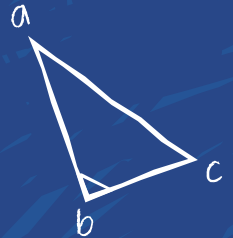


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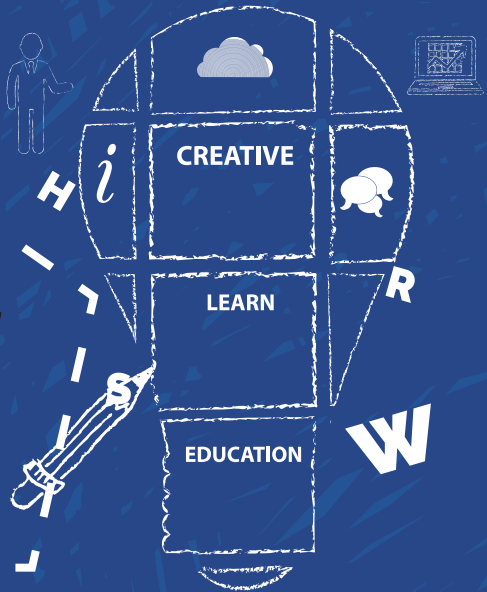
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A. E. PHILLIPS LABORATORY SCHOOL

Books, choir, STEMinists among AEP updates

A. E. Phillips students are sailing into the holidays with smiles on their faces and kindness in their hearts. Each class has completed a service project to benefit different people in our community. Example projects are the donation of cards, no-slip socks, and blankets to nursing homes, collecting “Toys for Tots,” and collecting items for the Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (DART).

Some classes are collecting books for local “Little Free Libraries,” and decorating pillow cases to send to troops overseas, as well as needed items and treats. Classes are also writing “thank you” notes and Christmas cards for nursing home patients and hospital ICU workers. In addition to the service projects, students also collected over 1,600 cans for CCA.

We could not be more proud of our Bullpups. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of a true education.” This is our vision for the education of students attending A.E. Phillips Laboratory School.

Over 60 third through eighth grade choir members had the opportunity to spread a little Christmas cheer around Louisiana Tech’s campus this season. They made stops to sing at the Lady of the Mist, President Guice’s office, the College of Education, and had the opportunity to sing for the Louisiana Tech Choir.

In addition to service projects and choir concerts, our Bullpups have been busy learning and growing as scholars. A group of middle school girls had the opportunity to attend



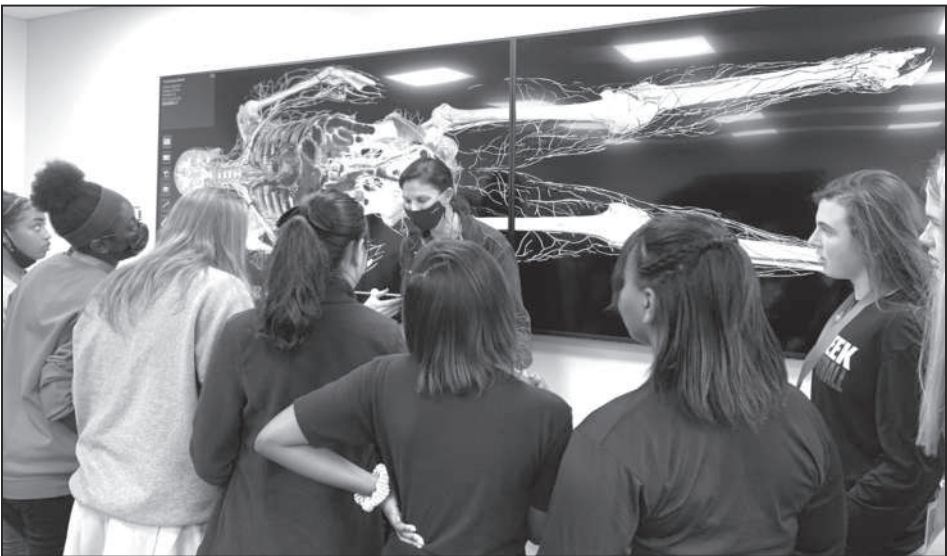
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A.E. Phillips choir students are pictured with Louisiana Tech President Les Guice.

the Steminist Fest at Louisiana Tech with other schools from around our community. The middle school students also had an opportunity to attend the RCT’s production of “A Christmas Carol” as they are reading through this book in their ELA class.

