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AMS Fundraiser

Article by: Candelinn Toehay-Tartsah

The Anadarko Middle School Fundraiser this year was Yankee Candles. The dates were Aug. 19-Sept. 4. All order forms were due September 4th.

The items will get delivered 2-4 weeks after we get the order sent in, so we should receive the order toward the end of September.

We do fundraisers because we raise money to help defray the cost of field trips for students, RAWK projects, rewards for attendance and various competitions we have throughout the year.

Attendance Challenge

Article by: Ivory Miller

Anadarko Middle School has added a variety of incentives for the attendance challenge this year. CIS is doing random weekly classroom drop-ins where classes receive donuts to celebrate that the entire class in attendance that day. They're also doing an individual monthly celebration where students who have perfect attendance, meaning no absences including no doctor appointments and illnesses. Students will receive a special sticker to display on their planners. They'll also be doing the quarterly attendance rewards to be awarded at the end of the nine weeks. The trips are currently mystery trips. To qualify students cannot have any unexcused absences. Those absences that have doctor notes will not count against the student for the trip. All students should strive to be at school everyday, all day, and on time. When you miss school, you miss out.

**ALL DAY, EVERY DAY
THE WARRIOR WAY**

Administrator Spotlight

Article by: Jaycee Epton



This month's administrator spotlight is **Lavonda Bost**. She has been working at the Anadarko Middle School for 30 years now. She is happily married to Ica Bost. She has four kids: Dekoda, Kayleigh, Ashton, Conner; and three grandkids: Isaac, Jack, and Lucy. Some of her favorites are the color black, coloring, chocolate, baseball, diet Dr. Pepper, Contemporary Christian music, the book *The Outsiders*, the actor Matthew McConaughey, and the actress Julia Roberts. Her favorite quote is, "To learn you have to listen, to improve you have to try" - Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Bost has been a Warrior her entire life. She graduated from AHS. Her entire career has been at AMS. She started out teaching math, then she became the counselor, assistant principal, and now principal. She has enjoyed each year as she has had the chance to see things from so many different perspectives. She has the pleasure of seeing so many students grow into incredible citizens as well as having the privilege of teaching their kids of former students. "Anadarko has been a great place for me to grow up as well as a great place to raise my family. Together we can continue to improve on our community and contribute positively as good citizens" - Mrs. Bost.

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Teacher Spotlight

Article By: Brooklyn Harlan



One of this month's teacher spotlights is on **Gina Taylor**. She has been teaching for eight years. Her husband's name is Carl and they have five kids and two grandsons. Her grandson's names are ZJ and Noah. Some of her favorites are the color purple, Jeeps, football, homemade pizza, Coke Zero with vanilla and lime, reading, riding motorcycles, all types of music, Hugh Jackman and Meryl Streep. Her favorite thing about AMS is, "The positive atmosphere in the building and my students." Her favorite quote is, "You, and only you, are ultimately responsible for who you become and how happy you are," by Rachel Hollis.

Teacher Spotlight



Article By: Brooklyn Harlan

One of this month's teacher spotlights is on **Scott Whitman**. He has been teaching for twenty-five years. His family includes Rachel, Terah, Rebekah, and Sarah Whitman. Some of his favorites are the color green, Chevy Trucks,

camping, steak, tea, Hebrew music, and the Bible. His favorite thing about AMS is the kids. His favorite quote is, "Overcoming your struggles is what makes a man great."

Support Staff Spotlight

Article by: Kiersten Bradshaw



This month's support staff spotlight is now on Kyleen Mixon! Ms. Mixon has been working at this school for sixteen years! Her favorite thing about AMS is, "The staff, they all work together to help students reach their goals." She has one daughter named, Koralyne, who is in a surgical technology program, and one son named, Cody, who is a sophomore at Cameron University. She also has two dogs named Soc and April. Some of her favorites are seafood, steak, tea, a Jeep Gladiator, the color blue, and the book *The Sacketts* by Louis L'Amour. Her favorite actor is Sam Elliott and actress is Sandra Bullock. She loves all sports and all types of music. Her favorite quote is, "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." -Albert Einstein. Her hobbies are riding her horses, watching sports, being outside, being with family, and going to the lake.



