability, summarizing and describing distributions and measures of central tendency. Just to name a few!

Wow! Way to go Middle School Bullpups!



8th Grade Spotlight

As we begin to close out the school year, AEP will begin to spotlight our 8th grade students.

Max Bennett

Max has been at AEP for 9 years. He is planning on attending Ruston High School. Max was involved in the National Junior Honor Society, AEP Basketball, Choir, 4-H, Golf and was selected by his peers to be on the AEP Student Council. His favorite memory at AEP was playing on the AEP Basketball team.



Drew Cramer

Drew Elizabeth Cramer has been at AEP for 9 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School. Drew was involved in Choir, AEP Cheer Team, Spanish Club, Bullpup Broadcast, AEP Volleyball Team, National Junior Honor Society, and 4-H. His favorite memory at AEP was playing on the AEP Basketball team. Her favorite AEP memory is when she was in second grade with Miss Harvey because of the many memories she cherishes.



Berkeley Parr

Berkeley Joy Parr has been at AEP for 1 year. She is planning on attending Ruston High School. Berkeley is involved in the AEP Cheer Team, Spanish Club and FCA. Her favorite memory at AEP was the Christmas Pep Rally where she performed.



Eli Watson

Eli Lee Watson has been at AEP for 9 years. He is planning on attending Ruston High School. Eli has been involved in Cross Country, 4H, the AEP Basketball team, National Junior Honor Society, RJHS track and field (javelin), Science Olympiad, and Choir. His favorite memory at AEP laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington DC.



Lillian Fendley

Lillian has been at AEP for 3 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School. Lillian was involved in the AEP Danceline. Her favorite memory at AEP was having a debate with a classmate.



Nnenna Ighade

Nnenna Ellen Ighade has been at AEP for 6 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School. Nnenna has been involved in the National Junior Honor Society, Choir, AEP Volleyball, Spanish Club, Mathcounts Club, and Talented Art. Her favorite memory at AEP was AEP Volleyball winning their last Volleyball match.



SnapShots

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PARADE**



**BIG/LITTLE MENTOR
PROGRAM**



**FREEDOM 13
DURING MENTOR
GROUPS**



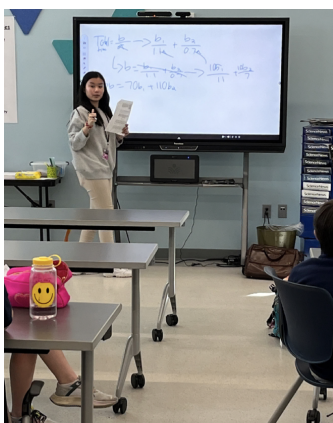
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SHADOWING**



**MATHCOUNTS
COMPETITION**



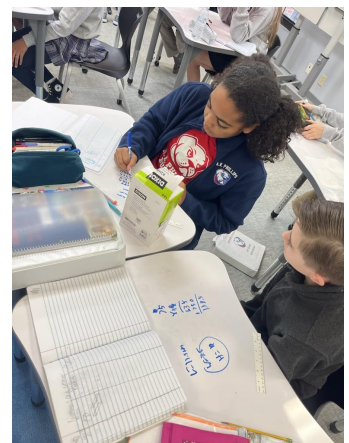
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MELISSA LEE
LEADING
MATHOUNTS**



**MRS. BLOUNT
LINCOLN PARISH
TEACHER OF THE
MONTH**



**BECAUSE WE LOVE
MATH**



Teacher Spotlight:

Coach Suzanne Tyler

My name is Suzanne Tyler and this is my 21st year teaching and 9th year at AEP. I am from Ruston and received my bachelor's and master's degrees from Louisiana Tech. Along the way I also received my certification in Special Education(also from Tech). Throughout the years I have taught PE to grades K-12, and have been a special education inclusion teacher in elementary and high school grades. My teaching career started in Bossier Parish but we have been in Ruston since 2008.

My husband Matt, who also received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Tech, and I have 2 children: Jake and Landry. They are 16 and 15 and both attend Ruston High. They were also Bullpups and we are always busy with their sporting and social activities.

Early on I knew I loved and wanted to work with kids! There were many educators and a coach who helped me choose my education path based on the impact they had on my life.

Running has played a part of my life since I was 16. I ran in high school and a little bit in college. Before we had kids, I coached at the high school level in Bossier (Parkway High). Retired from that after we had 2 babies in less than a year! But the running bug still remained and I have completed 8 marathons, including Boston twice in the years after my children were born. My faithful running buddies are the key ingredient to early morning runs before school!

Lots of enjoyment comes from working with the elementary cross country team at AEP where my main goal is to keep it fun and light. You never know who you're going to impact for the years to come.

Thank you Coach Tyler for all of your hard work here at AEP. You always bring fun and excitement to all of our activities!

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