



# Middle School Newsletter

May 2022

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Dear Middle School Parents,

That's a wrap! What an unbelievable end to this 2021-2022 school year. Between the 8th grade play, Louisiana Trip, AEP graduation, Awards Day and Field Day our students have had a blast and were celebrated in style. Our students, parents, faculty, and staff proved once more why we truly do have the best middle school around.

What a great YEAR to be an AEP Middle School Bullpup!

Go Bullpups!

AEP Administration Team





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## Louisiana Trip

Don't know where to go on your next vacation? Just ask Mrs. Postel and you can add sightseeing in Louisiana to your list of potential destinations. Our beautiful state is home to nature areas, historical landmarks and a rich cultural history that our 8th graders were able to experience before they left for high school. Thank you Mrs. Postel for the amazing trip and the memories that were made!





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## AEP Field Day

AEP Field Day is a way to celebrate another school year gone by. This also gave our students something to look forward to, and it is almost a proverbial archway to summer. Coach Blalock and Coach Tyler spared no expense making sure this year was AMAZING! Our students played games, ate Kona Ice and we even think our teachers had just as much fun participating in the activities as well!

What a great time to be a Bullup!







## We Are All In This Together

Truer words could not be spoken with his 8th Grade class. Not only did they leave their mark in



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## AEP Middle School Teacher Spotlight

There is a huge difference between becoming a teacher, and becoming a GREAT teacher. Great teachers make a huge impact on students. Great teachers help students engage in lifelong learning. Great teachers can make a world of difference on a child from any age. Great teachers are patient, kind, show empathy, and are adaptable. Whether it is in the classroom, 8th Grade Play or the Washington DC trip, Mrs. Wick exemplifies these qualities and much, much more. Thank you Mrs. Wick for the hard work you put into your craft, it NEVER goes unnoticed!

*On day one each fall; my students learn that I was born and raised in Minnesota and that I drink pop...not soda. While Minnesota will always be home, my family has lived in Ruston for almost 15 years. My husband Collin is an associate dean in the College of Engineering and Science. I have three boys, Tommy, a freshman at Louisiana Tech, Lucas, a graduating senior from Ruston High, and Ashton a sophomore at Ruston High. All three of my boys attended A.E. Phillips and have loved having me as a teacher...that's my story and I'm sticking to it.*

*I taught 4th and 5th grade in Minnesota after graduating from the University of Minnesota and have now been a teacher at A.E. Phillips for 11 years. Tommy started kindergarten at AEP in 2008 and I remember sitting at the parent meeting that August thinking, this is where I want to teach. After subbing for a couple years, I began teaching 6th grade ELA. I currently teach 7th and 8th grade ELA, work with*





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*the 6th and 8th graders on their plays, and lead the middle school trip to Washington DC. I am blessed to teach at AEP and believe it's the best school!*

*I love to decorate. I love fashion. I am practically a professional tennis player (almost). I play piano. But my passion is truly teaching. In every other job I have ever had I watched the clock biding my time until I could go home. At school, I watch the clock hoping for more time with my*



*students. I love to watch them grow, dig deeper, and learn how to express their thinking coherently in discussions*

*and in their writing. I believe the secret to good teaching and student*

*engagement is*

*relationships. I do not teach a specific curriculum, I teach my students. We laugh in my room and I tell good stories but we always work hard. I love when students tell me we didn't do anything in class today. That is when learning and work is so seamless they do not even realize it is happening. They do not realize the discussions, listening, group poster making, and analysis are the work. I will happily list all the goals we accomplished for that day and love the fact that work in my class does not always feel like work to them. We also get to be leaders to the younger students in our school. I look for every opportunity for my students to visit the classrooms of the younger students and read to them, help with projects, or volunteer for field day.*



*Besides building relationships with my students, I prioritize being the best teacher I can be. I earned my master's degree right here at Tech. I am a professional development geek and love learning about my craft. I am currently a certified content leader for ELA and have delivered professional development to teachers at AEP, to other schools, and presented at conferences. I am also currently a Teacher Leader Advisor for the Louisiana Department of Education. In this role I review and evaluate curricula presented to the state for adoption. I am a part of the process that determines if these programs meet the requirements for instructional use based on the*

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*Louisiana State Standards. I have learned a lot through both of these opportunities about what I am teaching, how I am teaching, and why I am teaching.*

*People, frequently even parents, ask me how I can teach teenagers. I do not have a good answer to that except that I know I am lucky that I get these students everyday. They are little kids in big kid bodies. They are full of life, energy, and unique insight and that keeps me going. Thank you for sharing your children with me!*

