



The Maroon Messenger

Arp Independent School District

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Glance in Advance

October 1:

Varsity FB: Vs. Troup
@Troup

October 2:

JH/HS Boys & Girls XC:
@Gladewater HS

October 4:

JH VB: Vs. Troup @Arp
HS

October 5:

F/JV/Varsity VB: Vs.
Elysian Fields @Arp

October 7:

JV/JH FB: Vs. West Rusk
@West Rusk

October 8:

Varsity VB: Vs. Waskom
@Waskom
Varsity FB: Vs. West
Rusk @Arp

October 11:

JH VB: Vs. Tatum @Arp
HS

October 12:

F/JV/Varsity VB: Vs.
West Rusk @West Rusk

October 15:

F/JV/Varsity VB: Vs.
Troup @Troup

October 19:

F/JV/Varsity VB: Vs.
Tatum @Tatum
TJC Application Drive @
AHS

October 21:

JV/JH FB: Vs. Winona
@Arp

October 22:

Varsity FB: Vs. Winona
@Winona

JV/Varsity VB: Vs. Car
lisle @Arp

October 25:

JH VB: Vs. Jefferson
@Jefferson

October 26:

F/JV/Varsity VB: Vs.
Jefferson @Jefferson

October 28:

AHS Blood Drive
JV/JH FB: Vs. Harmony
@Harmony

October 29:

Varsity FB: Vs. Harmony
@Arp

Message From Our Superintendent

Hello Arp America! We have had a wonderful start to the 2021-2022 school year! Covid-19 is still providing us with challenges, but we are more determined than ever to make sure we provide our students a great school experience.

Welcome new hires! We have several new faculty members this year. What a blessing it is to have folks want to work at Arp ISD! If you see someone new please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

You may have noticed some upgrades to our facilities. **These new upgrades and purchases include:**

- New playing surface for Guy V. Lewis gymnasium floor
- New flooring in elementary school classrooms
- New elementary school student desks
- New flooring in our high school dressing room areas
- Repair and sealing on our high school parking lot
- Repairs to our elementary school concrete driveway areas
- Purchased a brand new school bus that is set to arrive in a few weeks
- New Arp ISD dually that will be used predominantly for our growing Ag program
- New bumper pull animal trailer for Ag department will be here in a few months
- New sound system for our football field
- Upgrades to our football scoreboard are on the way

Even with all these upgrades, Arp ISD is still preparing to pay off an existing school bond early! **WE are so blessed!** Thank you to our local school board members for all that you have done to ensure success here at Arp ISD.

I hope you enjoy our Arp ISD newsletter! Thank you to our Digital Media instructor Rhonda Pawlik and all the students that work to bring us our very own AWESOME Arp Tiger newsletter! Lastly, do not forget to download the Arp ISD app. Our communications coordinator, Mike Alzamora, is doing a masterful job of promoting all the great things going on here at Arp ISD! You do not want to miss out on anything! **TPND - Tiger Pride Never Dies!**

Coach A.

New Staff of 2021



Bottom Row - Jana Wagstaff, Hilda Roberson, Jennifer Mauldin, Tisha Yancy, Jeff Markland, Rachelle Marshall.

Middle Row - Mike Alzamora, Stan Hart, Beverly Jones, Hatti Alexander, Lisa Lumpkin, Rachel Ford, Camryn Barrios, Maura Purcell, Tracey Hill.

Top Row - Henry Brown, Wes Schminkey, Christal Garrett, Nicole Hurst, Holly Carpenter, Lindsey Schminkey, Gena Garrison, Jamie Meisenheimer, Dakota Alexander, Matt Langley.

Spotlight's on You



Mr. Alzamora is a new member to the Arp ISD staff. His job at Arp consists of keeping the website updated, making sure that everyone in the community is aware of the great things we are doing here, and keeping an accurate record of all extracurricular activities. Mr. Alzamora grew up in Kansas where he graduated college and pursued his career as a news anchor. He has always loved sports and he knew he wanted to surround himself in an athletic environment. Ever since he was 5 years old, he and his grandpa would mimic the play by play of soccer games, which ultimately sparked his passion for sports. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his family, watching sporting events, and going out to eat. His favorite food is Italian food and his favorite restaurant is Kawa's. If Mr. Alzamora could give one piece of advice to the students at Arp ISD he would say, "Shoot for the stars because even if you land on the moon it's still a good view."

