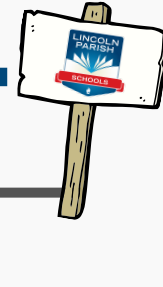


# PARTNERSHIP POST



## THANKFULNESS

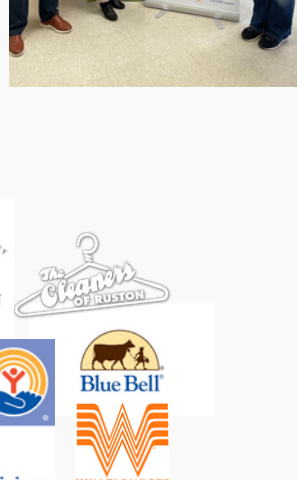
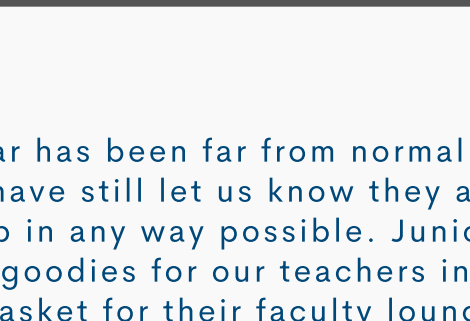
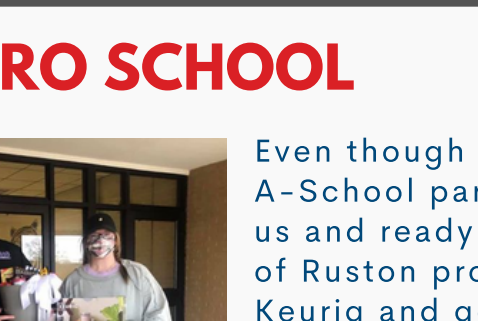
As we enter 2021, we can't help but be thankful for a community that is so supportive of its students and school personnel.

It has been no secret that 2020 was a challenging year. Our students and teachers have faced situations that many of us could have never imagined. Yet with the strength of our teachers, the fortitude of our students, and the support that they have seen from the surrounding community, our school year has continued. This year we have been unable to have gatherings or welcome our partners into our schools, however, our Adopt-A-School partners have stepped up and provided numerous donations and support!

We have faced our fair share of ups and downs, and I'm sure there will be more tough times ahead, but we will continue to move forward as a school district, community, state, nation, and world.

## UNITED WAY

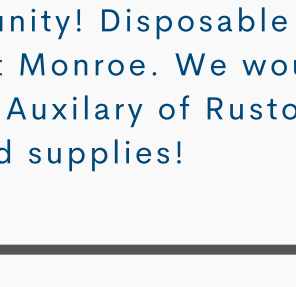
Every year Lincoln Parish Schools participate in a United Way campaign. United Way is such an integral part of our community, and this gives our employees an opportunity to give back to a community that gives so much to us. This year our employees were able to raise over \$35,000 for our community! However, we could not do this on our own. We are so thankful for our community partners who donated door prizes to help make the LPSB campaign fun! We want to thank 2High Trampoline Park, Whataburger, RocketFast Car Wash, Paradigm Gym, Dairy Queen, Uptown Downtown, Blue Bell Creameries, Log Cabin, and Cleaners of Ruston for their generous donation of door prizes!



## SIMSBORO SCHOOL



Even though the year has been far from normal, our Adopt-A-School partners have still let us know they are here for us and ready to help in any way possible. Junior Auxiliary of Ruston provided goodies for our teachers including a Keurig and goody basket for their faculty lounge! They also donated a supply of paper towels, pencil sharpeners. We also had a donation of pencil sharpeners from Suddenlink for which we are thankful! 2High Trampoline Park also loved on our students by providing us with some rewards to hand out. La Capitol FCU provided a monetary donation for the school to use as needed and last but not least, Whataburger sent student incentives for us to use with our reading program as well as for good behavior. Typically our partners would be on campus lending a hand in any way possible, and even though our normal has shifted, we are so grateful that we know they are still right there with us as we power through this difficult and trying time. We love our partners!!!