Our elementary students have been busy learning through hands-on science experiments as well as reading activities that center around Christmas but really are teaching students important ELA skills.

Our PE department has been an exciting place as students have learned the game of Pickle Ball and completed in grade level competitions. Each grade-level has produced a pair of girl and boy winners and the students have been very excited about the trophy they received.



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Louisiana Tech professor Dr. Jamie Newman shows AEP middle school girls the human body’s nervous system on the Anatomage table at Tech’s new Anatomy Lab.

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CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL

Cougars win awards, spread Christmas cheer



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Cougar Ambassadors spread Christmas cheer by preparing goodie bags for the 4th and 5th grade Lead ‘Em Up program participants.



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Lincoln Parish Park recently hosted their annual Lincoln Lights Up the Pines. Cedar Creek was represented by the Quota Club (sponsored by Christy Mabou) and teachers Marisa and John Gleason.



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Students from around the parish joined together for a night of worship and prayer in Cougar Stadium. A number of Cedar Creek Cougars along with Ruston High Bearcats gave their testimonies.



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Congratulations to Jed Worthey and Sarah Adams for being named School Winners in the 2021 Heisman High School Scholarship program.



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Taylor Ramsey was recently named to the All-State Cross Country Team for the divisions of 2A, 1A, B, and C for the state of Louisiana.

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CHOUDRANT HIGH SCHOOL

Aggies give back, have fun this holiday

Choudrant High School has been in the Christmas spirit this December, hosting a canned food drive, special activities for faculty and staff, and Christmas spirit dress up days for everyone at school. Some of the dress up days included wearing a Christmas tie, a Santa hat, flannel, Christmas t-shirt, ugly/tacky Christmas sweater, and more.

The Beta Club hosted a canned food drive for CCA, and over 1,600 food items were donated. First period classes competed to see which class would bring the most cans, and the winner was Mrs. Amanda Davis's seventh grade math class. They were treated to a doughnut breakfast.

Teachers and staff have been playing Secret Santa, and first period classes also had fun decorating the classroom doors. Many of the CHS teachers decorated Christmas trees in their classrooms. Seventh graders enjoyed a trip to the Dixie Theater to see "A Christmas Carol" and the eighth graders had fun on their recent trip to the ballet.

The Choudrant High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) attended a Fall Leadership Retreat hosted by Ruston High School FBLA on Dec. 9 that was held at The Gospel in Ruston.

Members networked with regional and state officers, learned important information about upcoming competitive events, and participated in team building activities. CHS members brought donations of various items for the Little Helpers organization.

Mrs. Terry Frazier, a nurse at the facility, spoke to the group about the mission of the organization and the needs of the children they service. The members also heard from a representative of Louisiana Tech University who spoke about the Regional Leadership Conference that will be held on the campus in January.

It has been a busy holiday season on campus. Merry Christmas from CHS!



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Members of Choudrant High's Beta Club hosted a canned food drive for Christian Community Action, raising over 1,600 food items.



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CHS FBLA officers pose with some of the donated items they gathered for the Little Helpers organization.



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CYPRESS SPRINGS SCHOOL

CSE gives update on class learning, music

Third grade

In ELA, we are currently reading "Because of Winn Dixie." For social studies, we are finishing up our unit on Early Inhabitants of Louisiana and will be learning about Early Explorers in Louisiana next.

In math, we just started our new unit on Multiplication and Division with Units of 0, 1, 6-9, and Multiples of 10. We are in the middle of our science unit on Survival and by the end of our unit we will have learned that organisms have characteristics that help them survive over time in changing environments.