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Article by: Kiersten Bradshaw

This month's support staff spotlight is focusing on **Debbie Alexander-Knight!** She has been working for the school for four months now! Her favorite thing about AMS is, "I love working with the kids, also everyone I work with. It was a different challenge for me helping others." Her husband is Keith Knight. She also has three kids, Ethan Alexander, Brayden Alexander, and Keenan Knight. Some of her favorites are Mexican food, Vanilla Coke, basketball, country music, the color yellow, a Stinger (which is a type of car) and *The Catcher and the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. Her favorite actor is Kevin Hart and actress is Jennifer Aniston. Her favorite quote is, "If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." Her most beloved hobby is going to the lake with her friends and family. This week, Mrs. Knight has taken a different position in our district. She will now be at the Warrior Fieldhouse.

Burleson. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Bailey. Some of her other favorites are the color sky blue, Lamborghini, pizza, reading, Dr. Pepper, rap, *Dark Diaries*, and the actress Peyton List. Her favorite thing about AMS is that you don't have to go to lunch if you don't want to. Her favorite quote is, "Be your own kind of beautiful." - unknown.

6th Grade Boy Spotlight



Article by: Jaycee Epton

This month's 6th grade boy spotlight is Nicholas Haynes. His parents are Calia and Chris Haynes. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Loveless. Some of his other favorites are math, the color purple, Jeeps, video games, Mountain Dew, basketball, Hamburger Helper, and the book *Snot Stew*. His favorite thing about AMS is that the classes are shorter than the ones at Mission. His favorite quote is, "Yeet, give me fifty" - by unknown. He's also in Excel.

AMS August Students of the Month

6th Grade Girl Spotlight



Article by: Jaycee Epton

This month's 6th grade girl spotlight is Brianna Burleson. Her parents are Chris and Beth

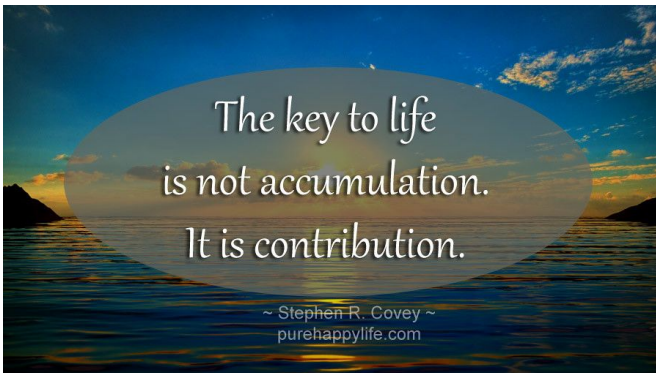
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7th Grade Girl Spotlight



Article by: Tanaya McDowell

This month's 7th grade girl of the month is **Brooklyn Matlock**. Her favorite subjects are science and math. She likes all of her teachers. Her parents names are LaTisha and Jess Matlock. She has a brother named Weston, and a sister named Bailey. A few of her favorites are the color turquoise and her favorite food is pasta. Her favorite car is a white Jeep, and she likes sweet tea. Her hobbies are showing cattle and playing softball. Her favorite book is *The Hunger Games* and she enjoys listening to country music. Her favorite sport is softball. Her favorite things about AMS are the teachers, staff, and students. She participates in 4-H, softball, cheer, STUCO, EXCEL and Academic Team. She is also a member of HOPE Squad.



7th Grade Boy Spotlight



Article by: Tanaya McDowell

This month's 7th grade boy student of the month is **Justin Ngo**. His favorite subjects are math and geography. He does not have a favorite teacher, he likes them all. His dad's name is Jerry, his mom's is Holly. He has a stepdad named Hoanh. His sister's name is Kayla, and he has three step brothers. Some of his favorites are basketball and he likes to drink sweet tea. He also likes the color white, his favorite books are the *Harry Potter* series. He has a couple of hobbies which are drawing and playing games. He enjoys listening to old rock and pop, his favorite actress is Maile Hanagan, his favorite actor is Dwayne Johnson. His favorite car is a Challenger, and his favorite foods are rice, noodles, and custard. His favorite thing about AMS is band and the really nice and generous teachers here at AMS. His favorite quote is, "With great power comes great responsibility," by Stan Lee. He participates in basketball, EXCEL, tennis, and football.



