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A. E. PHILLIPS LABORATORY SCHOOL

AEP highlights mentorship program, activities

All middle school students are assigned a mentor that they meet with, in a small group, each Friday afternoon. All middle school teachers, special area teachers, administrators, and our counselor serve as mentors to groups of 5-8 students.

Dr. Jenny Blalock created this program because, at AEP, she believes that ALL students should feel welcome, and ALL students should have at least one adult at school, (hopefully many more) that they know cares deeply about their well-being and success.

Our mentor group time serves as an opportunity to check in with students, set academic goals, and also inspire qualities such as kindness, empathy, sportsmanship, service, and appreciation of differences...to name a few.

Most recently, our lessons and

discussions have centered on role models, kindness, and service. Each mentor group decided on a service project they recently completed together. In these mentor groups, we have seen friendships grow among students who may not normally be in class together, and the teacher's bond with each student has grown as well.

Our teachers look forward to inviting more guest speakers in the future. It is our goal that AEP students not only excel academically, but also demonstrate leadership, self-confidence, and kindness.

There are so many negative influences vying for our students' attention, we want to intentionally redirect their focus to the healthy and positive. We are so proud of our students! We look forward to refining this program, with each year, to best serve our students.



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Rowdy Cherry, Olivia Hamby, Mrs. Postel, Drew Cramer and Aubree Lohman have already started gearing up to create the AEP Yearbook. Mrs. Postel does such a good job every year helping her AEP middle school staff create such amazing yearbooks.



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Mrs. Hodge's first grade class performs "A Barnyard Moosical."



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Ruston High School rolled out the red carpet for our eighth grade boys and girls this month. Our AEP eighth grade students went on a tour of Ruston High School to make their transition from AEP to RHS a little bit easier. AEP Bullpups to future RHS Bearcats!



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CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL

Cougars, chickens and eagles, oh my!



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Above: Cedar Creek’s Girls Powerlifting team won State for the first time scoring 62 points to put them way ahead of their competitors. Below: The Boys Powerlifting team came in 3rd in state with 34 points.



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In preparation for the recent FFA District Poultry event, Cedar Creek’s Agriscience class practiced holding and judging a lay hen for past egg production. This included checking the hen for a healthy comb and wattle, looking at the wing for signs of molt, and measuring the abdominal capacity. Students also learned to look for pigment loss from the beak and legs as an indication of egg production. Students placed first in the FFA District poultry career development event with Emily Chance receiving High Individual.