## RUSTON JUNIOR HIGH

RJHS would like to thank all of our AAS partners for their dedication to our school and service to the community! Disposable masks were donated from Ascent Monroe. We would also like to recognize Junior Auxiliary of Ruston for their donations of much-needed supplies!



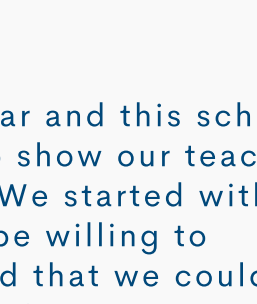
## DUBACH SCHOOL

We love our Adopt-A-School partners!!! We choose a Teacher of the Month every month during the school year. Kathy Miller with Peregrine has been providing our Teachers with an amazing basket of goodies, full of teacher things and things for them to use.

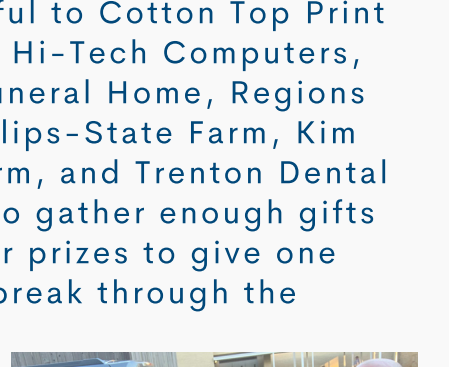


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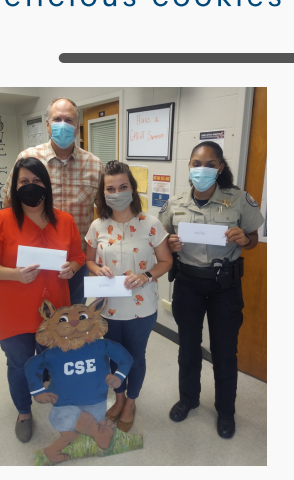
Our Adopt-A-School partners have really helped us out this school year. Before school started Origin Bank provided our teachers with boxed lunches, pencils and sanitizer. Douglas Church donated school supplies for students in need. Martin Presence Group donated Hand Sanitizer for our classrooms. O'Nealga made a donation.



Douglas Church has adopted some of our needy families to provide Thanksgiving Dinner supplies and things for Christmas. Our Adopt-A-School partners are getting creative in the ways they can help. We appreciate all they do.