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8th Grade Girl Spotlight



Article by Makinzi Smith

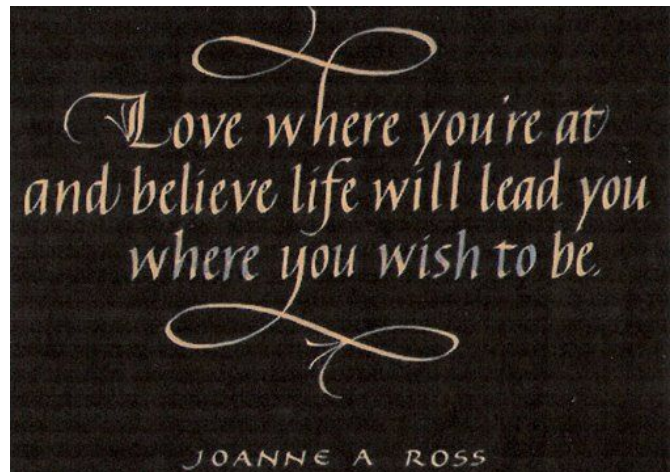
This month's 8th grade girl student of the month is **KiKi Bradshaw**. Her favorite subject in school is Yearbook and her favorite teacher is Miss Julia Miller. Her parents are Jennifer and Gus Bradshaw and Cheyenne, Kenna, and Madi are her three sisters. Some of her favorites are the color lilac, her favorite car is a Jeep, she likes to read and her favorite book is *Windfall* by Jennifer E. Smith. Her favorite food is Granny's Yum Yum Pie, she likes to drink water, her favorite sport is OU football, and she likes to listen to Pop music. Her favorite actor is Charles Melton and her favorite actress is Lana Condor. Her favorite thing about AMS is all the activities we are able to participate in. Her favorite quote is, "I'm so tired, my tired is tired." Some other things she would like us to know about her is that she participates in many clubs such as Academic Team, Peaceful Melody Bells, Hope Squad, 4-H, STUCO, Yearbook, and many more. Congratulations KiKi.

8th Grade Boy Spotlight



Article by Makinzi Smith

This month's 8th grade boy student of the month is **Riley Bigbow**. His favorite subject is history and his favorite teacher is his 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Haddon. Some of his favorites are the color green, he likes to listen to hip hop/rap, his favorite car is a Rolls Royce Wraith, and he likes to play basketball in his free-time and it's his favorite sport. He likes to eat pizza and drink Gatorade. His favorite thing about AMS is that he gets to see all of his friends. Some other things he would like us to know is that he is in Hope Squad, excel, and he plays a lot of basketball. He plays video games as well.





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CLUB NEWS

Yearbook Fundraiser

AMS Yearbook is taking orders for Anadarko Warrior t-shirts and hoodies through October 4th. Order forms will be sent home with all students K-8 this week. If you need extra order forms, please see Mrs. McGlothlin, a yearbook student, or the office.

Orders due by Friday, October 4th, to the Anadarko Middle School Yearbook Class.

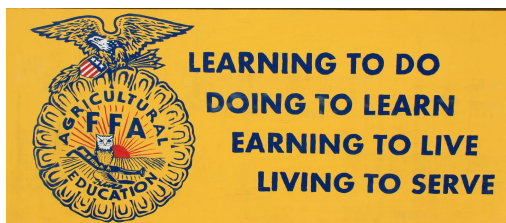
			
Shirt #1 Warrior Nation Purple Shirt & Gold Lettering		Shirt #2 Warrior Thing Black shirt w/purple & gold lettering	
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Shirts will be delivered before Fall break. These would be great Christmas gifts!

FFA

Article by: Saniya Miller

Ashlyn Jackson is part of the FFA club. She won Reserved Grand with her Simmental Heifer, Champion Chi Heifer and Reserve Breed Shorthorn Prospect Steer at the Caddo County Fair. She also won Intermediate Showmanship.



