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Counselor Spotlight

Article by: Gia East



This spotlight goes to...Mrs. Matlock! Mrs. Matlock has been in education for 17 years and is currently our school counselor! Her family consists of her awesome husband, Jess, and her amazing kids: Brooklyn, Bailey, and Weston. Her favorites are: the color purple, her hobby is photography, her favorite book is *Charlotte's Web*. Her favorite singers are Thomas Rhett and Miranda Lambert. Her favorite food is Mexican and her favorite sports are softball and football. Her favorite drink is sweet tea and her favorite music is country. Her favorite thing about AMS is "That she loves all the people and likes getting to know people and seeing the kids grow up". Her quote is, "The harder I work, the luckier I get." Remember, that her door is always open for someone to talk to. Good job Mrs. Matlock!

Teacher Spotlight:

Article By: Rylee Luttrell



This month's teacher spotlight goes to Chris Gates!! This is his 1st year in education. His family consists of: his 4 year old son Rodrick, his older brother, Daniel, and his younger sister, Laura. His favorites are: the color purple, car - BMW 8 series, his hobbies are: basketball, lifting, and video games, his favorite books are anything Manga or Star Wars, his favorite actor is Joaquin Phoenix and his favorite actress is Jennifer Lawrence, he likes Hip Hop and Pop music. His favorite drink is Big Red, his favorite food is Mexican, and he likes basketball. His favorite thing about AMS is the family atmosphere. Everyone of my peers genuinely cares about the students and each other. Mr. Gates also wanted to say: I'd like to thank everyone of my fellow teachers and the administration for all the help along the way trying to navigate through my first year. Congratulations Mr. Gates!!



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Teacher Spotlight

Article By: Rylee Luttrell



Kevin Botone is one of our teacher spotlights! He has been in education for 4 years. His family consists of: his beautiful wife of 11 years, Kandess Botone, and his 3 sons: Manny, Blake, and Zeke. His favorite color is black, his favorite car is a Lamborghini, his hobbies are golfing and fishing. He likes the book *Friday Night Lights*. His favorite actor is Denzel Washington, his favorite foods are Italian and Chinese, and his favorite drink is Diet Mt. Dew, his favorite sports are football, wrestling, and baseball. He likes all kinds of music. Mr. Botone's favorite thing about AMS is being able to work alongside the amazing staff and of course being able to work with these amazing kids everyday. His favorite quote is, "You will face many defeats in life but never let yourself be defeated" by Maya Angelou. Good Job, Mr.Botone! Keep up the good work!!

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Support Staff Spotlight

Article by: Kelly Barron



This month's AMS support staff spotlight goes to A.J. Miller! A.J. has had twenty four years in education! Mrs. Miller has a husband named Tommy Miller, three daughters named Tiffany, Alyssa, and Launi, two sons in law named Jeramie and Dustin, and four grandchildren named Karter, Caitlynn, Kally, and Case! Mrs. Miller's favorite color is purple. Her favorite hobby is reading and sewing. Her favorite book is The Bible. Her favorite actor and actress are Chris Hemsworth and Sandra Bullock. Her favorite food and drink is a bacon cheeseburger and sweet tea. She likes all sports. Her favorite music is Contemporary Christian. Mrs. Miller's favorite thing about AMS is that everyone looks out for everyone else. They check on each other and are so willing to help. The teachers and students are so courteous to each other. Her favorite quote is, "It is never wrong to do the right thing." She would like to share that this is the best place to work. She has loved being here for 24 years and looks forward to more. Good job Mrs. Miller!

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Support Staff Spotlight

Article by: Kelly Barron



This month's AMS support staff spotlight goes to Gayle Williams! Mrs. Williams has been working here for 30 years! Mrs. Williams has a husband, Jerry, and she has 3 children: Robert, April, and Krystal, and 3 grandchildren named: Kori, Kamri, and Kenli. Her favorite colors are blue and green. Her favorite car is a Camry. Her favorite hobby is gardening. Her favorite type of book is mysteries. Her favorite food and drink is dessert and coffee and tea. Her favorite sport is basketball. Her favorite music is Christian music and old music. Mrs. Williams's favorite thing about AMS is meeting new people and students. Good job Mrs. Williams!

AMS November Students of the Month

6th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by: Jaden Telfer



This month's 6th grade student spotlight is Amiya Sankadota. Her favorite subject is science. Her favorite teacher is all of them. Her family is Nikki and Dota Sankadota. Her favorite color is purple. Her favorite hobby is drawing. Her favorite book is *Guts*. Her favorite food is fruit. Her favorite sport is cheerleading. Her favorite drink is root beer. Her favorite singer is Melanie Martinez. Her favorite actress is Sophia Lillis. Her favorite thing about AMS is the teachers because they work hard to teach us stuff we don't know yet and they are still teaching us with this virus going around. Her favorite quote is, "I have a dream". More information she would like to share is that she likes cats.