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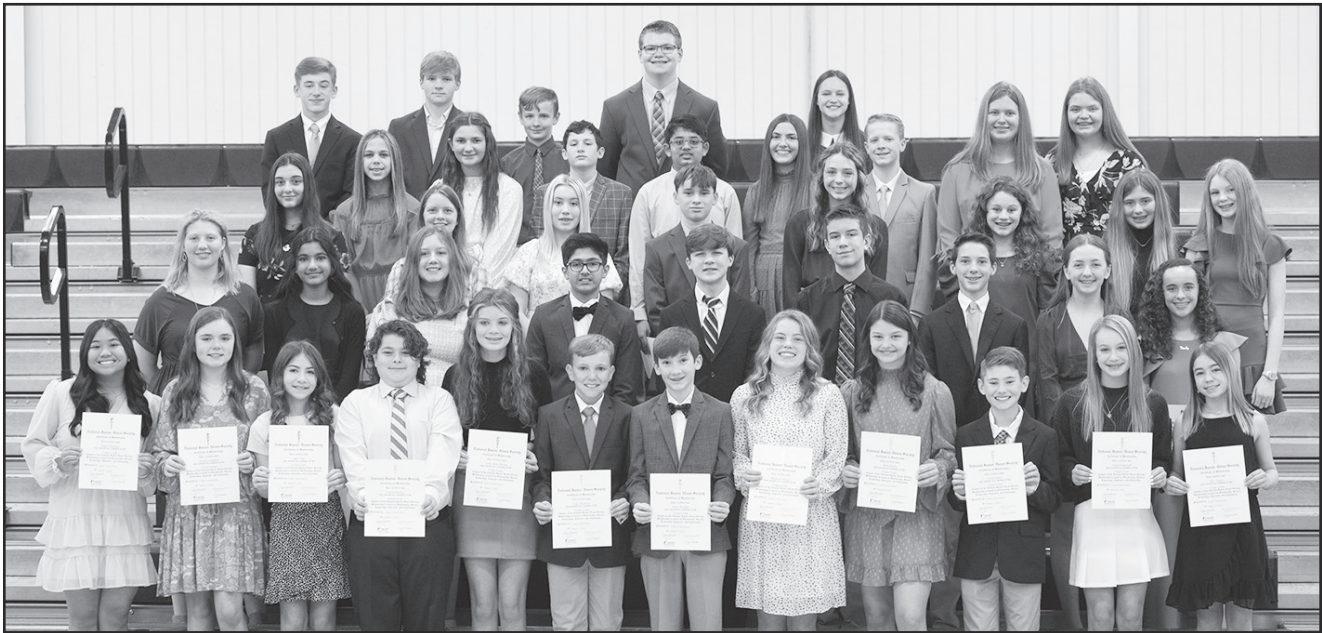
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The National Junior Honor Society is a premier organization that recognizes outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Cedar Creek recently inducted the following scholars into its chapter of the NJHS:
Carter Allen, Hydi Boyd, Arlyn Boyet, Rhett Bridges, Addie Belle Brister, Paxton Burney, Jade Cook, Georgia Dugdale, Hayden Durrett, Anna Fitzgerald, Mady Garcia, Wyatt Gremillion, Kamden Hardman, Mary Grace Hawkins, Bailey Hiers, Annabelle Hockenjos, Cadence Hockenjos, Marley Jinks, Chloe Jones, Gracie Jones, Prabhleen Kaur, Harshaan Lally, Alivia Lee, Kade Luker, Anna Malsam, Sophie Mariano, Joshua McCarthy, John Parker Moak, Madison Morris, Camdyn Napper, Gracie Parker, Manav Patel, Drake Purvis, Alex Roebuck, Hannah Satcher, Madison Stringer, Jilly Turpin, Bryleigh Williams, Catherine Williams, Kaden Williams, Kenna Williams, Trigger Woodard



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Cedar Creek high school students recently attended Music Rally at Louisiana Tech. All delegates earned a “Superior” rating for their performances, and many will attend the state Music Rally at LSU this month.



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Cedar Creek’s Ethan Rugg recently earned the ranking of an Eagle Scout. An Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. Only 4 percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy process. This rank is earned by a Scout who has been a Life Scout for at least six months, has earned a minimum of 21 merit badges, exemplified Scout spirit, and demonstrated leadership within their troop



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CHOUDRANT HIGH SCHOOL

Black history celebration, FBLA among CHS highlights

Black history art project

In celebration of Black History month, the talented art class along with the seventh grade elective art class at Choudrant High School produced collaborative posters commemorating famous Black people in history. Each student had to color one section of the poster in order to put it together so it became one person. The posters created consisted of Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, and Booker T. Washington. The impressive and colorful works of art were hung in the main hallway at the school and enjoyed by all of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors over the last few months.

FBLA

At the end of March, 21 Choudrant High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members traveled with their two advisers, Mrs. Beth Rinehart and Mrs. Kathy Lowery, and chaperone Coach Geoffrey Underwood to Lafayette to participate and compete in the Louisiana State Leadership Conference.

Of the 21 members who attended, 12 of them placed in the Top 10 and received an award certificate. Congratulations to the following members:

7th Place in Business Ethics (Team Event) Owen Watson, Elizabeth Davis, and Abby Johnston; 5th Place in Computer Problem Solving, Jadon Newton; 9th Place in Healthcare Administration, Abby Johnston; 9th Place in Introduction to Event Planning (Team Event), Gracie Boudreaux and K'Lea Zamora;



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Choudrant High's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America recently traveled to Lafayette to participate in the state leadership conference.

5th Place in Introduction to FBLA, Addison Lee; 6th Place in Ms. Future Business Leader (FBL), Savannah Pesnell; and 7th Place in Sports and Entertainment Management (Team Event), Wade Watson, Colton Smith, and Taylor Sanderson.