STUCO

Article By **Xavieriyonna Norwood**

Student Council is an organization meant to provide students a chance to improve leadership skills and their ability to work cohesively in a group setting. The council also serves as an intermediary between the student body and the principals, allowing students to voice concerns or suggestions through their elected representatives. Officer positions have already been signed up for and an election was held on August 30th. They normally meet on Wednesdays and hope to do so every other week. The officers are: **Kiki Bradshaw -President. Henry Plata-Vice President, Aubrey Wright- Secretary, Kyla Tsoodle - Secretary, Brooke Harlan - 8th Reporter, Brooklyn Matlock-7th Reporter, Ali Butler - 7th Reporter, Samuel Leonard-Treasurer.**



STUDENT COUNCIL
SERVE LEAD INSPIRE

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4-H

Article by: Brooklyn Matlock

4-H is a club that promotes science, healthy living, community service, and leadership. Enrollment is now open to anyone that would like to join. If any students would like more information or would like to learn how to enroll they can stop by Mrs. Matlock's office and pick up a handout. Their first meeting was on Wednesday Aug 14. There are many members that have entered items in the Caddo County Free Fair. County Officer Elections are also coming up. If members want to run for a county office. The applications will be due Wednesday Sept 18th. Their next meeting will be at the end of September. Announcement will be made of the time and location. There were three 4-H club members that showed at the Caddo County Free Fair. Stetson Hall received Reserve Breed Champion Charolais Heifer, Champion Maine Prospect, Reserve Grand Prospect Steer, and Junior Showmanship, Brooklyn Matlock received Reserve Maine Heifer and Scout Albertson placed 8th with his Cross Gilt.



INDIAN CLUB

Article By Candelinn Toehay-Tartsah

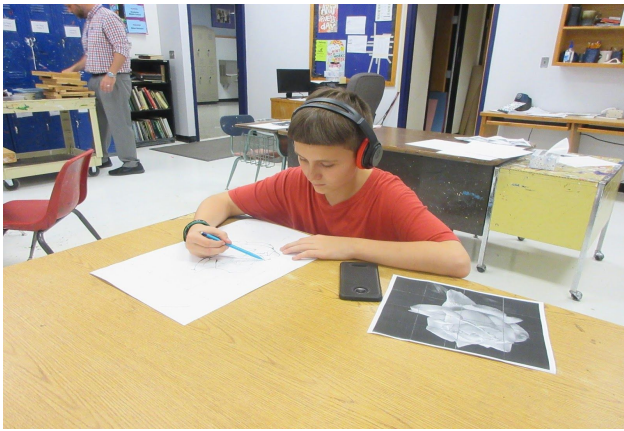
Indian Club is a club where anyone can join to learn about Native American culture. Indian club has meetings twice a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays. They have the dance troupe because it gives our kids the opportunity to share their culture. Indian club has 39 different tribes from Oklahoma represented. There are kids that come from everywhere. When different kids come from a variety of places, they usually represent many tribes. The kid's parents might come to Oklahoma because their parents have a job that's in Oklahoma. The dance troupe performs in different towns and schools to show their culture. The Indian Club's most active month is November because its Native American month. In April, they have an Indian fair at the museum in Norman and in August, they participated in the Native American Indian Expo in Anadarko.

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Article by Selina Aguilar

Art is a class that helps students with art and other projects. After school every Tuesday from 3:15 to 5:00 is when the meetings are held. Students can join Art club even if they are not in Art class. All you have to do is stay after school until 5:00 with Mr. Heilman. Right now the honors art class is working on linoleum cut printmaking.



SPEAR

Article by Karliey Parker

Students Positively Exemplifying Advanced Readiness (SPEAR) is a class that prepares students for college success by teaching them proper note taking, organization, and team building activities. We take college visits to give our students an opportunity to see first hand what to expect to ensure they are comfortable with being in the college atmosphere.

You can get into the SPEAR class by choosing it in the fall or spring semester when choosing your electives.

SPEAR is an elective class and we meet every day. First period is 8th grade and 2nd period is 7th grade.