From the Counselors

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Allen

Dear Seniors,

Hopefully your senior year has started off well! If you have looked at applying for different scholarships at all, you know that it can be an overwhelming task. To help out, we are going to be offering a scholarship workshop for seniors. They will be held on Fridays at different times during the day, so that hopefully, many of you can attend. We really hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and win lots of \$\$ for your future!

ASVAB - October 4th

PSAT - Oct 13th **\$18** for sophomores and juniors only

SAT - Oct 13th **\$55** seniors only

Most of you know me as your junior high counselor, but let me introduce myself for those of you who haven't met me. My name is Lara Parker, and I am the lead counselor for grades 6-12. This is my 20th year at Arp, and my 23rd year in education.

My hope for this school year is to help you understand more about mental health and wellness. Now, more than ever, there is an enormous increase in the amount of teens who are reporting having problems with anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. I want to help you learn about these things and recognize when you or a friend might need some extra support. I will be at the high school campus for a couple of scheduled hours each day and at the junior high campus the rest of the time. If you need to talk, all you have to do is let someone know. I LOVE spending time with you guys and am happy to help you in any way that I can! Also, be looking for some activities to participate in coming in the near future.

Additionally, I will be emailing you each Wednesday as a reminder to check on yourself. How are you feeling? Is there anything going on that you might need to talk about? Are you taking care of yourself and being kind to yourself? Do you need help with anything?

Your mental health and happiness matters to us! Please don't be afraid to reach out...

Mrs. Parker

College and Career Readiness



SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES BETWEEN:

September 30th and November 30th, 2021

Below you will find a list of 15 Scholarship Programs that will give out more than 558 Individual Scholarship Awards during the 2021-2022 school year.

- 1) ***Be Bold Scholarship*** - \$25,102 - 1 Award (Deadline: September 30, 2021)
- 2) ***Good Fortune Scholarship*** - \$1,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: September 30, 2021)
- 3) ***CollegeXpress Scholarship*** - \$10,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: September 30, 2021)
- 4) ***Nitro Scholarship*** - \$2,000 - 12 Awards (Deadline: September 30, 2021)
- 5) ***SP High School Scholarship*** - \$10,000 - 10 Awards (Deadline: September 30, 2021)

- 6) ***Women's Ministries Scholarship Program*** - \$20,000 – 49 Awards (Deadline: October 15, 2021)
- 7) ***NACME Scholarships*** - \$5,000 - 100 Awards (Deadline: October 30, 2021)
- 8) ***Coca-Cola Scholars Program*** - \$20,000 – 150 Awards (Deadline: October 31, 2021)
- 9) ***Duckett Local Conservation Scholarship*** - \$1,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: October 31, 2021)
- 10) ***Pursuing a Positive Impact Scholarship*** - \$3,000 - 1 Award (Deadline: October 31, 2021)
- 11) ***Builders' Association Scholarships*** - \$3,000 - 28 Awards (Deadline: November 1, 2021)
- 12) ***Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards*** - \$3,500 – 180 Awards (Deadline: November 14, 2021)
- 13) ***Conerto High School Musicians Scholarship*** - \$2,500 – 3 Awards (Deadline: November 15, 2021)
- 14) ***Overachievers Student Grant*** - \$12,500 – 1 Award (Deadline: November 15, 2021)
- 15) ***Dr Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship*** - \$1,000 – 20 Awards (Deadline: November 30, 2021)

Christian College Fair will be held on **Thursday, September 30**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Grace Community School in Tyler, Texas. The fair is FREE, open to the public, and will include financial aid information. For complete details, including a list of attending colleges, visit christiancollegefairs.com. From the website, you can print a barcode in advance to make your time at the fair more efficient.