Seven members placed in the Top 4 or higher in their event and qualified for national competition in Chicago later this summer. These students also received an award certificate. Many congratulations to the following CHS FBLA members:

3rd Place in Banking and Financial Systems (Team Event), Carson Pickett, Trinity Richardson, and Reagan Breslin; 3rd Place in Computer Applications, Hayden Chreene; 3rd Place in Graphic Design (Team Event), Elizabeth Davis and Destiny Rojas; 3rd Place in Introduction to Information Technology, Jadon Newton; and 1st Place in Introduc-

tion to Information to Technology, Hayden Chreene.

Hayden received a certificate, plaque, and \$25.00 cash award. Others students who attended the conference were Tanya Mina, Emma Frechette, Haylie Hattaway, Khyliya Melton, and Clara Stephens. Clara Stephens and Carson Pickett were also selected as the CHS FBLA Chapter voting delegates. Everyone who attended the conference enjoyed the Opening and Closing Sessions, being able to network with other FBLA members from across Louisiana, as well as getting to better know our own chapter members.

Literary rally

On March 12, several students from Choudrant High School competed at the annual Literary Rally held at Louisiana Tech University. Nine students earned top placement in their respective events and quali-

fied for state competition in April. Those students were 1st Place in Advanced Math-PreCalculus, Owen Watson; 1st Place in Algebra I, Peter Yu; 1st Place in Biology, Cooper Davis; 2nd Place in Civics, Wade Watson; 1st Place in Environmental Science, Declan Smith; 1st Place in Introduction to Business Computer Applications, Taylor Sanderson; 3rd Place in Spanish I, Naomi Logan; 2nd Place in Spanish II, Cameron Grice; and 3rd Place in World History, Savannah Pesnell. Other students who competed in district only events were: 2nd Place in English Literature, Heather Murphey; 1st Place in English Pronunciation, Ian Starks; 2nd Place in Spelling 9, Declan Smith; and 2nd Place in Spelling 10, Brelyn Pyle. Congratulations to all of these students!

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CHOUDRANT HIGH SCHOOL (continued)



Photos courtesy of CHS Yearbook Staff

Choudrant High art classes collaborated to make posters celebrating famous Black people in history, including Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Barack Obama and Booker T. Washington.

CYPRESS SPRINGS ELEMENTARY

CSE students make math progress

Third grade

Our third graders are winding up this busy year with Module 6 in math on Graphing. We will work our way into Module 7 on Geometry.

In ELA, we are on Unit 3: The Louisiana Purchase. The students are reading literary and informational texts to learn about the Louisiana Purchase and the characteristics of pioneers during that time period.

While exploring these texts, including quotes from primary source documents, students will develop their understanding of narrative writing and make connections between sentences and paragraphs in a text. Students will express their understanding of the Louisiana Purchase by explaining the events leading to the acquisition of the territory

and the results of those events.

In science, students are beginning Module 4 on Forces and Motion and will explore the question “Why do objects move differently in space than they do on Earth?” Students will investigate, observe, describe, and measure, motion of a variety of objects, and analyze data to identify patterns to describe and classify the motion of objects. Students will discover that multiple forces can act on an object, learn about balanced, unbalanced forces, magnetic and electric forces.

In social studies, students are covering Unit 4 on Louisiana’s Government and Citizenship. They are learning about the three levels and purposes of government (local, state, and national) and how each meets the needs of society. Students are also

learning about the rights and responsibilities of good citizens and how a citizen can help to solve local issues.

As you can see, we have been busy working towards our goal of increasing our scores and we are continuing to practice with LEAP testing skills to ensure that we are successful!

Gifted and talented

The gifted students have been busy with some fun and challenging projects. The third graders have been working on researching different countries and solving math mysteries. The fourth and fifth graders have completed a project in which they pretended to open and operate their very own animal shelter.

Fourth grade

Our April scholars are blooming

with so much knowledge! In English Language Arts, our students are learning all about Greek mythology. They have been reading “Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief” as well as other literary and informational texts to understand traditional stories that focus on common patterns in literature such as a quest.

In addition, students will engage in writing tasks that will allow them to express their understanding of how literature helps to make sense of the world, and how literature from the past still influences our current lives and contemporary stories.