TE/TSA

Article by Tanaya McDowell

TE is a class offered by the Anadarko Middle School. This year in addition to the class, Mr. Rutherford will be starting a middle school TSA group. TSA is Technology Student Association. It will be offered to any 7th or 8th grade student in his Tech Ed. classes, and also any other interested students can contact him about joining. There will be sign ups in a couple of weeks, then they will elect officers. TSA club will have its first trip on Oct. 23, in Norman, OK. to a leadership conference. There are many competitions that students can participate in throughout the school year. The club dues, clothing, meals during events and project materials are paid for by the fundraisers within the club.

FACS/FCCLA

Article by Brooklyn Harlan

FACS is Family and Consumer Sciences class that teaches life skills for students. They cover subjects such as cooking, sewing, childcare, financial literacy, relationships, etc. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private schools through grade 12. To join FCCLA students need to turn in twenty dollars into Mrs. Kuhlman by October first for dues. They have been selling shirts since August first and will keep selling until September thirteenth. The FCCLA officers will be going to a leadership conference in Lawton on September 12th. There will be a FCCLA district meeting on October 30, at Minco High School. There is a Star competitive events in Chickasha on December 6th, any who are interested need to contact Mrs. Kuhlman.

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Academic Team

Article by Kiersten Bradshaw

Academic Team is a group of students who want to compete to share their knowledge of a wide variety of topics from literature to math to pop culture. In academic team they study various topics and practice in a quiz bowl setting, answering questions. If you would like to join academic team, they have after school practice every Monday from 3:30 to 5, you can come and try out then. Practices will be held in Mrs. Taylor's room.

NJHS

Article by Karliey Parker

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has five main purposes that have guided chapters of NJHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; to encourage responsible citizenship; and to develop character in the students.

Each chapter's qualifications for membership, which is based on the five pillars of NJHS:

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 85, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school

or community activities while working with or for others.

- **Character**
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record. citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects democracy; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.
- **Citizenship**
The student who demonstrates Students who meet the scholarship requirement will have an opportunity to complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

NJHS will meet once a month to discuss various activities that they will participate in throughout the year.

Choir

Article by Selina Aguilar

Choir is a middle school singing group. The choir class meets during 2nd hour. Mr. Hutchinson is the choir director. If you want to join the choir group talk to Mr. Hutchinson.



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Hope Squad

Article by **Xavieriyonna Norwood**

Hope squad is a group of students chosen by their peers to be the eyes and ears that look for signs of students that are struggling and may be thinking about suicide. These students receive monthly training on what to look for and how to help students get the resources they need. Also, the APS Hope Squad was nominated for The Blue and Cross Blue Shield Champions of Children's Health Award and they won!!! That was a competitive category with 40 - 50 nominees so congratulations to the Hope Squad for making a difference in our school and in our community. The Hope Squad has added a bulletin board with the members names and pictures so that the students will know who the members are and someone to talk to. If you need any help you can contact these Hope Squad members which are: **Riley Big Bow, Kiki Bradshaw, Paris Burdex, Jordan Cange, Christian Dobson, Ayanna Dobson, Gianna East, Ty Gabehart, Noah Goingkeen, Hayden Hill, Brooklyn Matlock, Jadyen Spray-Hunter, Libby Stone, Addison Thrash, Jakobe Williams, and Kenli Williams.**



EXCEL

Article by **Carsyn Gomez**

EXCEL is a school program that is utilized throughout the school system within the actual school day. These students come to Mrs. Hancock's class every other week during their social studies/history class. Later in the year they can also come during their SWAG class. Students must meet certain criteria in order to be in EXCEL.

BAND

Article by **Ivory Miller**

AMS band will be performing at concerts in the fall and spring. The best way to join is to talk to the counselor and have her transfer her you to the 2nd hour beginning band class. They meet every day during second hour. Middle School Band Night will be at the Homecoming football game and the Christmas Concert December 10th.

7th Grade Football

Article by **Saniya Miller**

I interviewed Coach Brian Borden through our yearbook email. The football teams strengths are that they are extremely dedicated to the game and they work hard to strive to improve in each other. Their only weakness is that they are unfamiliar with the plays. The schedule is included in the newsletter.

