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Counselor Spotlight



Article by: Jaycee Epton

This month's counselor spotlight is **LaTisha Matlock**. She has been working in education for 16 years. She has a loving husband, Jess, and their three wonderful kids: Brooklyn, Bailey, and Weston. She likes eating Mexican food, drinking tea and listening to country music. Her favorite country artists to listen to include Thomas Rett and Miranda Lambert. She loves the color purple. The best book she has ever read is *Charlotte's Web*. Her favorite thing to do when she isn't listening to country music is photography! Her favorite thing about AMS is, "I love all of the people around here. We laugh together. We cry together. We are a family." Her favorite quote is, "The harder I work the luckier I get." She wants parents and students to know they are always welcome to stop by the counselor's office because she would love to visit with them.

Teacher Spotlight

Article By: Brooklyn Harlan



One of this month's teacher spotlights is on **Christy Teel**. She has been teaching for seventeen years, of which, five years have been at AMS. Her husband's name is Daniel and they have two daughters and one son. Their son's name is Jesse and he is nineteen years old. Their daughters' names are Lexi and Kari and they are twelve year old twins. She likes the color turquoise and driving Chevy Silverado trucks. She likes eating pepperoni pizza and drinking Coke Zero. She listens to Country and Christian music and likes the book *Pride and Prejudice*. In her free time she loves reading, cross-stitching and playing softball. Her favorite actor is Tommy Lee Jones and actress Meryl Streep. Her favorite thing about AMS is, "I like being around kids and I like the people I work with." Her favorite quote is, "Great things never came from comfort zones."



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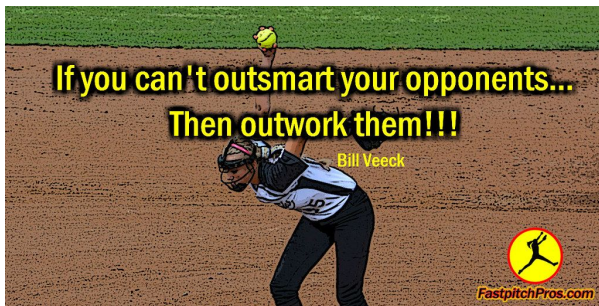
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Article By: Brooklyn Harlan

One of this month's teacher spotlights is on Kevin Botone. He has been teaching for three years. He has been married to Kandess Botone for ten years and they have three sons: Manny, Blake, and Zekiel. He enjoys the color red and fishing with his boys. He likes eating Italian and Chinese food and drinking Dr. Pepper, Gatorade, and lemon water. He enjoys football, wrestling, and baseball. He likes all types of music and his favorite actor is Denzel Washington. His favorite thing about AMS is, "I enjoy working with the great staff and students every day." His favorite quote is, "Don't be afraid to be great!"



Support Staff Spotlight



Article by: Kiersten Bradshaw

One of this month's Support Staff Spotlights is on **April Williams**. Mrs. April has been working at AMS for eighteen years! Her favorite thing about AMS is, "The kids, helping kids learn and discover their potential is so exciting and rewarding!" Her husband's name is Robert Williams and they have three daughters: Kori, Kamri, and Kenli. She also has a dog named Leo. She loves watching sports, especially basketball and football, with her family. She also likes to invite large groups of people to watch with them and of course, at a watch party you have to have your favorite food. Mrs. April's favorite food is manicotti and her favorite drink is Mt. Dew. She likes to watch Jason Statham and Julia Roberts on the big screen, too. One of her hobbies is reading. One of her favorite books to read is *Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume. She would like to drive a Porsche, preferably black, because that is her favorite type of car and color. When she's in the car, she needs music, so she either plays Country or Rap music. Her favorite quote is, "If you settle for crumbs you'll always be starving." Thank you, Mrs. April for always helping us when we need you! We will miss her as she is leaving us to take a new job this month.