6th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by: Jaden Telfer



This month's 6th grade student spotlight is Gabriel Quintero. His favorite subject is math. His favorite teacher is Ms. Morgan. His family is Robin Lankford. His favorite color is red. His favorite car is a Camaro. His favorite book is *On My Honor*. His favorite actor is Black Panther. His favorite food is pizza. His favorite sport is basketball. His favorite drink is Sprite. His favorite music is P&P. His favorite actress is Zendaya. His favorite thing about AMS is learning. His favorite quote is, "Treat people the way you want to be treated."

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6th Grade Virtual Spotlight

Article by: Jiseil Rodriguez

This month's 6th grade virtual student spotlight is Christopher Bread. Christopher's favorite subject is math, and all of the teachers are his favorite. Although he doesn't have a favorite actress, his favorite actor is Johnny Depp. Spaghetti and A&W root beer are some of many of his favorites. Aleyna and Jeremy Bread are Christopher's parents. *Kell* is his favorite book. A Ford F-150 happens to be his favorite vehicle. Playing games is Christopher's favorite hobby. Green is Christopher's ideal color. He really enjoys playing basketball. Thirty Seconds to Mars is Christopher's favorite band. His favorite thing about AMS is that the teachers help you.

7th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by: Shyan Gooday



This month's 7th grade girl spotlight goes to Gianna East. Gianna's favorite subject is literature and her favorite teacher is Mr. Farr. Gia's family are: Pat East, Jerry East, and Kayla Palmer. Gia's favorite color is maroon and favorite hobby is dancing. Her favorite drink is Dr. Pepper and her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite book is *Rooftop*. Her favorite actor is Cole Sprouse and favorite actress is Lili Reinhart. Her favorite sport is tennis and her favorite type of music is pop. Her favorite thing about AMS is to get along with teachers and staff.

7th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by: Shyan Gooday



This month's 7th grade boy spotlight goes to Nicholas Haynes. Nicholas's favorite teacher is Ms. Taylor, but his favorite subject is math. Calia and Christopher Haynes are his parents. His favorite color is purple, and favorite car is a Jeep Wrangler. His favorite hobby is basketball, Nicholas does not have a favorite book or actor and actress. But his favorite music is k-pop. His favorite food is fried chicken with a cherry pepsi as the drink. His favorite sport is basketball. His favorite thing about AMS is how the teachers teach well.

7th Grade Virtual Spotlight

Article by Jiseil Rodriguez



This month's 7th grade student spotlight is Isaiah Fragua. His favorite subject is science. Jana and Pierce Fragua are Isaiah's parents. His favorite color is blue. Pizza and snowberry peace tea is his favorite

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meal. Will Smith is his favorite actor and his favorite actress is Jennifer Lawrence. His favorite book is *The Last Kids on Earth*. Playing video games is Isaiah's favorite hobby. A Lamborghini is his favorite car. His favorite sport is wrestling. His favorite quote is, "It is better to try and fail than not try at all".

8th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by: Julisa Navarro



This month's 8th grade girl is Libby Stone. The subject she likes is history and her favorite teacher is all of them! Libby's parents are Kim and Randy Stone. Her favorite colors are blue and yellow and her favorite car is a white Jeep Grand Cherokee. Libby's favorite sport is basketball and her hobby is playing sports and going to the lake. Her favorite foods are spaghetti and tacos and her favorite drinks are sweet tea and coconut mountain dew. She likes the book *The Watsons Go To Birmingham*. Her favorite music that she likes to listen to is country. Her favorite actress she likes to watch is Julia Roberts and her favorite actor is Kevin Hart. The thing she likes about AMS is the amazing staff and that she gets to

see her friends. Her favorite quote is, "Nothing's impossible". Libby also plays softball, basketball, and she is a cheerleader. She is also in Hope Squad, EXCEL, and NJHS. She loves to spend time with her family and friends!

8th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by: Julisa Navarro



This month's 8th grade boy is Justin Ngo. His favorite subject is Tech Ed and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Taylor. Justin's mother is Holly and his favorite color is green. The car Justin likes is a Corvette and his hobby is gaming. The books he likes to read are *Harry Potter* books. His favorite food is Gyro and his favorite drink is sweet tea. The sport he likes is football and the music he listens to is rap. Justin's favorite actor is Tom Curtiss and his favorite actress is Scarlet Johanson. His favorite thing about AMS is that you have multiple electives to choose from. The quote he likes is, "Appreciate everything that you have before they turn into memories"- Jiraiya. He is also on the Academic team.