National Honor Society



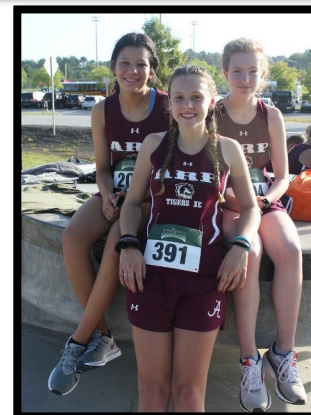
New Members for 2021-2022

Isaac Penney
Emma Ducksworth
Dalton Prather
Ariana Padron
Caleb McClure
Ashley Lopez - Historian
Lexi Ferguson - Treasurer
Kencia Lee
Sylvia Hall
Kylie Hill - Secretary
AJ Arrington - Vice President
Hayden Wright - President

See You at the Pole



Cross Country



Varsity Girls– Alana Benefield and Alyssa Talamantes

JV Girls– Bekah Hardy

Varsity Boys– Landen Taylor, Ty Bardsley, Dominic Barnwell, Paul Olegario, and Antonio Ponce

JV Boys– Evin Baley

JH Girls– Kennedy Richter and Stephany Santay

JH Boys– JT Benefield



Varsity Football



#2 KJ Yarbrough
#3 Gunner Bryant
#4 David Barocio
#5 Hunter Nash
#6 Michael Brager
#7 Wyatt Ladd
#8 Robert Draper
#9 Colby Eschberger
#11 Kadaylon Williams
#12 Frank Smith
#15 Bryant Hays
#17 Nikos Fuentes

#20 Thomas Fuller
#21 Jaylon Potts
#23 Jaydon Spradlin
#26 Fisher Arrington
#50 Hayden Wright
#51 Blake Archie
#52 AJ Arrington
#55 Mike Montiel
#60 Chase Rozell
#70 Ty Cook
#74 Lance Langenbau
#75 Michael Clepper

Varsity Football



JV Football



- 2 LANDON SMITH
- 4 TREVOR STINECIPHER
- 5 JAXON JONES
- 8 ZACH GARRETT
- 15 BRYANT HAYS
- 19 SHAWN SAWYER
- 20 ANTONIO PONCE
- 21 DEMARCUS WADE
- 22 CHADSTER ELLIS
- 23 BRODY MCDOW
- 24 JULIAN BAROCIO
- 50 NICHOLAS LOCKLEAR
- 54 CADEN CLIBORN
- 55 LANE GRAY
- 64 EMMANUEL PONCE
- 78 BRYCE EVERETT

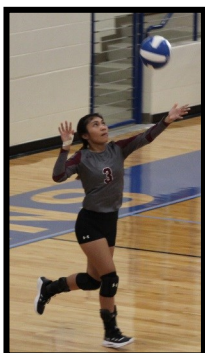


AHS Varsity Volleyball

- #2 Abby Carpenter
- #3 Ashley Lopez
- #4 Lexi Ferguson
- #5 Maddie Evans
- #6 Abigail Nichols
- #7 Trinity Dixon
- #8 Kayleigh Odom
- #9 Ariana Padron
- #10 Kyia Horton
- #11 Maddie Birdsong
- #12 Rhiale Perzinski
- #16 Madi Shores



Group Picture Courtesy of Yearbook



Arp Volleyball Senior Night



Arp JV Volleyball



- #11 Abby Parker
- #7 Cyla Nelson-Rose
- #13 Kayleigh Shuttlesworth
- #10 Kyleigh Pawlik
- #8 Sydné Garrett
- #9 Gracie Moore
- #12 Aubrey Way
- #6 Bri Hammack
- #1 Addison Carpenter
- #2 Allee McCollum
- #5 Kyndall Taylor
- #4 Lucy Garcia
- #3 Aubrey Poole
- #14 Skylar King

Arp Freshman Volleyball



- #4 Alexis Morrison
- #3 Reese Pinkerton
- #10 Madison Wilson
- #7 Randee Black
- #12 Alyssa Talamantes
- #14 Madelyn Eaton
- #15 Amanda Hilbig
- #1 Addi Anderson
- #11 Lexi Williams
- #6 Claire Hilbig
- #2 Rebekah Hardy