## RUSTON HIGH SCHOOL



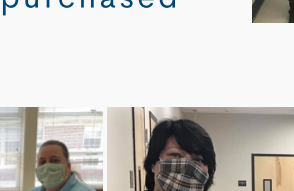
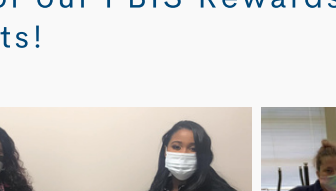
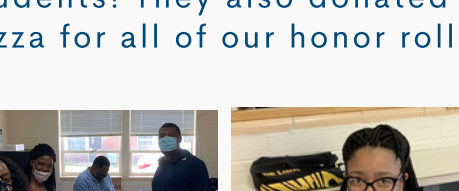
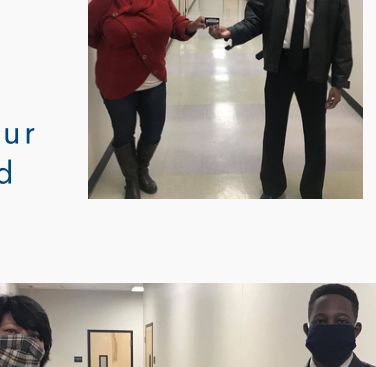
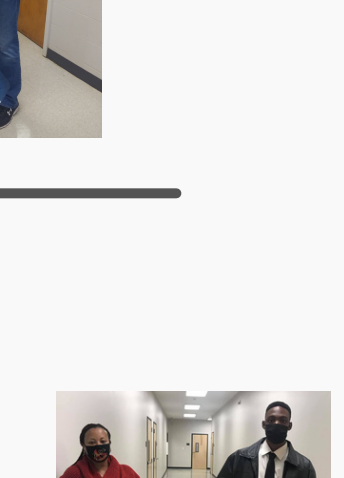
As we are well aware, the end of last school year and this school year have been very challenging. We wanted to show our teachers and staff just how much we appreciated them! We started with our business partners and asked if they would be willing to donate an item from their business or a gift card that we could give away as door prizes. We are so thankful to Cotton Top Print Shop, Faith Church, Gina Jones, Attorney, Hi-Tech Computers, Hunt, Guillot and Associates, Kilpatrick Funeral Home, Regions Bank, Ruston Glass and Mirror, Gregg Phillips-State Farm, Kim Dupree-State Farm, Skip Russell-State Farm, and Trenton Dental Center for their donations! We were able to gather enough gifts from these businesses to have enough door prizes to give one away each day from the end of Christmas break through the remainder of the school year!

Our Ruston-Lincoln community has been extremely supportive and encouraging!! Skip Russell-State Farm provided donuts and Sonic drinks one day, and did a hot chocolate bar another day. Kim Dupree-State Farm had Gypsie Signs place some encouraging signs in the front of our school and donated some delicious cookies for all of our staff.



## CYPRESS SPRINGS

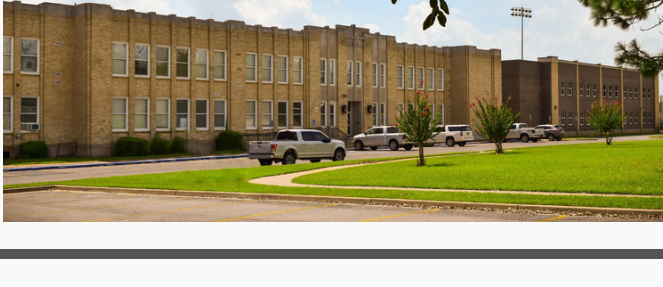
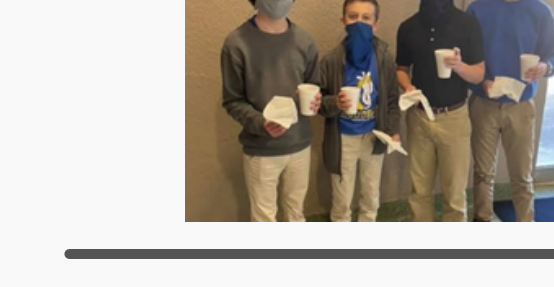
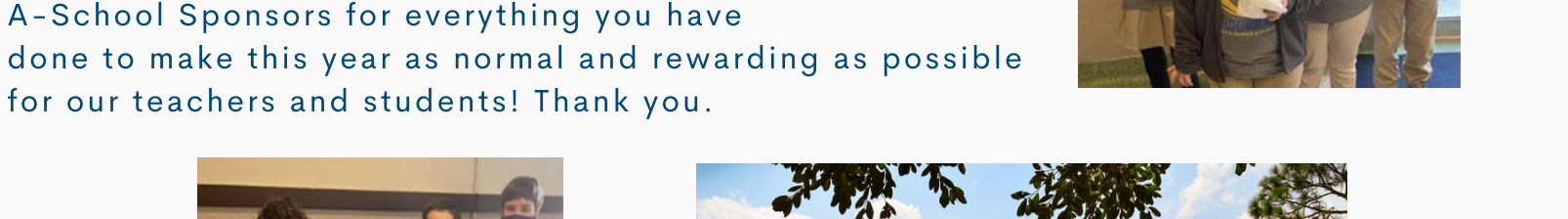
Cypress Springs faculty, staff, and students would like to thank all the Adopt-A-School partners for their donations this year. We are hippopotamus happy about all the contributions made to Cypress Springs and grateful for all the support. Special thanks to The Bridge Community Church for their gift card donations, Walmart for donating school supplies, St. Duty Church, Annette Straughter for donating water, Northern Louisiana Medical Center for donating bikes, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for donating pumpkins!!