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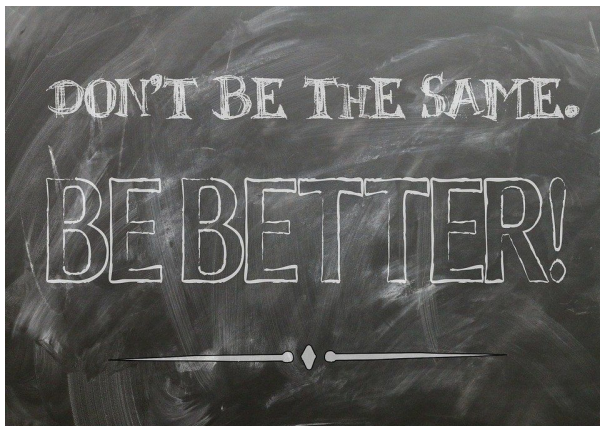
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Article by: Kiersten Bradshaw

One of this month's Support Staff Spotlights is on **Casey Gordon**. He has been working for Anadarko school district for fourteen years. His favorite thing about AMS is, "The kids and staff."

He has a lovely wife, Keisha Gordon, and two wonderful daughters, Kennidee and Caydee Gordon. He loves to go out and eat pizza and drink Dr. Pepper with his family. He likes driving Chevy trucks, preferably blue, because that is his favorite color.



AMS September Students of the Month

6th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by: Jaycee Epton



Kelly Barron

This month's sixth grade girl of the month is **Kelly Barron**. She loves learning math in Mrs. Loveless's class. She also loves to dance. She dances at April's Dance Studio. She has gotten to perform with them at a Thunder game and at an OKC Energy soccer game. She can't get to the dance studio without a ride and that's where her two amazing parents come in, Jennifer and Dean Barron. She loves to eat tacos and drink Dr. Pepper while listening to some awesome Hip Hop! When she isn't listening to Hip Hop and eating tacos she's reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and dreaming of owning a purple Camaro. Her favorite actor and actress to watch on the big screen are: Theo James and Shailene Woodley. Another fun activity Kelly likes to do is tennis. Her favorite thing about AMS is, "The teachers are very nice and they make learning very fun." Her favorite quote is, "Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do." - John Wooden.

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6th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by: Jaycee Epton



Aiden Cooper-Kelley

This month's sixth grade boy spotlight is on **Aiden Cooper-Kelley**. He loves playing basketball and football. His favorite teachers are Ms. Bailey and Ms. White. He also loves traveling with his mom, Christina Cooper. He likes eating Mexican food and drinking Body Armor while listening to Rap and Hip Hop music. When he isn't eating Mexican food he is watching Cameron Boyce and Skye Jackson on the big screen. He hopes to one day own an orange Lamborghini. The best book he has ever read is *Dog Man*. His favorite thing about AMS is, "You don't have to eat lunch and the block electives." His favorite quote is, "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something."

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything

Edward Phelps



7th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article By: **Tanaya McDowell**



This month's 7th grade girl student of the month is **Neilya Palmer**. She has two caring parents Clarrissa Palmer and Crissy Noel. She likes her English class with Mrs. Ware. Her favorite color is blue and she likes to draw. Her favorite book to read is *Gone*, and she likes to drink Powerade while listening to The Eagles. Her favorite actor is Adam Sandler and her favorite actress is Tiffany Hadish. She likes that we get to participate in a lot of activities at AMS.

7th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article By: **Tanaya McDowell**



This month's 7th grade boy of the month is **Quinsyn Goombi**. He has two loving parents Torrey Goombi and Lillian Bennet. He enjoys watching soccer and drinking sweet tea. He likes the color purple and the actor Harrison Ford. He loves that at AMS we can choose our electives. His favorite quote is, "*Building today for tomorrow's kids.*" He participates in SPEAR and band.

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8th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by **Makinzi Smith**



This month's 8th grade boy student of the month is **Daniel Gamez**. His favorite subject in school is U.S. History and his favorite teacher is Mr. Whitman. Some of his favorites are: the color red, his favorite car is a BMW, his favorite sport to play is soccer and he plays soccer in his free time. He likes to listen to music by Drake. His favorite book is *The Time Traveller*. He likes to eat T-Bone steak and drink Cherry Dr. Pepper. His favorite actor is Dwayne Johnson. His favorite thing about AMS is, all the amazing teachers. His favorite quote is, "With God and faith everything is possible."