8th Grade Football

Article by **Julissa Balderas**

I interviewed Coach Paddlety through email about the 8th grade football team. Coach said their strengths are, a solid group of boys with a lot of experience. Something they need to work on is continuing to get better everyday and improving. Their toughest opponent is Clinton, they practice everyday 7th hour and continue to practice after school.

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Cross Country

Article by *Ayanna Dobson*

The Anadarko Middle School Cross-Country team looks very promising this year according to Coach John Holten. The number of runners and effort they put out in practice would be the teams strengths. The All-Star meet will be our hardest meet. It is similar to the HS state meet. We will run against the best schools in 4A.



Softball

Article by *Brooklyn Matlock*

This year's warrior softball season is in full swing. If you would like to join softball all you need to do is come to every practice during the summer time and give your best everyday. Practices are during athletics hours and after school on Wednesdays. Coach Tillis says, "Their greatest weakness is that we are our own worst enemy. We have to compete to win some ball games!" and that, "Our greatest strength would have to be cheering on our teammates!". Next up for the Lady Warriors is the Clinton tournament on September 19-21.



Cheerleading

Article by *Jiseil Rodriguez*

Cheerleading involves having spirit and leading the crowd. We try to get everyone involved at a sporting event. We use motions, jumps, tumbling, dance and stunts to get fans hyped up to yell with us. We hold tryouts every spring. After tryouts we take the new squad to camp to develop skills and strategies to lead the crowd. AMS cheer meets every Tuesday and Thursday for practice and will cheer at football and basketball games and wrestling matches. The cheerleaders sold FanCloth fundraiser on August 26-September 12. Your help by purchasing some new WARRIOR gear is greatly appreciated! Photos courtesy of Andrea Wall. You can order cheer buttons and posters by contacting Andrea.

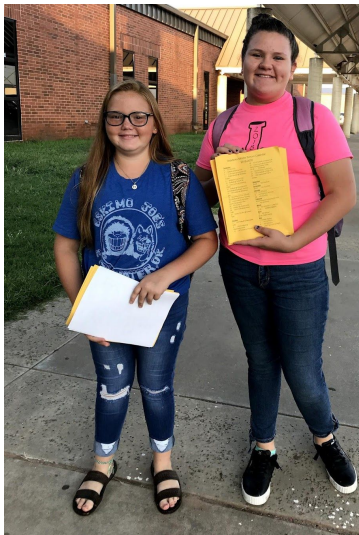


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RAWK Projects

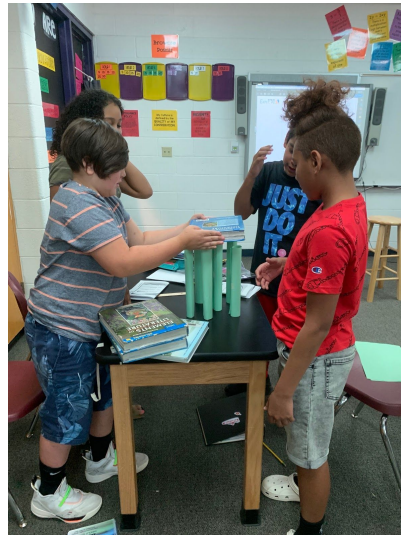
Article by *Ayanna Dobson*

The AMS yearbook and EXCEL students R.A.W.Ked parents, handing out school Anadarko Middle School Activities Calendar.