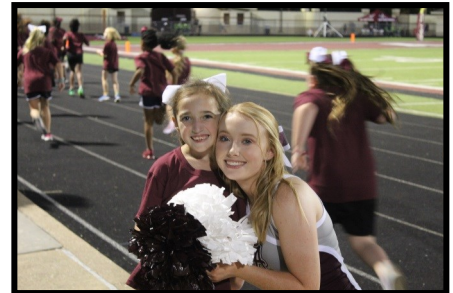
AHS Varsity Cheerleaders



Macey Ducksworth
Aubrey Poole
Madison Evans
Abigail Nichols
Sarah Hunley

Emma Ducksworth
Molly Jane Mwamba
Abigail Skipper
Abby Carpenter
Emilee Herring

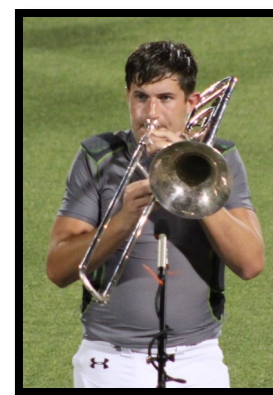
Mascot:
Abby Parker



Band



Caleb McClure,
Senior Drum Major



AHS Majorettes



Madison Williams

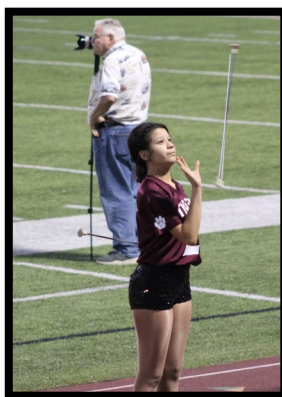
Sarah Maynard

Kyleigh Pawlik - Head Majorette

Alyssa Talamantes

Ryan Sherwood

Sarah Mauldin





Can't Keep Calm For Homecoming!

MARVEL MONDAY



DISNEY DAY



Roaring With Pride!

Western Wednesday



Throwback Thursday



Maroon Out!

Maroon Friday



Homecoming Court 2021



2021 Homecoming Court (left to right):

Emma Ducksworth, Jazzlyn Calley, Kayleigh Odom, Sylvia Hall, Allee McCollum, Karina Zavala, and Alexandria Williams.

Princess, Linlee Massey and Prince, Clint Sanford

Homecoming 2021



Prince, Clint Sanford and
Princess, Linlee Massey



Freshman, Alexandria Williams
escorted by Nik Senchenkov



Sophomore, Allee McCollum escorted
by AJ Arrington



Junior, Karina Zavala escorted by
Antonio Carrillo



Senior, Jazzlyn Calley escorted by
Ty Cook



Senior, Sylvia Hall escorted by
Michael McKelvey



Senior, Kayleigh Odom escorted
by Chase Rozell



Senior, Emma Duckworth escorted by
Hayden Wright

2021 Homecoming Queen,

Emma Duckworth



FFA

The 2021– 2022 Arp FFA Officers are:

President: Kylie Hill

Vice President: Zachary Herring

Secretary: Haley Bryand

Treasurer: Landon Langenbau

Sentinel: Dakota Garrison

Reporter: Colton McInroe

Advisor: Kaydee Williams

Historian: Hayden Wright

Parliamentarian: Kyndall Taylor



- Arp FFA chapter members have begun selling Fresh Country as a fundraiser. Orders will arrive on Monday, October 4th. Please arrange for your items to be picked up as quickly as possible as some items do need to be kept cold.

- We will soon be starting Leadership Development Events. We have several different teams this year including Chapter Conducting, Quiz, Job Interview, Public Relations, Radio Broadcasting, and Creed Speaking.



Class Officers

9th Grade:

President: Caden Cliborn

Secretary/Treasury: Lane Gray

Activity Coordinate: Randee Black



10th Grade:

President: Fisher Arrington

Secretary/Treasury: Allee McCollum

Activity Coordinator: Joslyn Swinney-Dewberry



11th Grade:

President: Landry Brady

Vice President: Zach Herring

Secretary/Treasury: Tucker Evans

Activity Coordinator: Jaylon Potts



12th Grade:

President: AJ Arrington

Vice President: Colby Eschberger

Secretary/Treasury: Ashley Lopez

Activity Coordinator: Hayden Wright



High School

Staff of the Month

By: Wyatt Ladd



Our Staff Member of the Month for August is Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is married and has two children. Mrs. Johnson has been working for the district for a few years now. Early in her career, Mrs. Johnson worked at a bank and then began working for Arp as a substitute teacher once her youngest daughter started Pre-K. She then became the high school librarian and eventually the high school registrar. She graduated high school from East Texas Christian Academy and later graduated college from TJC. She says she loves the feeling of community here at Arp and said the school really stresses the strong importance of family which creates a special environment for both students and staff. Mrs. Johnson loves visiting the beach during the summer and during the fall, she really enjoys hiking. In her free time, she loves to read. She enjoys attending the Arp sporting events with her husband, Coach Johnson. She does the livestreaming of each football game while her husband does the radio broadcast. Congratulations Mrs. Johnson!

