

Bullpup Bulletin

A.E. Phillips Laboratory School

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Middle School

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



8th Grader Micah Shipley reading to Mrs. McHale's Kindergarten students.

Mentoring has been a key theme this year for our 8th grade students. Just recently our 8th graders have teamed up with our Kindergarten students and have had several opportunities for our older students to mentor our younger students. Research has shown that an effective mentoring program promotes positive relationships in school and even helps to improve grades for the mentor and mentee. We honestly do not know who loved this more, our 8th graders, Kindergartners or our teachers.

Way to go 8th Grade Bullpups! You have surely made your mark at AEP.

AEP Golf in Full Swing

Our AEP Golf team, led by Coach Casey Blalock, is back in the swing of things! Coach Blalock with the help of Ryan Hammond and Jason Walsworth have had an exciting season this year. Our AEP Golf Team Members include:

6th Grade

Amelia Costanza
Foster Fogo

7th Grade

Miles Bennett
Mary Hammond
Kellen Ketchum
James King

8th Grade

Max Bennett
Tate Hammond
Drake Purvis
Jase Walsworth



Pictured is James King practicing at Squire Creek with the AEP Golf Team.

It is a great day to be an AEP Bullpup!



Pictured are the AEP 8th grade students at Spring Fling

And They Danced the Night Away

AEP's first ever Spring Fling Dance was a hit! Students along with teachers enjoyed an exciting night of dancing, food and fun! We can't wait to see what is in store for AEP next year! Stay tuned!



Bullpups to Bearcats

Our AEP 8th Graders were given the red carpet experience this month by Ruston High School Counselor Kellye Ratcliff, RHS staff, and RHS spirit groups. Ruston High School invited our 8th graders to tour RHS, but before the tour, Jaimee Hudson, Freshman Academy director, gave our 8th graders a sneak peak into the extracurricular life of RHS. This was an amazing morning filled with anticipation and excitement. Our Bullpups will make fantastic RHS Bearcats!

The Next Level

Nicholas Hardsion, Krish Dua and Alex Genov were able to represent A.E. Phillips Middle School Lab in the State Science Fair held at LSU.

We are so proud of these two students. Nicholas was asked about his experience and he said "It was an amazing experience."

Wow! Way to go Middle School Bullpups!





World Down Syndrome Day

AEP's middle school students showed awareness for World Down Syndrome Day by wearing their crazy socks. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Just Call Me an Artist



The following AEP Gifted Art students placed in the Spring Break Art contest. Best of Show - McKenna Brown 6th grade, 1st place- Maryam Wasiuddin, 2nd Place- Kate Sanders, 3rd Place- Rhett Brister, Honorable Mention- Chelsea DeForest. These paintings are currently being displayed in the library. Way to go Bullpups!

If It Involves Badminton, Count Us In

AEP Badminton Champs for 2022-2023 School Year



8th Grade Spotlight

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

Harper Anderson

Harper has been at AEP for 7 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School in the fall. Harper was involved in the National Junior Honor Society, Mathcounts, and was selected by her peers to be on the AEP Student Council. Her favorite memory at AEP was the Washington D.C. Trip.



Emmaleigh Andrews

Emmaleigh Mae Moore Andrews has been at AEP for 9 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School in the fall. Emmaleigh was involved in the Mighty Milers (3 years), Choir (2 years), 4 H Club (1 year), Cross Country (2 years), and Basketball (1 year). Her favorite memory at AEP was Mrs. Pipes class and the color run.



Rhett Brister

Rhett Christopher Brister has been at AEP for 8 years. He is planning on attending Ruston High School. Rhett was involved in the AEP Cross Country Team (3 years), 4-H Club (1 year), Mighty Milers (2 years), and the National Junior Honor Society (2 years). His favorite memory at AEP was 5th grade.



Rowdy Cherry

Rowdy Kale Cherry has been at AEP for 9 years. He is planning on attending Ruston High School. Rowdy has been involved in AEP Cross Country, AEP Student Council, the AEP Basketball Team, and Talented Art. His favorite memory at AEP was the Color Run.



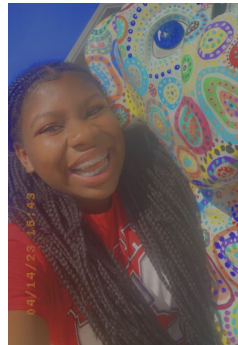
Drake Purvis

Drake Hoffman Purvis has been at AEP for 1 year. He is planning on attending Ruston High School. Drake was involved with the AEP Golf Team, the AEP Basketball Team, MathCounts, and the National Junior Honor Society. His favorite memory at AEP was the friends that he has made throughout this amazing school year.



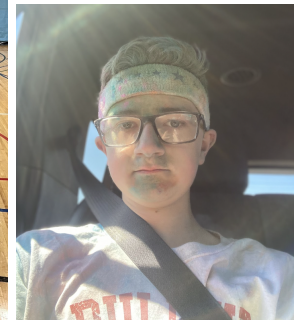
Kensley Sutton

Kensley Reigh Sutton has been at AEP for 9 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School. Kensley has been involved in the AEP Cheer Team, AEP Basketball Team, and the AEP Student Council. Her favorite memory at AEP was the entire 6th grade school year and the conversations she had with Mrs. Pipes in her 8th grade math class.