8th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by **Makinzi Smith**



This month's 8th grade girl student of the month is **Kyla Tsoodle**. Her favorite subject in school is SPEAR. She does not have a favorite teacher because she likes all of them. Her mother's name is Peggy Tsoodle. Some of her favorites are: the color grey, her favorite car is a Chrysler, she loves to cheer, and in her free time she likes to read. Her favorite book is *Emako Blue*. She likes listening to R&B. She likes to eat grilled cheese and drink Dr. Pepper. Her favorite actress is Amanda Stenberg and her favorite actor is Johnny Depp. Her favorite thing about AMS is all the students and the amazing staff we have. Her favorite quote is, "All you gotta do is keep livin' man. L-I-V-I-N." - Wooderson from *Dazed and Confused*. Something else she wants everyone to know about her is that she loves school and she tries to be involved in everything she can.



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CLUB NEWS

FFA

Article By: **Saniya Miller**

The Anadarko FFA Program, with the assistance of the Anadarko Masonic Lodge #21, are sponsoring with the 10th Annual "Children's Christmas Store" on December 7, 2019. Last year, over 300 children were able to shop for their families for Christmas because of Anadarko businesses and generous individuals just like you! The local 4-H and FFA students will assist the children as they choose and wrap 4 gifts each. The children love the shopping experience. The best way to support the young people in the Anadarko area is by supporting the Christmas Store with donations. You may contact one of the people listed below and they gladly pick up your items and gifts or your monetary donations and do the shopping for you!!

They will need around 1200 gifts.

\$25 donations - 6 gifts

\$60 donations- 15 gifts

\$120 donations- 30 gifts

Any amounts are appreciated.

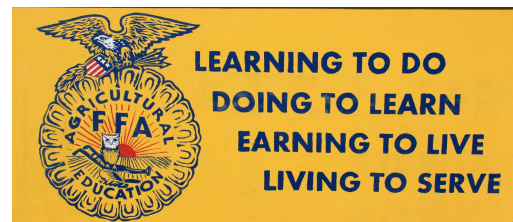
They hope you choose to support the 10th Annual Christmas Store: Please contact one of the following and they will pick up your donations:

Renee Hill : Organizer - 405-933-0379

Ryan Freeman: FFA instructor-405-320-1077

The FFA Program also helped run the Mutton Bustin' event during the Caddo County Kids, Kites, and Frights Festival in October.

Pictured are several FFA members and they winners of the event.



STUCO

Article By **Xavieriyonna Norwood**

STUCO is doing a surprise R.A.W.K. project on Friday. In October, the STUCO sponsored a booth at the Kids, Kites, and Frights Festival were the

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4-H

Article by: Brooklyn Matlock



During the October 4-H meeting the “Children’s Christmas Store” was chosen as their community service project. They are collecting items such as games, socks, toys, baby clothes, and gloves to be donated to the “Children’s Christmas Store”. The items collected will be delivered in early December. If you would like to donate anything please drop it off in the counselor’s office. Each 4-H member will need to bring two items to be donated.

The 4-H speech contest will be held at the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center in Fort Cobb on November 19th. 4-H members turned in their speech topics to Mrs. Matlock on November 12th.

Anadarko 4-H and FFA students worked with the Anadarko Special Services Department to put on the 3rd annual Anadarko Special Needs Stock Show on October 12th. Six students teamed up with a 4-H or FFA member and showed a pig at the Caddo County Fairgrounds. Each showman received gift bags full of unique stock show swag. Mrs. Bost also participated in the APS Administration Showmanship Contest and she did a great job showing a pig.

There were three 4-H members recognized at the Caddo County 4-H Awards Banquet. MaKenzie Smith has named the Intermediate Outstanding Shooting Sports Member for 2019. Kiki Bradshaw and Brooklyn Matlock both received an award for their project work and were named Outstanding Chapter 4-H members for 2019.



INDIAN CLUB



Article By Candelinn Toehay-Tartsah

This month is Native American Month which means they have a lot of activities planned. Since November 22nd is the last day of school during Native American month, we are planning a school wide event to recognize and educate students on the Native American heritage. November 13, the dance troupe danced at Gracemont for the school and the club will have social dancing with the school. November 14th, the Indian Club danced at Mission for their parent night from 4-6pm. November 20, the dance troupe will be dancing at Riverside Indian School from 12-3 and they will have a mini pow wow open to the whole school.

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ART

Article by: *Selina Aguilar*



The art class students are working on making functional clay sculptures. They are going to make pots, bowls, cups, and containers. They are going to be sculptured in nature, but also have to be functional. The art class has just finished making sculptures of animals and insects.