Student of the Month - 9th

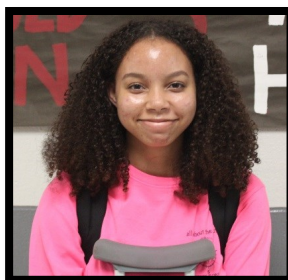
By: Abigail Nichols



Congrats to Lane G. who is the Arp High School Freshman of the Month. Lane has three older brothers that have graduated from Arp. He participates in football, baseball, basketball, and he plans on trying golf this year. Lane first became interested in sports after helping Coach Irwin on the sidelines during football games. In Lane's free time, he enjoys hunting and fishing. Lane has been going to Arp since first grade. Lane would like to travel north to see the mountains one day. His favorite dessert is peach cobbler with ice cream. After high school, Lane plans of going to college to become a fire fighter. Congratulations Lane!

Student of the Month - 10th

By: Abigail Nichols



Congrats to Sarah M. for receiving Sophomore of the Month. Sarah participates in the Arp High School Band, for which she plays the Alto saxophone. She is also a majorette, but is currently sidelined due to a knee injury. We hope that she recovers soon. Sarah's favorite TV show is *Criminal Minds* and her favorite movie is *Maze Runner*. Sarah's favorite color is orange. Sarah has three siblings, Leah and Makynah who attend Arp Elementary, and Zachariah who graduated Arp High School last year. Sarah has attended Arp her whole life. Sarah is still contemplating on what she wants to do after high school, but she is interested in the criminal justice system. Sarah would like to travel to Tokyo or Antarctica. Congratulations Sarah!

High School

Student of the Month - 11th

By: Abigail Nichols



Congrats to Evin B. for receiving Junior of the Month. Evin participates on the Arp Cross Country team. Evin has been going to Arp for thirteen years now and he has one older brother and sister. He is the youngest in his family. Evin's favorite dessert is chocolate-chip pancakes. In Evin's free time, he enjoys watching all Disney shows and movies, he also enjoys playing video games. After high school Evin plans to attend college. Evin enjoys helping as many people as possible. He would like to visit Alaska to see the mountains, and he loves nature. Evin's school work is very important to him. Evin's favorite place to eat is Dairy Queen. Evin's one piece of advice is, "Be kind to teachers and they will be kind back".

Congratulations Evin!

Student of the Month - 12th

By: Wyatt Ladd

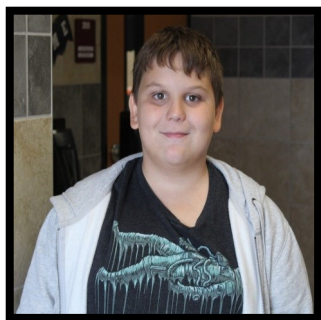


William A. is the 12th grade Student of the Month for August. William takes a great liking towards computers and electricity. He fixes computers and edits videos for his YouTube channel in his spare time. William has always been drawn to computers ever since he was younger. William has been attending Arp his entire life and says he take his school work very seriously. He is currently the 1st chair Alto saxophone in the Arp band. He would like to attend Kilgore College and major in networks and systems administration. Some other things to know about William is he really enjoys strawberry cheesecake with raspberry dressing on the top, his favorite movie is *Home Alone*, and his favorite TV show is either *MythBusters* or *How it's Made*.

Junior High

Student of the Month - 6th

By: Haley Bryand



Kaden is the 6th grade Student of the Month at Arp Junior High. This is his first year attending Arp Junior High School and is loving it so far. Kaden has two step brothers that attend Arp as well. Kaden has one dog who is named Banger. In his free time, he enjoys playing board games with his dad and playing video games such as *GTA*, *Spiderman*, and *Call of Duty*. If Kaden could have one superpower it would be speed, because he wants to be able to run fast. When Kaden grows up, he dreams of being a YouTuber. Kaden would make his videos informative over different video games that he wishes to share. If he could go anywhere in the world, he would choose to go to New York because it is a family tradition and he really hopes to visit there one day. Kaden's favorite subject is Art, his favorite holiday is Halloween, and his favorite restaurant is Jalapeno Tree. Congratulations to Kaden!