## LINCOLN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

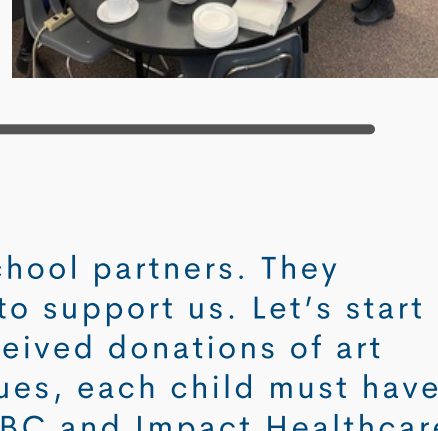
Participating in Lincoln Prep's National GEAR UP Week in September - Phillip Stalcup from Origin Bank presented about a career in banking. Origin Bank also donated \$10 gift cards to our SUSLA Early College Academy Juniors and Seniors who earned 3.0 or above during the Fall 2020 Semester

McJamerson Achiever Builders helped organize a writing contest for our students! They also donated \$200 for our PBIS Rewards and purchased Pizza for all of our honor roll students!



## GLEN VIEW ELEMENTARY

Our Adopt-A-School partners have been AMAZING, and we could not get through this challenging year without their generosity and support! Cook Baptist Church brought coffee and donuts along with several gift cards for our teachers. The Bridge church also brought gift cards and send birthday cards to our teachers. They have donated underwear, baby wipes, earbuds, and school uniforms. They also brought coffee and hot cocoa for all of our faculty members. Rotary Club of Lincoln donated winter coats for our students, The Locker Room donated huge bags of school uniforms, and Trinity United Methodist Church donated water bottles and school supplies! Finally, 2High for our students who are on Honor Roll for the 2nd nine weeks!



## HILLCREST ELEMENTARY

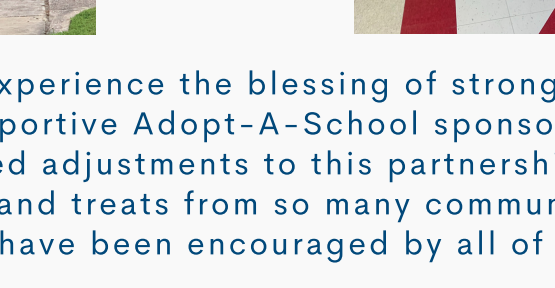
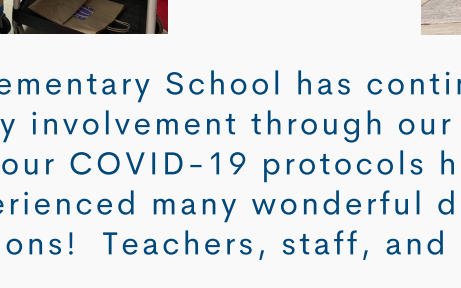
Hillcrest Elementary is blessed to have dedicated Adopt-A-School partners. They consistently reach out to meet our needs and find other ways to support us. Let's start with First Baptist Ruston. At the beginning of the year, we received donations of art supplies for our art teacher Anna Alexander. Due to safety issues, each child must have their own specific art supplies when they come to her class. FBC and Impact Healthcare generously provided materials she needed for her students. They also donated hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray, and wipes. Most recently, they gave each staff member a Chick-fil-A gift card for Christmas. We greatly appreciate their acts of service and generosity.