SPEAR

Article by **Karliey Parker**

8th Grade SPEAR is going to visit the Oklahoma University the week after fall break. The SPEAR class is required to have a total of five pages of notes every week. The students are struggling to know when to take notes in class. They are making wishes and goals posters and they made a rap video about it.

Attendance Challenge

Article by *Ivory Miller*

This quarter's attendance challenge is going to be from October 22 - December 20. They will be going to the movie theater and will be given a drink and popcorn. The requirement for this activity is the students have perfect attendance. Doctor's notes will not be excused for the trip. Perfect means perfect - every day, every hour.

TE/TSA

Article by: **Saniya Miller**

The following pictures are from the TE State Leadership Conference on October 23rd. These students have been to many events in the past month. Now the TSA students will be preparing for various projects and competitions that will be beginning in January.



Academic Team

Article by *Kiersten Bradshaw*

Academic team held a fundraiser at the Kids, Kites, and Frights Festival. They did a bake sale and made their goal. They are starting competitive meets this month. Their first district meet was in Tuttle on November 7, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. They placed fourth over all. It was a great first academic meet!



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Band

Article by Ivory Miller

This month the middle school band performed on November 1st, at the football game with the high school band. They are now practicing for their concert that will be held on December 10th. They would like to invite everyone to come out and listen to them play during the free concert.



EXCEL

Article by Carsyn Gomez

The 7th graders made catapults and went to East Elementary and launched gords, fake plastic pumpkins, and candy pumpkins. The 6th, 7th, and 8th recently went on field trips. The 6th graders went to the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Then the 7th grade went to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and the 8th grade went to the Museum of Osteology.



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Hope Squad

Article by **Xavieriyonna Norwood**
During September a group called GNWY came to the Warrior Field House to spread a message about anti-bullying and suicide prevention. The assembly was sponsored by The RISE program of Anadarko.



NJHS

Article: Karliey Parker

National Junior Honor Society held an induction ceremony for qualifying students. The following is a list of students inducted into NJHS:

Jaben Bray	Jordan Cange
Dani Craig	Ty Gabehart
Heaven Haywood	Brianna Hill
Addison Lin	Maelena Lorentz
Brooklyn Matlock	Justin Ngo
Celis Owens	Brandolynn Pahcody
Neilya Palmer	Jaylen Passi
Libby Stone	Jakobi Tallent
Talan Tyler	Trenton Walker
Peyton Watson	Rhyann Williams
Addison Chalepah	Miya Wright
Julissa Navarro	Jiseil Olguin Rodriguez
Julian Reyna	Trenton Smith
Carsyn Gomez	Quinsyn Goombi
Elijah KaudleKaule	Raylynn Miller
Henry Plata	Lenaya Williams
Kissa Horsechief	Kynslie Hunter
Zachary Niaster	DaeLena Tsonetokoy
Christian Dobson	Ivory Miller
Fabian Sankadota	Rikia Walker
Emily Ware	Kaiden Eden
Noah Goingkeen	Xavieriyonna Norwood
Keyleigh Wilson	



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8th Basketball

Article by *Karliey Parker*

8th Grade Basketball season is coming up and I interviewed Coach Schumpert by emailing him about their team. They have some outstanding shooters on the team! The 8th grade boys have improved a lot since last summer. They're working on developing a positive attitude and putting more effort into their game. According to Coach Schumpert they need to work on handling tough situations with poise and confidence. Coach Schumpert also said they need to improve their ability to listen and be coachable and improve more positive habits. Team members are:

Jacob French	Riley Big Bow
Alex Pebashy	Terrance Johnson
Joseph Thompson	Samuel Leonard
Gabriel Olvera	Delos Lonewolf
Joseph Sankadota	Roslyn Churchill

Wrestling

Article by *Tanaya McDowell & Brooklyn Matlock*

We interviewed AMS wrestling coach John Holten about the team this year. The following is some of the information he shared with us. The AMS wrestling team is in need of wrestlers and girls are allowed to wrestle. All that is required is that you show up to practice, work hard, and get a physical. The team needs to learn their techniques and show up to practice consistently. There is a girls division for wrestling in Oklahoma now. Their toughest opponent is going to be Tuttle. They are a really good team and they are practicing their hardest to beat them this year!