Student of the Month - 7th

By: Abigail Nichols



Congrats to 7th grader Dalaysia M. who is the AJHS Student of the Month. This is Dalaysia first year at Arp. Dalaysia is an only child and she just transferred from Cumberland. Dalaysia is in athletics where she participates in volleyball and basketball. She is also plays the flute in band. In Dalaysia's free time, she enjoys drawing and watching her favorite TV show, *Vampire Diaries*. Dalaysia's future plan is to become a nurse. She has three pets, two dogs and a rabbit. She would also love to travel to California some day. When in town, she loves to stop by the Jalapeño Tree for a bite to eat.

Congratulations Dalaysia!

Student of the Month - 8th

By: Abigail Nichols



Congratulations to AJHS eighth grade Student of the Month, Brylee C.. Brylee has been attending Arp for two years now. Brylee has five older siblings and one younger brother. If Brylee could have one superpower, she would choose to be invisible so she could mess with her brothers. Brylee is a member of the Arp FFA. She shows breeding rabbits and helps her sister with her heifer. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Brylee's favorite subject in school is math. When Brylee grows up, she would like to be a financial advisor, radiologist, or a vet because she enjoys helping people. If she could go anywhere in the world she would love to visit Hawaii. Brylee's favorite TV show is *NCIS* and *Criminal Minds* and her favorite food is steak.

Congratulations Brylee!

Junior High

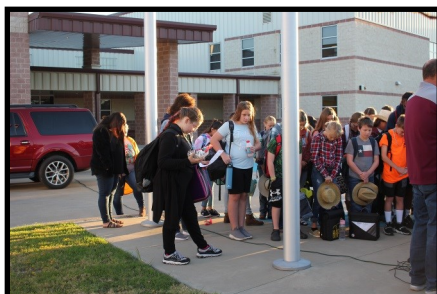
Staff of the Month

By: Haley Bryand



Mrs. Brown is the Arp Junior High Staff Member of the Month. She is married and has two kids that attend Arp. She also graduated high school from Arp. Mrs. Brown has always wanted to be a nurse and knew it was something she passionate about. She went through TJC's registered nursing program and began working at the hospital in the labor and delivery unit and cross trained for surgery. She then took the job offer here at Arp and has been the nurse here for 22 years. Her job at Arp usually consist of giving medicine, first aid, and teaching CPR. After Covid-19 hit however, she began COVID testing, flu testing, and strep testing. In her free time, she enjoys working in her backyard, attending to their deer lease, and enjoying the outdoors in general. If she could have one superpower it would be to have x-ray vision. Finally, if Mrs. Brown could give one piece of advice to students it would be to follow your dreams and always give 100%. Congratulations to Mrs. Brown!

See You at the Pole



By: Annika Allred

Junior High Homecoming Week!

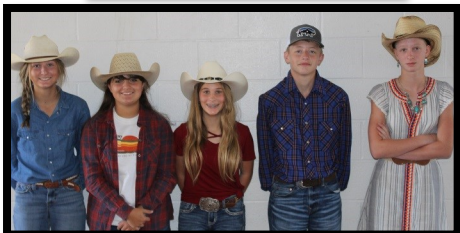
MARVEL MONDAY



Disney Tuesday



Wild West Wednesday



Keep That Tiger Spirit Up!

Throw-Back Thursday



Maroon-Out Friday



7th Grade Football

Levi Allred
Donovan Garrett
Cale Bedard
Cole Flowers
Thatcher Merritt
Gunner Whitfield
Layton Shelburne
Cristian Taylor
Chrisden Ellis
Isaiah Pierce
JT Benefield
Wesley Wilson
Braydon Shankle
David Black
Leonardo Del Rio
Hudson Orpineda
Carson Cliborn
Haiden Anderson
Jaiden Anderson
Jayden Rowan
Wyatt Calley



8th Grade Football

Thomas McKelvey
Cornelius Pierce
Wyatt Johnson
Cade Ward
Jacob Miller
Alexis Still
Will Sanford
Josh Smith
LaMarcus Garrett
Ernesto Renteria
Tristan Phipps
Jadyn Gardner
Isaac Poe
Harold McGruder
Karter Robinson
Mason Wallace
Creighton Dixon
Jaxon Schminkey
Jobane Yanez
Case Arrington
Dakota Stinecipher
Eli Ladd
Hudson Walls
Chris Jenkins
William Oliver
Jeremiah Johnson
Tye Tamplin
Zyon Washington
Elisha Williams
Quinton Hines
Jacob Bartel



Junior High Cheerleaders



Kylee Maxwell
Bree Golden
Emma Harris
Aquira Hines
Zoey Nash
Lucy Hopson
Marissa Vanover



Journey Hawkins
Ryder Dunnam
Heidi Bryand
Kennedy Richter
Jaycee McCollum
Mascot:
Presley Johnson



Group picture courtesy of Mrs. McClendon

Junior High Twirl



Head Majorette: Lily Hooper

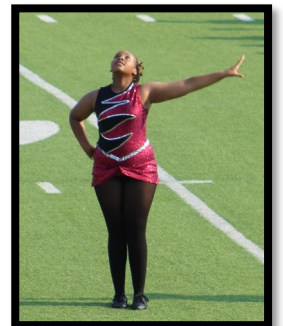
Kelsie Cole

Lillie Haskins

Shae Leach

Paige Mills

Clarissa Petty



8th Grade Volleyball

8th Grade A-Team

Lacy Fletcher
Chloe Gerald
Lucy Hopson
Jaycee McCollum
Ryder Dunnam
Landry Langley
Maggie Eaton
Amber Jones
Ja'Neciya Potts
Yulisa Yanez
Alice Smith



8th Grade B-Team

Abby Arryo
Addison Billingsly
Lakayla Dewberry
Gabrielle Eckles
Breeana Golden
DeAsia Green
Lillie Haskins
Journey Hawkins
Brandi Jones
Sha'deria Letach
Zoey Mills
Zoey Nash
Mariah Rodriguez
Vallerie Valle
Marissa Vanover



7th Grade Volleyball

7th Grade A-Team

Aquira Hines
Callie Brown
Emma Harris
Avery Littlepage
Hannah Martindale
Kennedy Richter
Katherine Rucker
Stephany Santay
Kylee Maxwell
Clarissa Petty
Addison Coyne



7th Grade B-Team

Emori Sheffield
Megan Breedlove
Paige Mills
Jaylene Carillo
Heidi Bryand
Kristal Williams
McKenzie Miller
Leda Miller
Kandace Stadler
Adah Terry
Lourdes Rodriguez
Azaira Lezama
Kelsie Cole
Alessa Taliaferro
Dalaysia Martin
Celeste Montiel
Malexis Blanton
Lindsey King
Sidney Moore
Katlynd Nance



Elementary

Staff of the Month

By: Hayden Wright



Madison Evans is the Employee of the Month for Arp Elementary. Ms. Evans has been teaching for 4 years, 3 of those at Arp. She taught pre-k for one year and then got moved to kindergarten, where she is currently teaching. She was inspired to become a teacher during her senior year at a program where the seniors got to go shadow elementary classes. She graduated high school from Chapel Hill and then went to UT-Tyler for a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Her favorite thing to do outside of school is to hang out with her sister and go to Chuy's. She wanted to tell all the students that "It gets easier throughout the school year, just hang in there." Congratulations Ms. Evans!

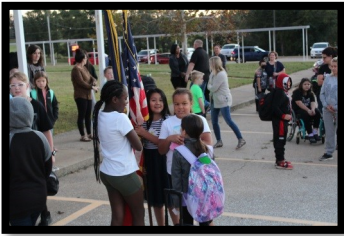
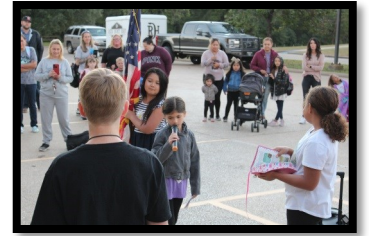


Watch D.O.G.S.® (Dads of Great Students) is a new program that Arp Elementary has started this year. WatchDOGS® is a national program that has been around since 1988. It was made to provide positive male role models for students and to demonstrate through their presence, that education is important. By providing an extra set of eyes and ears, this will also lead to enhanced school security and reduce bullying. Fathers will also get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.

Arp Elementary encourages fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures to volunteer for at least one day each year. During the day, WatchDOGS® may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow or any other assigned activity where they will actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. For more information about the WatchDOGS® program please contact Arp Elementary Counselor Monica Johnson at monicaj@arpisd.org or (903)859-4650.

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