On to First National Bank. Each month, they provide a goodie bag and note of encouragement to our Hillcrest Pride students. They recorded themselves reading children's books so we could upload them to our Google Classroom and the students could have guest readers. FNB also provided a hot dog picnic for our students! Finally, FNB provided a delicious Christmas luncheon for our teachers. First National always goes above and beyond for us!

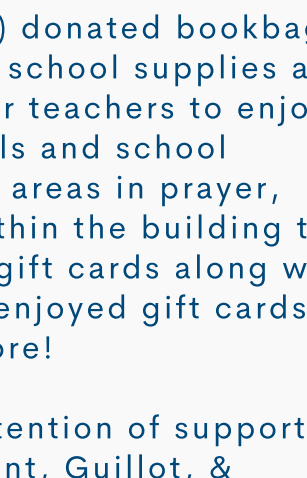
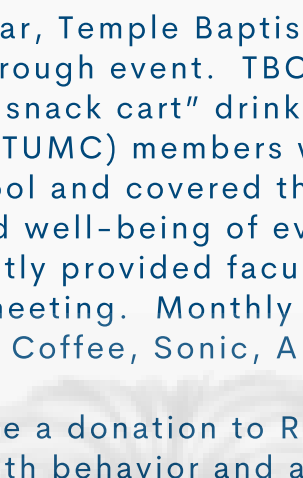
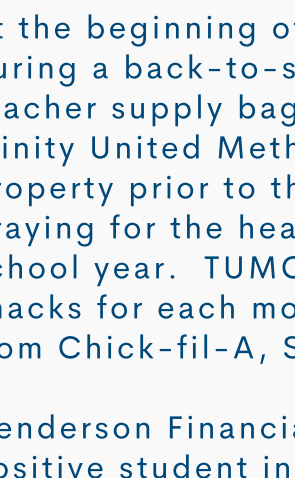


Sonic on Farmville Hwy. helped provide our teachers with soft drinks and corn dogs as a Thanksgiving break treat. For Christmas, each staff member got a Sonic mug filled with peppermints and coupons. Blue Bell Creameries provided ice cream for our students as part of their PBIS reward. Trinity United Methodist Church built and donated benches for our front porch.

Hillcrest Elementary is extremely grateful for all the business that support us! Thank you!



## RUSTON ELEMENTARY



Ruston Elementary School has continued to experience the blessing of strong community involvement through our ever-supportive Adopt-A-School sponsors. Although our COVID-19 protocols have caused adjustments to this partnership, we have experienced many wonderful donations and treats from so many community organizations! Teachers, staff, and students have been encouraged by all of the support.

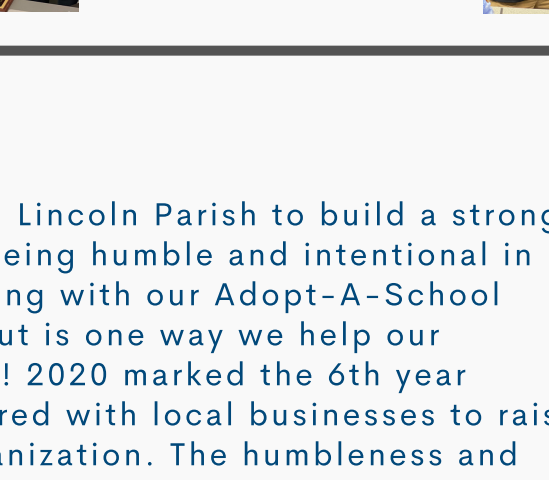
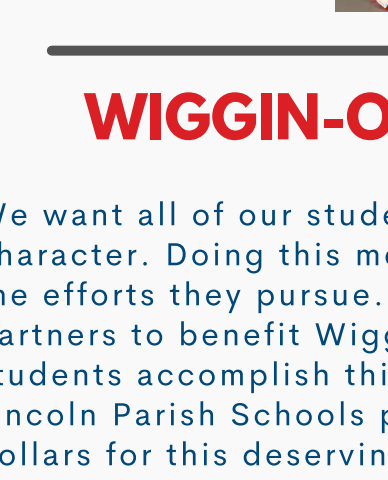
At the beginning of the school year, Temple Baptist Church (TBC) donated bookbags during a back-to-school drive-through event. TBC also donated school supplies and teacher supply bags, along with "snack cart" drinks and treats for teachers to enjoy. Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC) members walked the halls and school property prior to the start of school and covered these particular areas in prayer, praying for the health, safety, and well-being of every person within the building this school year. TUMC has consistently provided faculty door prize gift cards along with snacks for each month's faculty meeting. Monthly winners have enjoyed gift cards from Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, PJ's Coffee, Sonic, Amazon, and more!