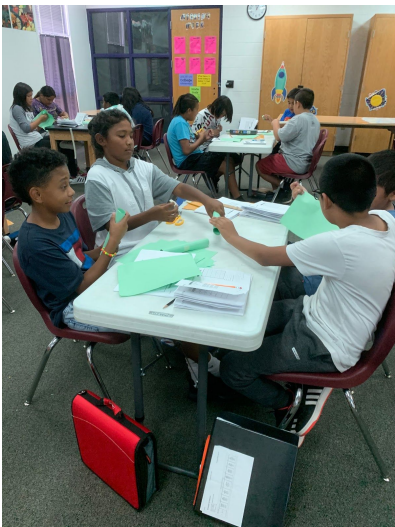
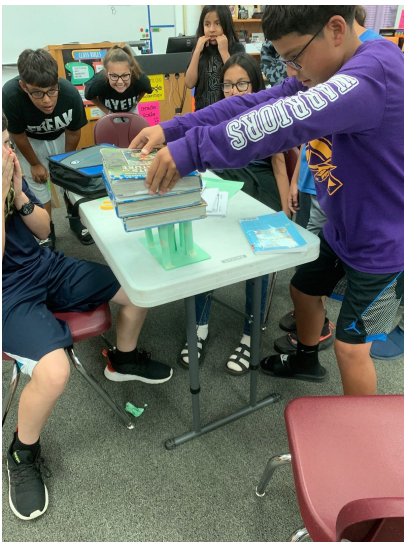
6th grade STEM

The 6th grade STEM class built tables out of paper, and had a competition to see who's table could hold the most weight. STEM stands for Science Technology Engineering and Math. STEM is a required class in 6th grade. It teaches students how to work in groups and use critical thinking skills to solve problems, and they have several group activities throughout the year.



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2019-2020



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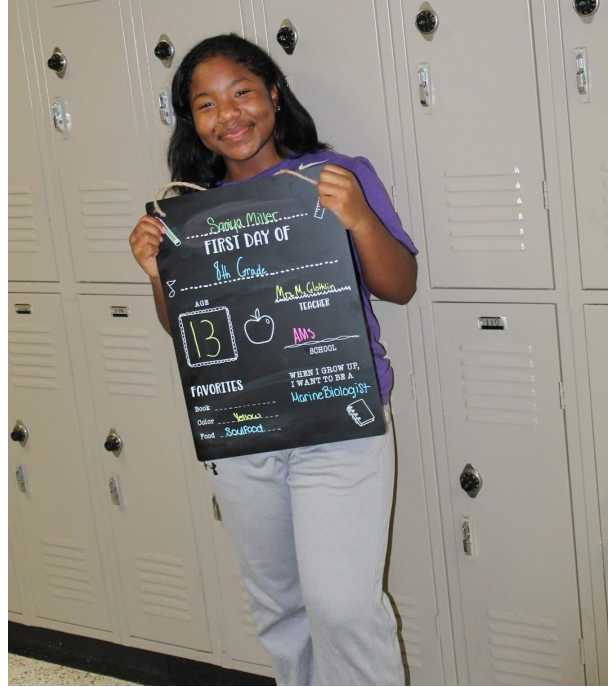
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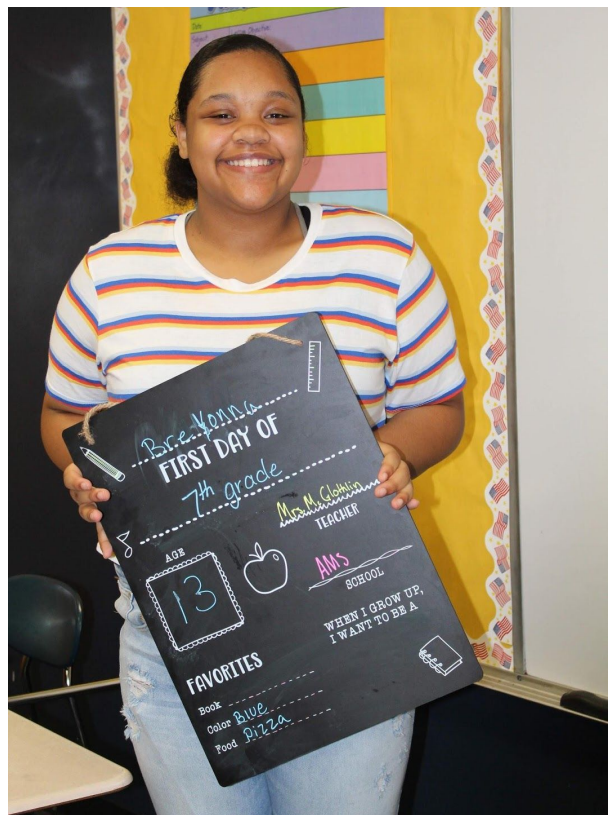
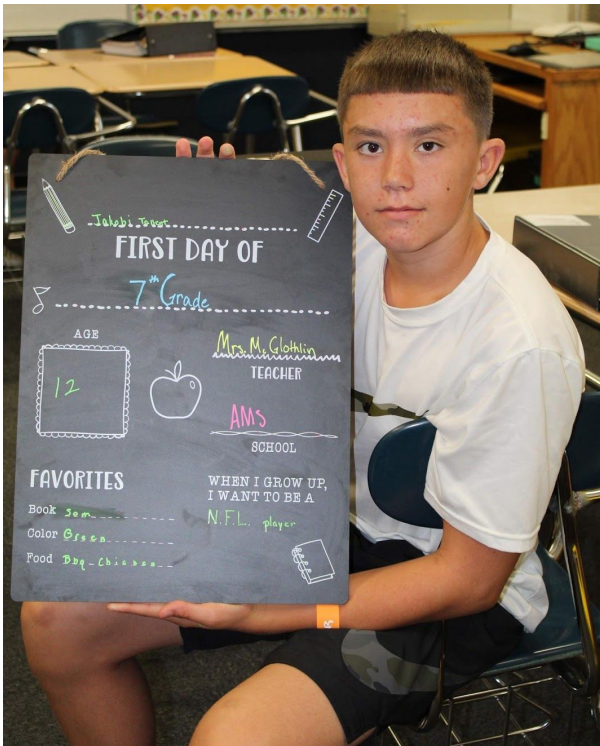
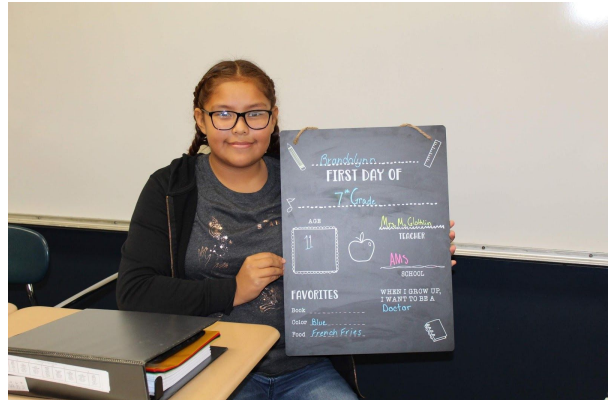
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Calendar 2019-2020

