

Gator Bites

An Interview with the Principal

by Jack Miller & Mary Stephens Allen

Although all of the staff at A.C. Steere are interesting, we got to interview the most interesting of all, our own principal, Mrs. Holcomb. This is her second year at A.C.



Steere. When she heard that Mrs. Derrick was retiring, she was excited to have a chance so she put her name in the hat. Mrs. Holcomb said that she's "had an interest" in this great school and actually applied for the coordinator's job years before. As the principal of A.C. Steere she loves going in and out of the classrooms to see the

wonderful learning that is going on with students. Mrs. Holcomb encourages students to be bucket fillers and be kind and positive at school.

On a personal level, Mrs. Holcomb's said that the color yellow describes her because she strives to be happy. She also can't live without her Bible and children. The students had a lot to say about

Mrs. Holcomb. Kaleigh Myers, a third grade at A.C. Steere said that "Mrs. Holcomb was funny, fun, grateful, and nice." Another third grade student, Colin Restel, said that he "liked that Mrs. Holcomb is observant in classrooms." As you can see Mrs. Holcomb has made a big impact on our school.

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Gator Buddies is About Connections

by Jack Miller

Gator Buddies is a program at A.C. Steere that pairs fifth grade students with a kindergarten buddy. Students meet once a month and get to know each other. The fifth graders are paired with their kindergarten buddy for the entire year so students can really form a bond. During Gator

Buddy time, students do fun activities with their buddy, such as making and exchanging bracelets and other crafts. The first day that students went to Gator Buddies the fifth graders spent time showing the kindergarteners around the school. This program helps teach fifth graders leadership

and responsibility and is about getting along with a younger student and making sure that they have a role model.

"Gator Buddies are fun and energetic," said Emma Benson.

Geaux Show Love by Mary Stephens Allen

Geaux Show Love is a project started by Julianna Gouthiere and Joey Gouthiere. The brother and sister wanted to help the earth and Geaux Show Love! Julianna started her project called Bear Share, when she was six years old. Bear Share consists of Julianna giving stuffed animals to children in the hospital. Bear Share's backstory is very inspiring. Julianna's mom, Amanda Gouthiere, was in a motorcycle accident when she was thirteen. The firefighter who helped her gave her a stuffed bear. "I want to do that too!",

said Julianna. That's when Bear Share was started. Julianna has done Bear Share for four years. She attends A.C. Steere Elementary School, and is in Mrs. Mills' fifth grade class. If you'd like to get involved with Bear Share, donations can be made at Journey Church in Shreveport. Moving on to Joey's project, he started his project, Geaux Green, around the same time as Julianna. He was seven years old when he started Geaux Green. Geaux Green is where Joey goes around highways and roads that have been

littered on, and cleans them up. Joey wants to spread the message to not litter, and stay green! Joey attends Youree Drive Middle School, and is in the seventh grade. Don't forget that you can help out the earth too by picking up any trash on the ground that you see, and remember to donate to Bear Share!



Gator Give by Savannah Cordaro

This nine weeks A.C. Steere Gators are helping Texas! All A.C. Steere students have been donating school supplies every day which makes students feel happy. It started on September seventh and ended on September fifteenth. During the week-long event A.C. Steere students collected an estimated

ten boxes of supplies. Houston students will be so thankful.

Students from Houston experienced Hurricane Harvey. Houses in pieces, power out for a week, and school supplies gone. This was a tragic event. I bet they were so sad to see their school almost gone. With

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our help we can make a change in the world. Students are now in school because of the generosity of everyone. Thank you gators!

Spotlight on Spanish by Charles Sepulvado

This year at A.C. Steere we have added a new enrichment, Spanish. Only second, third, fourth, and fifth grade get to go. Sometimes students even go to Spanish for WIN too. While at Spanish students learn to speak Spanish and un-

derstand it. Mrs. Murillo is the Spanish teacher at A.C. Steere. She started off in Mexico as an English teacher. She has been in the United States for a little over a year. She is originally from Merido, Yucatan in Mexico. She wanted to become a

teacher because she likes languages. Welcome to A.C. Steere Ms. Murillo.

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Books, Books, and More Books by Bailey Williams

With the new school year starting, A.C. Steere students are getting back into the habit of reading. The teachers encourage you to read for academics but reading is also fun! Reading helps build vocabulary and improves your understanding when you listen to other people.

Mrs. McInnis, our Librarian, was recently asked about current reading trends. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Dork Diaries* are two series that are popular right now but students also like *39 Clues* and *Hocus Pocus*

Hotel. The students at A.C. Steere get excited about any new books that have been added to the library as well. If you have more questions about books just ask some of the top readers such as William Smi-



ley, Emma Derrick, Beau Bruce, or Hunter LeBlanc. No matter what you like to read, just get reading!

2nd Nine Weeks AR Goals

First Grade— 2 points

Second Grade - 7 points

Third Grade—10 points

Fourth Grade—12 points

Fifth Grade —17 points

WIN is Wonderful by Sophia Lutke

Students at A.C. Steere go to WIN to learn while being entertained. It is very amusing for kids to learn in a way they don't know while they are having fun. WIN includes third, fourth, and fifth grade students. We have quite a few WIN groups: Robotics, 3-D Modeling, Cooking with Litera-

cy, Destination Imagination, Science Lab, Web Design, Gator Broadcasting, Gardening, Gator Tank, Spanish, Keyboarding, Book Publishing, Art History, School Newspaper, and Fun Research. Some opinions from students are that we have "different groups", "active groups" and "different grade

levels". It is also important to know that the students choose their WIN groups and they change every nine weeks. Every student at A.C. Steere loves to learn in this special way.

What I Need

A New Year Brings New Staff by Stormie Chappell

Meeting new people is fun but meeting new teachers is better! In the year 2017-2018 we got a lot of new staff members. These staff members include Ms. Murillo, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. McCutcheon, Ms. Jones,

Mrs. Saathoff, and Mrs. Quinn. These staff members teach a variety of subjects all over our campus. Mrs. Quinn is A.C. Steere's new kindergarten teacher. Ms. Muurillo is our new Spanish teacher. Mrs.

Waddell is our new fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Jones is a new second grade teacher and Mrs. Saathoff is our new first grade teacher. I believe these new staff members will help make this year even better!

Windy Weather

by Julianna Gouthiere

Over the past two months, the South was hit with two massive hurricanes, Harvey and Irma. Hurricane Harvey hit Texas on August 17th and was a level four hurricane! Hurricane Irma hit the Caribbean on August 30th and was a level five hurricane. Together they cost two hundred, ninety billion dollars in damages that will have to be repaired. Sadly,

many people lost their lives because of these two hurri-



canes. Hurricane Harvey caused eighty-two deaths and Irma caused sixty-nine deaths, but it could have been worse if people hadn't evacuated. These two hurricanes caused bad weather conditions all over the South including excessive rainfall, flooding, and rapid winds. We wish our neighbors best as they begin re-building their homes and communities.

Meet Our Newspaper Staff

Mary Stephens Allen

Mary Stephens is ten years old and loves YouTube. She went to A.C. Steere from Pre-K—First Grade, left for three years and came back to A.C. Steere to finish elementary school here. She plans to go to middle school at Caddo Middle Magnet with Julianna Gouthiere.

Stormie Chappell

Stormie is a fifth grade student. She is very kind to others and is interested in anime and Manga. She loves to eat food and her birthday is February 20th. Her favorite color is light blue and she really loves cats. Her favorite book is *Finding Serendipity* and she loves to draw anime and Manga.

Savannah Cordaro

Savannah has been at A.C. Steere for six years. She is in fifth grade and is ten years old. She has two siblings and two hermit crabs. She loves to act and has been in four different plays: *Cinderella*, *Aladdin*, *Annie*, and *Madagascar* at Shreveport Little Theater. In addition to acting she loves to draw people, birds, flowers, and trees. She also loves writing and once wrote a story that was submitted for Artbreak! That is why she is excited to be in the school newspaper.

Julianna Gouthiere

Julianna loves animals, ice skating, drawing, music, and light blue. She has three siblings, Joey, Nicole, and Zack. She prefers drawing in anime style and reading manga. Julianna has gone to A.C. Steere since PreK! She loves this school and excited to be in the school newspaper!

Sophia Lutke

Sophia is a fifth grade girl. She loves ice cream, it is one of her favorite foods. Sophia hates bugs, but she likes roly polys, butterflies, dragonflies, and fireflies or lightening bugs. She wants a new house with a fence so she can get a dog. She would like to be a babysitter, but she needs to be twelve before she can do that. Sophia is excited to be a newspaper member.

Jack Miller

Jack is ten years old and is in fifth grade. Jack started out at Riverside before coming to A.C. Steere. He plays soccer for Cabosa but also enjoys swimming. He has a twelve year old sister named Adelaide, a dog named Gumbeaux, and two cats named Zellee and Molly. Jack is a friendly kid who has met many people at A.C. Steere. Jack wants to go to CMM for middle school.

Charles Sepulvado

Charlie is the only third grader on the newspaper staff. He is a gateway student and loves being at A.C. Steere. Charlie has many interests that include science, video games, and soccer. He has three siblings, and two dogs. His favorite food is quesadillas. He has been at A.C. Steere for three years.

Bailey Williams

Bailey is a ten year old girl in fifth grade. She is always happy and she loves animals. Some of her interests are swimming, skating, and being downright goofy. One of her favorite quotes is "Curiosity killed the cat, then brought it back." Bailey's favorite colors are blue, green, and purple. She has three dogs. Bailey loves to read, write stories, and watch anime.