In social studies, our future inventors have been learning all about the Industrial Revolution! Students have been examining the impact of

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CYPRESS SPRINGS ELEMENTARY (continued)



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Pictured are Cypress Springs Elementary Student Leaders of the Month for the month of March.

industrialization on the economic activity and settlement patterns within the United States. Students will also investigate how the rise of the factories changed the way that goods are produced, access to consumer goods, and jobs for the average American.

Ms. Chapman’s class

Ms. Chapman’s class recently finished state assessment testing. Currently, we are working on the Consumer Unit in the Unique Learning Curriculum. We are excited about our upcoming field trips and Special Olympics! Special Olympics will be held on April 29 on the Louisiana Tech Campus. One of my students had the honor of being Cypress Spring Elementary School’s mascot! We are having a great year as CSE Wildcats!

Mrs. Boyd-Math Coach

Grade 3: Our third graders have completed module 5, which is all

about fractions. They have learned what the numerator and denominator represent and how to put fractions on a number line.

The students who completed all assigned Zearn lessons for module 5 earned a reward. They were invited to parachute games and enjoyed a sweet treat. Good job Zearners! Now it’s time for third graders to begin module 6 where they will collect and display data on graphs.

Grade 4: Our fourth graders have completed a math module on decimals. They have earned an understanding of numbers that are less than one whole and can explain the value of a tenth and a hundredth. They can also compare decimal amounts.

All fourth graders that completed all assigned Zearn lessons for the module enjoyed a sweet treat and parachute games. Way to go Zearners! Fourth graders will begin working on the geometry module next.



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Pictured are CSE students participating in the Louisiana Elementary Math and Coding Olympia in Baton Rouge.

Grade 5: CSE fifth graders have completed module 5 where they classified quadrilaterals, solved volume and composite volume problems, and solved for area of figures with fractional side lengths. Fifth graders that

completed all assigned Zearn lessons for the module enjoyed a sweet treat and parachute games. Moving forward fifth graders will begin module 6 and begin solving problems with the coordinate plane.

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RES students advance in reading, math

Third grade

In social studies, students have been studying about the different wetlands, including marshes and swamps, and the importance of these areas in our state. They have learned about coastal erosion and the effects this has on the natural environment. They have studied the different ways land is used including commercial, residential, industrial, and more.

The students are seeing how unique and special the state of Louisiana is. Students will begin reviewing for their LEAP test they will take later in the month.

In ELA the students are brainstorming ideas for a narrative that they are writing from Meriwether Lewis’ dog’s perspective. They will use the dog, Seaman, and narrate

an event from the adventures the Corps of Discovery explorers had as they traveled through the Louisiana territory. They will be writing in first person and will include dialogs from Seaman and other people in the story. Third graders will also use the coming weeks to review for their LEAP test.

Fourth grade

In math, fourth graders have been learning geometry. They have learned about angles, triangles, lines and how to use a protractor. They also have started preparing for the LEAP test that starts later this month. In March, students visited the STEM center again. They coded directions for robots, worked their way through an “escape room” by utilizing math, science, and Eng-

lish skills, and solved riddles that pertained to science.

Our Radiant Readers just wrapped up Unit 3 in ELA! Students finished reading The Lightning Thief, and they wrote literary analysis essays about how Percy changed along his quest. They are currently reading a variety of short informational and literary texts to show their mastery of the skills we’ve practiced all year.

Fifth grade

In math, students have wrapped up Module 5 where they learned about area and volume. Fifth graders have now moved on to Module 6 which focuses on coordinate planes. They have also started reviewing material students have learned this year in preparation for the LEAP

test which will take place in a few weeks.

Students have been hard at work in science. They are finishing up the unit on how to explain our observations of the sun, moon and stars from Earth. After testing students will begin a hands-on study of Ecosystems: Flow of Matter and Energy. This unit is sponsored through a Project Lead The Way grant. Students are excited to get started.

Our historians have been studying the 13 colonies in social studies. They have learned about interdependence, mercantilism, and the Triangular Trade. Soon students will begin to learn about the French and Indian War and why it is referred to as the “war that made America.”



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