

Bullpup Bulletin

A.E. Phillips Laboratory School

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Middle School

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October

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Middle School Teachers researching Teaching with the Brain in Mind.

INTENTIONAL. As we continue with our theme of this year, AEP Middle School teachers have been INTENTIONAL in the month of October planning for our students and learning how they learn. For the last year, our teachers have been participating in a book study. This book study has been focused on brain research and how to apply this research in the classroom. Students may spend more than

13,000 hours of their developing brain's time in the presence of teachers. And as intentional educators we are paying attention to how our students spend time with us. These concepts are fundamental to education and we are not taking them for granted. Our Middle School Faculty is INTENTIONAL about how we instruct your Bullpups.

It is a GREAT day to be a Bullpup!

Red Ribbon Week

Since its beginning in 1985, the Red Ribbon and Red Ribbon Week has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction cause by drugs in America. We as a school, with the leadership of Mr. Rivera, have turned this week into an educational time about saying no to drugs and fighting against bullying, all the while having fun with the different themes of each day. So, in honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, we as a school stand together and say "No!" to drugs and bullying!

Way to go Bullpups!



Middle School Student of the Year 22-23

Harper Anderson has been named our 8th Grade Student of the Year! We are so proud of Harper. She works so hard in and out of the classroom. When asked how she feels about this honor she said "I am incredibly honored to have been selected as 8th grade Student of the Year. I believe that I have worked hard, both academically and personally to achieve this award. In addition to this, my teachers and family have encouraged me to achieve high goals throughout my education. Overall, I am very thankful for the support I have received over the years that have allowed me to achieve this award and that I have been chosen to receive it." We couldn't be more proud of you Harper! It is a great day to be a Bullpup!



*8th Grade Girls at their last AEP Volleyball Match
Photo courtesy of Mollie Robbins*

8th Grade Celebrated During Volleyball

AEP 8th grade girls were celebrated this month during their last volleyball game. Aubree Lohman, Anna Robbins, Emma Roberson, Drew Cramer, Nnenna Ighade, and Destinee Williamson were recognized on the last volleyball game of the season.

AEP Volleyball Hype is in the link below:
(Video courtesy of Mollie Robbins)

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Harper Anderson pictured in Mrs. Wick's room.

What is the Science Olympiad?

It is AEP's newest academic team! Science Olympiad is an American team competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various fields of science, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Mrs. Blount has spearheaded these competition teams and it includes 22 of our amazing middle school students. Mrs. Blount has already brought in Mrs. Allen to speak on the Digestive System and Dr. Robichaux to speak on the Immune System. What a Great Day to be a Bullpup!



Dr. Robichaux speaking on the Immune System

Teacher of the Year 22-23

Mrs. Lauren Pipes has been named Middle School Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Pipes goes above and beyond for her students at AEP. She is a dedicated math teacher to our 6-8 math students, Student Council co-sponsor and is our girls volleyball coach. There is just nothing she cannot do!. When asked how she feels about this honor, Mrs. Pipes said “I am excited to represent AEP as an educator. It is an honor to be chosen as the Teacher of the Year. I love the students and staff at Phillips. I work with other amazing teachers, so it is extremely humbling that parents and colleagues value my dedication to my students.”
Way to go Mrs. Pipes!



Alumni Spotlight

AEP alumni, Emma Reeves was announced as RHS Homecoming Queen. After Ruston High had their annual Homecoming Assembly, Emma came to visit and speak with our students at AEP. The AEP Middle School was very excited to see her! Emma has done great things at RHS since graduating from AEP. We are proud of you Emma!

What a great day to be a Bullpup!