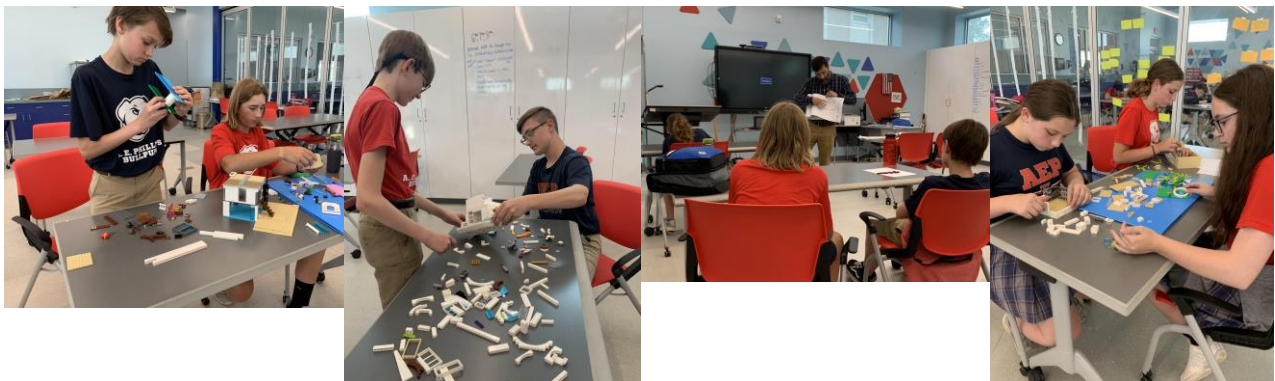
~Mrs. Deette Wick



## Wouldn't Be Here Without Legos



Words spoken by Mr. Michael Wynne. Mr. Wynne is a local architect who came and spoke to AEP Middle School's Architecture class. He shared his love for legos and all things architecture. Students looked over his plans that he had drawn for a large high school in Louisiana and even learned the difference between Architecture and Engineering. "The cool thing about my job is most people see a wall, I see more of the things that it took to make the wall." Thank you Mr. Wynne for speaking to our AEP Middle School students! It is a great day to be a Bullpup!



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## 50/50 Ruston

Friends of Ruston Skatepark here in Lincoln Parish auctioned 150+ artworks that were created on skate decks and contributed by artists from around the world May 1 - May 13 to raise money for building Ruston Skatepark. AEP Middle School had three students who won a chance to display their skateboards in this auction.

**Eero Slaughter**

**Jude Hanchey**

**Harper Anderson**

AEP is super proud of you! Way to go Bullpups!

## Talented Artists at AEP

AEP is so fortunate to have Maggie Boudreaux as our Talented Art teacher. Mrs. Boudreaux focused on building the primary drawing and painting skills that students need to be able to express themselves individually as artists. Students also had the opportunity to work in graphite, charcoal, prisma colors, watercolor, collage and acrylics.



They demonstrated their understanding of site measuring, proportion, space and perspective through a series of landscape studies





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completed on AEP & Louisiana Tech Campus.

Students were also provided the opportunity to visit many of the outstanding shows at the visual arts building on Louisiana Tech Campus exposing works by professional artists working in a variety of artistic styles and mediums. What a great year to be a Bullpup! Thank you Mrs. Boudreaux!



## AEP Middle School Highlight Reel





## Remember for the Summer

PFC sample try-on in the gym from 10-2  
(Please park in the car line circle)

### **June 2**

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(Please park in the car line circle)

### **June 6**

PFC sample try-on in the gym  
(Please park in the car line circle)

Volleyball Camp

\*Grades 3-5 from 9-12

\*Grades 6-8 from 1-4

### **June 8**

PFC sample try-on in the gym  
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Volleyball Camp

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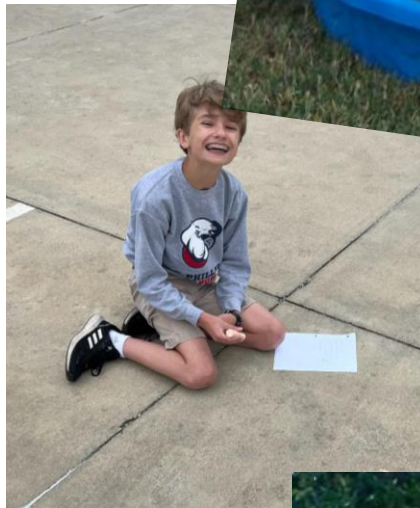
### **June 9**

Volleyball Camp

\*Grades 3-5 from 9-12

\*Grades 6-8 from 1-4

### **July 18 -22**



from 10-2





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Cursive Handwriting Workshop (Contact Mrs Martie Clary)

11:30 -1:30 (5th-6th Grade)

2-4 (7th -12th Grade)

**June 20-23**

Summer Art Camp (Contact Mrs. Clary or Mrs. Wick)

8:30 -10:30

11:00-1:00

1:30-3:30

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