September

- 12-14 Softball @ Clinton Tourney
- 17 7,8 Football @ Blanchard 6pm
- 19 Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-9:00**
- 19-21 Softball @ Clinton Tourney
- 20 Cross Country @ Caddo County Fairgrounds 7am
- 20 **NO SCHOOL**
- 23 Softball @ Clinton 5:00
- 24 7,8,9 Football @ Clinton 5:00
- 26 Softball w/ Riverside 5:00
- 27 Cross Country @ Lawton 7am

October

- 1 7,8 Football w/ Newcastle 5:00
- 3 7,8,9 Football @ Weatherford 5:00
- 10 7,8 Football w/ Purcell 5:00
- 15 7,8,9 Football w/ Cache 5:00
- 17 Cross Country @ Woodson Park OKC JH Championships 7:30am
- 14-18 Fall Break
- 21 **NO SCHOOL / ½ PD DAY**
- 22 7,8,9 Football w/ Elgin 4:30
- 23 TSA Leadership Trip to Norman
- 30 FCCLA District meeting Minco

November

- 25-29 **NO SCHOOL**

December

- 6 FCCLA STAR Competitive events @ Chickasha
- 10 Band Christmas Concert
- 23-31 **NO SCHOOL**

January

- 1-3 **NO SCHOOL**
- 6 **NO SCHOOL/PD DAY**
- 20 **NO SCHOOL**

February

- 6 Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-9:00**
- 7 **NO SCHOOL**

March

- 12 **NO SCHOOL / ½ PD DAY**
- 13-20 **SPRING BREAK**

April

- 10 NO School
- 20-30 State Testing

May

- 1-14 State Testing
- 1 **NO SCHOOL**
- 8 **NO SCHOOL**
- 14 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**