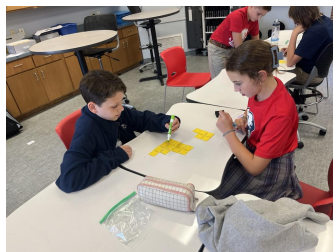


SnapShots

**EIGHTH GRADE
PICTURES**



**WORKING HARD IN
MRS. PIPES MATH
CLASS**



**LADY BULLPUPS
GETTING READY IN
THE SAND!**



RED RIBBON WEEK



**WINNERS OF THE
RED RIBBON
POSTER CONTEST**



**RED RIBBON WEEK
PEP RALLY**



Teacher Spotlight:

Mrs. Michelle Blount

Hi there! My name is Mrs. Blount and I count it a privilege to be a part of our amazing MS teaching team at AEP. My family moved here to Ruston in 2014 and I began my journey as a Bullpup teacher. My wonderful husband, Jonathan Blount, runs his own financial advising business here in Ruston. We have three amazing sons: Jordan, Micah, and Josh. Jordan & Micah are AEP alumni and are now honors students and on the tennis team at RHS. Josh is currently in 7th grade here at AEP.

My passion for science began at home along Bayou Desiard in Monroe, LA. My family spent hours explaining ecosystems, animal adaptations, and predator-prey survival strategies as we hunted and fished together here in NE Louisiana. I also remember excitedly viewing several solar and lunar eclipses and severe weather events with my family. My mom always explained the scientific reasoning of WHY the events happened. Those discussions sparked a growing curiosity that many amazing science teachers developed during my middle, high school, and college years. I have my B.S in Biology and my M.S. in Psychology from ULM. I also have Master's plus 30 and ESL certifications.

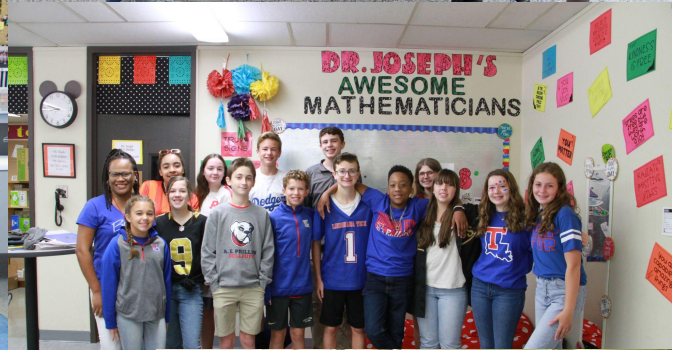
Pine Cove's outdoor education program kicked off my teaching career. A few years later, I transitioned to middle school science in the Texas school systems. After several years teaching elementary & middle school science in Texas, my family moved to Monroe to be closer to my relatives. I enjoyed teaching 7 and 8 grade science at OJHS in Monroe for 3 years before moving to AEP in Ruston. I was honored to receive the AEP MS Teacher of the Year award in 2018.

Science is still my passion and I really enjoy facilitating student's curiosity as they observe and explain many fascinating natural phenomena. Whether they analyze a video of animal behavior, or conduct an experiment with chemicals, students are wondering "why" and creating scientifically sound explanations. There are few moments that bring more pride than when student efforts pay off with that "aha" moment. My educational goal is to be the science teacher that creates that "spark of curiosity" in my Bullpup students that they carry with them throughout their lives.



Mrs. Michelle Blount 6-8 Science Teacher

Red Ribbon Week



Book Character Day



Poverty Point

“Centuries ago, when Stonehenge was built and Queen Nefertiti ruled Egypt, American Indians were building earthen monuments in north Louisiana. Hand by hand and basketful by basketful, men and women shaped nearly 2 million cubic yards of soil into stunning landscapes. The result was a massive 72-foot-tall mound, enormous concentric half-circles and related earthworks that dwarfed every other earthen monument site for 2,200 years.” AEP 8th grade middle school students, led by Mrs. Wick, were able to tour this important Louisiana landmark. Listed below are just a FEW of the things our students were able to do:

Watched a short video about Poverty Point
How to throw a spear using an Atlatl
Observe artifacts recovered from the site
Climb to the top of the highest mound
Learned about the people that lived during this time period

Wow! Thank you Mrs. Wick for creating this opportunity for our 8th graders.
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