RAWK Projects

Article by: *Ayanna Dobson*

For R.A.W.K. projects Mrs. Teel's class brought cookies, water, and wrote a positive note to every 6th grader.



STEM

Article by: *Tanaya McDowell*

This month in STEM they're testing their catapults to see who's will launch something the furthest and be the most accurate.



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Calendar 2019-2020

November

18 BB girls w/ Clinton 5:00
18 BB boys @ Clinton 5:00
18 Wear your Beadwork for NA Week
19 Braided Hair day for NA Week
19 4-H Speech Contest
20 Rock Your Mocs for NA week
21 Native Shirt day for NA Week
21 Vast Trip Group 3
21 BB girls @ Cache 5:00
21 BB boys w/ Cache 5:00
21 Hope Squad
22 Full Regalia day for NA Week
22 Native American Cultural day
22 Thanksgiving dinner
23 Wrestling @ Southmoore
27 Wrestling @ Marlow
25-29 **NO SCHOOL**

December

3-4 **NWEA Testing Reading/LA**
2,5,7 BB boys only @ Carnegie
Tourney
5-6 **NWEA Testing Math**
5 BB girls @ Chickasha 5:00
6-7 Wrestling @ Kingfisher JH
7 FFA Christmas Store 9-5 AMS
Cafeteria
7 Band marches in Christmas
Parade 6pm

9 BB girls w/ Weatherford 5:00
9 BB boys @ Weatherford 5.00
10-11 NWEA Testing Science
10 Wrestling w/ Cordell/Elgin at
Oklahoma Street Gym (OSG) 6pm JH/H
10 Band Concert 7pm
11 Spelling Bee 9am
12 Choir Concert 7pm
12 Wrestling @ Lawton Ike 6pm JH/H
13 TSA Trip
14 BB Boys only w/ Chickasha
10am
16 BB Girls @ Elgin 5:00
16 BB Boys w/ Elgin 5:00
18 Semester Tests Even Hours
19 Semester Tests Odd Hours
19 Hope Squad
19 BB girls w/ Elk City 5:00
19 BB boys @ Elk City 5:00
20 Attendance Trip
20 Assembly @ Auditorium
1:00-1:30
20 School dance 1:30-3:00
23-31 **NO SCHOOL**

January

1-3 **NO SCHOOL**
6 **NO SCHOOL/PD DAY**
6 BB girls @ Weatherford 5:00
6 BB boys w/ Weatherford 5:00
9-11 BB 7th grade boys & girls
Chickasha Tournament

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14 Wrestling w/ Hinton in Warrior
Field House (WFH) Y/JH/H 5:00
16 Wrestling w/ Watonga in WFH
5:00 Y/JH/H Homecoming
16 BB Girls @ Altus 5:00
16 BB boys w/ Altus 5:00
17-18 Wrestling @ Western Conf.
Tourney JH/H
20 BB girls @ Elk City 5:00
20 BB boys w/ Elk City 5:00
20 **NO SCHOOL**
21 BB boys only w/ Clinton 5:00
22 4-H Jr. Share the Fun
23 Wrestling @ Kingfisher/SE/Tuttle
3pm JH/H
23-25 BB 8th Boys & 8th Girls @
Chickasha tournament
27 BB girls w/ Elgin 5:00
27 BB boys @ Elgin 5:00
28 Wrestling @ Clinton 6:00 JH/H
30 Wrestling w/ Weatherford WFH
6pm JH/H Senior Night
30 BB girls w/ Cache 5:00
30 BB boys @ Cache 5:00
30-Feb1 Wrestling @ Mid-Western
Conf. Shawnee JH/H

February

3,6,8 BB 7th & 8th boys & girls @
Cache tournament
6 Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-9:00
7 **NO SCHOOL**
10 BB girls w/ Chickasha 5:00

10 BB boys @ Chickasha 5:00
17 6th grade block rotates
19 4-H Demonstrations

March

12 **NO SCHOOL / ½ PD DAY**
13-20 SPRING BREAK
25 4-H Dress Review

April

6 6th Block Rotates
10 NO School
20-30 State Testing

May

1-14 State Testing
1 **NO SCHOOL**
8 **NO SCHOOL**
13 AMS AWARDS 1:00
14 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL