

The News: Rapides Edition

December 2017

We hope that everyone is well!

Now that the first half of the school year is coming to a close, let's continue applying the **3 R's** to ensure that our students are achieving the utmost success. This unique mathematical equation: **3 R's + (Energy+Enthusiasm+Excellence) = SUCCESS!** These 3 new significant components can foster the development of maximum performance for all educators and students alike. With energy, teachers can encourage their students to reach their fullest potential. Having enthusiasm will inspire students to become super excited about learning. These two important characteristics will help bring about the excellence that each school family truly deserves.

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- ❖ Who wants to learn more about A+PEL values, effective teaching strategies, classroom management techniques, all while meeting new friends and having loads of fun??? Then, the A+PEL conference is for you! In July 2018, the annual A+PEL conference will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. More details and registration information will be coming soon! Also, our chapter needs ideas and items to prepare a basket for the silent auction held at the A+PEL conference.
- ❖ LSUA's A+PEL chapter and Louisiana College education majors are encouraged to help with upcoming community involvement with Rapides A+PEL.

More to come...

- ❖ There will be an A+PEL recruiting breakfast in February. More details coming soon.
- ❖ Nomination forms for "Outstanding School Volunteer of the Year" will be available. There will be a reception held in May 2018 for all A+PEL educators who will retire this school year. More details to come.

*We have surprises galore! And the winners are...*online in January, and will be due by February 9, 2018. March 13, 2018, is the date set for the A+PEL reception held at Piccadilly in Alexandria.

- ❖ Grants and scholarships are available from A+PEL. Go online to apeleducators.org for applications and deadlines.
- ❖ Members who may need some assistance in legal situations! They are encouraged to contact A+PEL initially (1-800-364-2735) to be granted an attorney.

- ❖ **All A+PEL members who recruit new members...** In December, they can receive \$25 for encouraging each new person to **become a professional member** of A+PEL, or they can receive \$20 for recruiting an **associate member** of A+PEL.
- ❖ **All A+PEL teachers and paras!** Any member has the opportunity to complete an application provided by our chapter. Contact Vice-President, **Charmagne Guillory**, to receive a **Make-A-Wish mini-grant** for \$50, \$100, or \$150. Her email address is as follows: charmagne.guillory@rpsb.us. These grants can be a blessing for educational personnel, as they can use it to purchase classroom materials/resources for their classrooms.

Put children 1st! They are our future!

All members are invited to...

McAlister's Deli in Alexandria for our next A+PEL meeting! It is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 20, 2018** from 4:30pm to 6pm.

We are here for you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our chapter officers: our **Co-Presidents Tanya Hampton** (318-730-3790) and **Kimberly Taylor** (318-625-2279) both from the Rapides Training Academy (RTA), our **Vice-President Charmagne Guillory** from RTA (318-446-2669), our **Secretary Amanda Norris** from RTA (318-452-6430), or our **Treasurer Beverly Leonard** (318-446-3778).