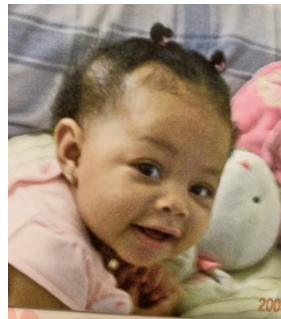
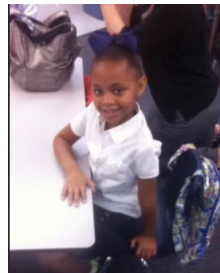
Jase Walsworth

Jase Graton Walsworth has been at AEP for 9 years. He is planning on attending Ruston High School. Jase was involved in AEP Choir, the AEP Cross Country Team, AEP Golf Team, AEP Basketball Team, Honor Choir, National Junior Honor Society, and AEP Student Council. His favorite memory at AEP was the Washington D.C. trip.



Destinee Williamson

Destinee Rielle Williamson has been at AEP for 9 years. She is planning on attending Ruston High School. Destinee has been involved in the AEP Choir, AEP Volleyball Team, AEP Basketball Team, and the AEP Mighty Milers. Her favorite memory at AEP was her entire 6th grade school year.



SnapShots

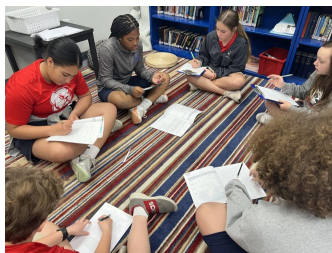
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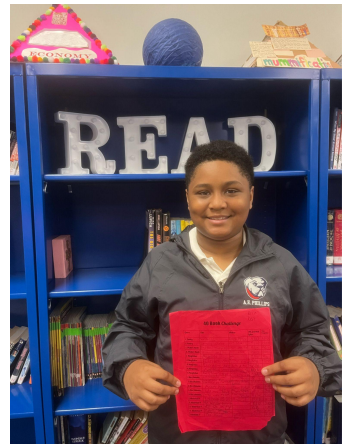
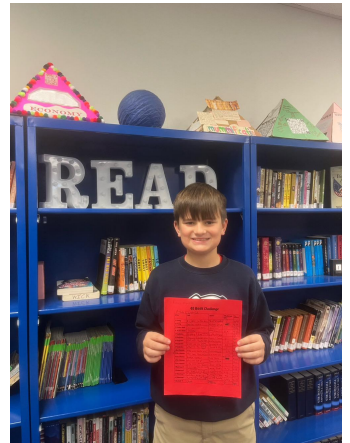
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MORE 40 BOOK CHALLENGE WINNERS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



AEP Middle School Faculty Spotlight: Mr. Norman Rivera

I was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana with the exception of 6 years, where I lived in Guatemala. I currently hold a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of New Orleans, and began my Masters-level studies at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and later at the University of New Orleans. During this time, I worked in the Department of Psychiatry at Ochsner Clinic, the Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, and the River Oaks Psychiatric Hospital in various capacities. Afterwards, I started my career in school counseling when I joined the counseling department at Jesuit High School in 2003. In 2005, a hurricane named Katrina moved me and my family to Ruston, Louisiana. Here in Ruston, I joined the A. E. Phillips Laboratory School staff as School Counselor in 2007 and completed my Masters of Arts in Counseling and Guidance at Louisiana Tech in 2008. I am currently working as the school counselor at A. E. Phillips. I am also registered with the Louisiana Board of Examiners as a Licensed Professional Counselor. I have been married to my beautiful wife, Annie, since 1993 and have four children: AEP alums Kailee (2011), Daniel (2015), Gabriel (2016), and Joseph, who is currently a 5th grader at AEP. Norman and Annie are grandparents to Esther and new grand baby, Roger. I am a member of FBC Ruston, where my wife and I are connection group teachers in the college ministry and active in other ministries. Working at A. E. Phillips Laboratory School as a school counselor is one of the best jobs I have ever had and I love working with my current students and my students throughout the years.

We are so fortunate to have you at AEP Mr. Rivera. Thank you for always being there for our students!

What a great day to be an AEP Bullpup!



MathCounts Compete at State



AEP's MathCounts Competition Teams participated in the State MathCounts Competition. They competed against 33 schools and 97 students. Way to go Bullpups!

Fentanyl Awareness



According to the CDC, 107,375 people in the United States died of drug overdoses and drug poisonings in the 12-month period ending in January 2022. This is just some of the facts Captain Brad Wall shared with our AEP Mentor Groups this month about the dangers of Fentanyl. Thank you Captain Wall for visiting with us! !

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Meet your 2023-2024 AEP Cheerleaders

The following are your new AEP Cheerleaders for the 2023-2024 school year.

Maggie Rogers (Captain)
Ava Madden (Co-Captain)
Eero Slaughter (Co-Captain)

Faith Crawford
Cate Davison
Annaliese Doss
Savannah Foster
Gheryl Fregiste
Hallie Hogan
AJ Johnson
Audrey Kate Kelly
Stella Myers
Aubrey Summersgill
Carlee Williams
Lawren Williams

Congratulations girls!
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