Fourth grade

For math we are working on division and multi-digit multiplication. Students learned two strategies called the box method for division and area model for multiplication. The students

are thriving with these two methods and think it is the best thing they have learned all year long.

In science, students are learning about energy and doing different experiments to increase their knowledge. In social studies and ELA, we are learning about the American Revolution through looking at sources and reading books about the topic.

Fifth grade

The fifth-grade halls at Cypress Springs Elementary are filled with laughter, learning, and holiday cheer! In ELA, students are immersing themselves in the magical and wondrous literary world of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe."

While in social studies, scholars continue to analyze the reasons and motivations behind European explorations as well as describe the interactions

between Europeans and Indigenous peoples. Math is finishing the year off strong by wrapping up Module 3: adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.

And lastly, in science, students are completing Module 2: The Mangrove Tree Ecosystem and how all the organisms get what they require and still maintain balanced ecosystems. Lots of learning and merriment are taking place here at Cypress Springs, and there is no other way we would like it.

Music

Things have been busy this month in the Music Room! Our third graders have been working hard on learning rhythms and melodies for their Christmas songs that they will perform for the school while our fourth graders have been learning traditional Christmas songs on Boomwhackers!

Boomwhackers are hollow plastic tubes that are tuned with various lengths. The students can hit them on the palm of their hands and produce a musical note - thus the "whack" part of boomwhackers! They are really fun to play and have helped us learn about notes on the staff and what they sound like on instruments!

Our fifth graders have been working hard at creating rhythms using cups. For their Christmas performance, they will be performing "The 12 Cups of Christmas" using the traditional song The 12 Days of Christmas and using plastic cups to create the rhythms! This song was quite the challenge and they have been working hard to create and learn their parts! I am so proud of all of our music students and the hard work and determination they have demonstrated.

DUBACH SCHOOL

Dubach Hornets full of activities around Christmastime

The last two months of 2021 have been fast and full of fun, family and learning at Dubach School. Dubach School is happy to announce that our School Performance Score (SPS) grew to a 62, which makes Dubach a C School! We are so proud of all of the hard work, dedication and support of all of our teachers, staff, students and stakeholders.

Dubach will be a part of the Elementary Basketball league. Practice started, Nov. 1. The Elementary bas-

ketball season will open on Jan. 15, 2022 with a Jamboree at the Ruston Complex. Dubach's first home game is scheduled for Jan. 24, 2022. The doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the game will begin at 6 p.m.

This year, Dubach School opened a Boys & Girls Club of North Louisiana that is housed at the school. On Nov. 17, the Ruston-Lincoln Chambers of Commerce, the Dubach Boys & Girls Club students, Mayor Mona Wilson, and many other stakehold-

ers were present for a Ribbon Cutting celebration. This opportunity was one that the students will remember for a lifetime. Unit Director Alexis Sinnie and YDP Christina Deese do an amazing job with the students each afternoon.

On Nov. 30, Dubach School held their annual Family Literacy Night and Scholastic Book Fair. The Grambling State University Softball team, under the leadership of Coach Nakeya Hall, and 3 Grambling State

University education majors came to assist in making this event a success. We cannot thank them enough for their support and we look forward to working with them in the future. Students who participated were allowed to pick 2 free books from the Scholastic book fair on the last day of the book fair.

Our November Students of the Month were: Kaden Anderson, Chayse Eubanks, Camila Ortiz,

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DUBACH SCHOOL (continued)

Wyatt Ovitt, Adelynn Franks, Molly Daigle, Harper Thompson, Reginae McClaine, Ben Rodriguez, Hailey Crew, Emajah' Frost and Elizabeth DeOliviera.

Dubach welcomed a new first grade teacher to the staff, Mrs. Katie Pyles, just before the Thanksgiving break. Mrs. Katie, as she wants to be called by her students, and the students are adjusting well. She has been a great addition to the Dubach staff. We also welcomed Ms. Oretha Whitley to the staff as our daily substitute. She provides our students and teachers with the wisdom that she gained during her more than 30 years as an educator. Ms. Whitley, is another great addition to our staff.