Henderson Financial Services gave a donation to RES with the intention of supporting positive student incentives for both behavior and academics. Hunt, Guillot, & Associates provided PJ's Coffee and Uptown Downtown muffins to brighten teachers' start to the school day. Skip Russell-State Farm started the year by supplying large bottles of hand sanitizer, which are a valuable resource for teachers this year! Skip Russell-State Farm has also treated teachers to Sonic drinks several times. Trinity United Methodist Church also donated coffee and donuts in November. These have all been unexpected treats that truly blessed each person at RES.

RES also received an unexpected large donation of school supplies from Walmart. Teachers and students truly loved being given folders, binders, pencils, pens, markers, pencil bags, crayons, activity books, colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

Students were glad to participate in this year's "Wiggin-Out" fundraiser. Students were able to wear jeans and a pink shirt for \$1 a day, and all money was contributed to the local Wiggin-Out organization. Students and faculty were able to raise \$420.36 to donate to Wiggin-Out. Also in October, volunteers from Grambling State University delivered ~100 Halloween prize buckets to be given to students demonstrating "ROAR" behavior that earned a "Lion Pride" ticket. Students must be Responsible, Organized, Attentive, and Respectful to earn a Lion Pride ticket. All students earning a ticket were rewarded with a special treat bucket.

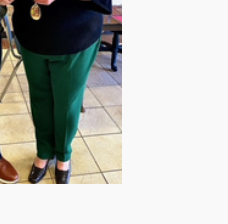
With all the challenges this year has brought, RES Lions are thankful for the continued partnerships and support from such fantastic Adopt-A-School partners in the Ruston community. We are fortunate for each day's opportunity to support student learning while providing a positive environment for all who enter Ruston Elementary School. RES Lions continue to appreciate the role that so many people play in contributing to this effort!



## STUDENT, TEACHER, AND PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Normally this time of year we recognize all of our Students, Teachers, and Principals of the Year and announce the district winners at our annual Awards Gala. However, due to COVID, we had a change of plans! So, we loaded up the "prize van" and surprised all of our district winners at school! Thank you to all of the wonderful sponsors that had a hand in making these surprises so special!

2 Crazy Girls, 2High Trampoline Park, Argent Financial Group, Hunt, Guillot & Associates, Jim Taylor Ford, Newk's Eatery, Rocketfast Car Wash, Whataburger, Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce



## WIGGIN-OUT

We want all of our students in Lincoln Parish to build a strong character. Doing this means being humble and intentional in the efforts they pursue. Working with our Adopt-A-School partners to benefit Wiggin' Out is one way we help our students accomplish this goal! 2020 marked the 6th year Lincoln Parish Schools partnered with local businesses to raise dollars for this deserving organization. The humbleness and intentionality Wiggin' Out shows to its recipients is the exact lesson we want our students to learn. So, it is an honor to support such a great cause! Together with our Adopt-A-School partners, we were able to raise over \$5,000 for Wiggin-Out!