December 6th our first graders took their second field trip to the STEM building, where they had fun learning while doing hands-on activities. During the week of Dec. 6-10 the school participated in a Canned Food Drive, and collected over 700 cans. Job well done, to all who participated!

On Dec. 14 the entire school went to the Monroe Civic Center to watch the "Enchanted Christmas" ballet, put on by the Louisiana Ballet Dance Company. The students enjoyed themselves, most were able to make connections to a movie that they have seen to the ballet.

Students will be out of school for the Holiday Break from Dec. 20, 2021 - Jan. 3, 2022. Students will have a Bonus 10 Book Challenge to continue to READ, READ, READ while they are home or on vacation during the break. Students who participated in the 40 book challenge were rewarded with 4 books of their choice on Dec. 10. The 60 book challenge ended on Dec. 15, and those participants will be able to pick six books in January. The 80 book challenge will begin Jan. 4, 2022 and end on Feb. 7, 2022.

We look forward to all of the great things that 2022 will bring to our staff and students at Dubach School. We are rooted in success. Watch us grow!



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Students are shown shopping in the Hornet store with their positive Class Dojo points.



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The Grambling State University Softball team helped to make Family Literacy Night a huge success at Dubach School.



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Pictured is the recent ribbon cutting on the new Boys and Girls Club branch at Dubach School.



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HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hillcrest highlights holiday happenings

Hillcrest Elementary is hustling and bustling with excitement for the holiday season. Our students have been completing seasonal reading logs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The students are doing an amazing job reading books, earning reading steps, and even prizes!

We also welcomed parents to Hillcrest for several events. First grade parents came and enjoyed a time of Christmas ornament crafts with their students. Each family completed three ornaments to take home and add to their Christmas tree.

In addition, Mrs. Alexander and Miss Lovell hosted an Art and Music Show for parents to showcase the students' talents. The parents were very excited to come into our school and spend time with their child.

Finally, the faculty and students have participated in a holiday themed dress up day for the last week of school. It has been a joy to see the students smiling faces as they come in their festive attire. All of us at Hillcrest Elementary wish you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!



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Hillcrest students wear their favorite Christmas sweater to celebrate the season.

SIMSBORO SCHOOL




Simsboro FACS club attends rally

The Simsboro High School Family and Consumer Sciences Club participated in the Lincoln Parish FACS Club Fall Leadership Rally at Lincoln Parish Park.

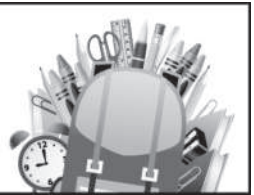
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RUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RES collects cans, thanks sponsors

Ruston Elementary School would like to say a special thank you to several community sponsors that have especially blessed students and faculty this holiday season. Hunt Guillot & Associates provided every RES student a personalized water bottle to use this school year. Skip Russell State Farm provided a hot chocolate bar for faculty to enjoy.

Trinity United Methodist Church provided gift card door prizes and snacks for the December faculty meeting. Delta Broadband provided

faculty door prizes for RES faculty and staff. Henderson Financial and Blue Bell Creameries have generously given monetary donations that were specifically used towards rewarding students for both their academics and positive behavior this fall.

Thank you to all the Ruston Elementary Adopt-A-School Sponsors for your continued support, encouragement, and love! This strong community partnership is one of the many reasons RES is such a great place for students and teachers.



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This December, Ruston Elementary School participated in a canned food drive, joining Lincoln Parish Schools in their goal to donate canned goods to our local Christian Community Action. RES Lions collected nearly 1,500 canned goods to contribute toward this goal!



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RES fourth grader Abigail Campbell is a 4H member and recently participated in a contest to name the Lincoln Parish 4H lab rats. Her submission was chosen, so the rats are now named "Pippy" and "Poppy." Abigail is pictured with her prize and ribbon alongside RES mascot "Rex."

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