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8th Grade Virtual Spotlight

Article by Jiseil Rodriguez



Our 8th grade virtual spotlight is Quinsyn Goombi. His parents are: Torrey Goombi and Lillian Bennett. Although Quinsyn doesn't have a favorite teacher, his favorite subject is history. He enjoys watching his favorite actor, Harrison Ford. A Ford happens to also be his favorite vehicle. Chicken and sweet tea is Quinsyn's favorite meal. Purple is his favorite color. Soccer is his favorite sport, while his favorite hobby is playing video games. He likes to read, and his favorite book is Harry Potter. Quinsyn's favorite thing about AMS are the clubs. His favorite quote is, "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." -Walt Disney.

CLUB NEWS

STUCO

Article By Garryn Edwards in this month STUCO is working on finding a project so we can start off to a great new year you can still join but you can not run for an office if you have any ideas for a community service please let Mr.Farr or Mr.Heilman know.

4-H

Article by: Rylee Luttrell

The speeches have got rescheduled. The 6th grade speeches were Tuesday, November 17th, and the 7th and 8th grade speeches were Wednesday, November 18th. Everybody did really well on their speeches! Our 6th graders that went were: Jordyn Jackson, Alexandria Morgan, Bailey Matlock, Adela Bilyeu. Jordyn Jackson's speech: *The By Products Of Beef* - got blue top 5! Alexandria Morgan's speech: *The Sports of Basketball and Cross Country* - got a blue ribbon! Bailey Matlock's speech: *Softball* - placed top 5! Adela Bilyea's speech: *Halloween Safety* - got a blue ribbon. Good Job 6th Graders!!!! Now for the 8th Graders! The 8th graders that went were: Talon Tyler, Neiley Franklin and Brooklyn Matlock. Talon's speech was: *The Number 23* and he placed in the blue top 5! Neiley's speech was: *Softball* and she got a blue ribbon! Brooklyn Matlock's speech was: *Farming in Oklahoma* and she also got a blue ribbon! Good Job 8th graders!!!



ART

Article by: Julisa Navarro

Honors art is working on their design of their color wheel and they will paint them when we go back. The 6th graders are doing some fun projects. All the other classes are drawing and coloring mandals.

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TE

Article by: Jaden Telfer

We won't be doing anything until Covid-19 is over. If you want to join the club you have to see Mr. Rutherford. You have to participate in a fundraiser if you want to be in the club.

Wrestling

Article by: Rylee Luttrell

Coach Holten says, "The Lack of numbers coming out for wrestling is hurting the wrestling program overall. When there are 14 different ways to fill on a team and we only have 6 it makes it hard to compete in duels and tournaments. We will be focusing on technique and individual success. We have 2 girls wrestling this season. This is the first year the OSSAA has sanctioned girls wrestling in the state." The Wrestlers are: Addy Thrash, Kaleighna Murillo, Kaiden Eden, Isaiah Fragua, Dayton Carey, Kingston DuBois. The 6th grade wrestlers are Braxton Antuna, Isaac Hernadez, and Lyndi Cisco. They will wrestle some with the middle schoolers. Thank you, Coach Holten for all your hard work! The wrestling team had their 1st tournament; Thursday Nov. 3rd - Saturday the 5th. Braxton got 1st, Isaiah and Lyndi got 2nd, Kingston got 4th, and Samuel and Dayton got 5th. Good job wrestlers!

Academic Team

Article by Kelly Barron

The Academic Team has a District meet on December 1st, in Clinton. They are participating in online competitions in Fine Arts and English in December also.

Choir

Article by Garryn Edwards

The choir will not have a recital due to the covid-19 pandemic.

7th Grade Girls Basketball

Article by: Rylee Luttrell

The 7th grade girls basketball team players are: Ava West, Amanada Pebeahsy, Jaeden Spray-Hunter, Malana Amador, Jordyn Pahcody, Jaden Telfer, Kristina Turner, Jaylyn Wetselline, Rylee Luttrell, Cherokee Bread and Kamea Blackcloud. The teams strengths are that they're quick and the weaknesses are that they are all new and still don't quite know the game. The hardest game will probably be against Weatherford. The 1st game was November 12th, vs Clinton and Anadarko won 33-17.



8th Grade Girls Basketball

Article

by: Rylee Luttrell

The 8th grade girls basketball team players are: Ivory Miller, Heaven Haywood, Kynslie Hunter, Lenaya Willams, Libby Stone, Ashlee Poolaw, Jaci Head, Breyonna Kerns, Carsyn Gomez, Maelena Lorentz, Ahnazhia Mitchell, Ezabelle Chaddlesone and Katrina Silverhorn are on the team. Coach Katie said, "Our team's strength defensively is we're quick and should be able to full court press and get

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some steals. Offensively we should be hard to guard because we have a lot of different people who can score. Our weakness would be our mental battle with ourselves. For example if we are tired are we going to rest or keep working hard. Our hardest game will probably be Weatherford. They have a great program and we split with them last year. The first game was November 12th, against Clinton, and Anadarko won. The score was 39-16.

Cheerleading

Article by Paris Burdex

AMS cheerleaders have switched from cheering for football and now cheering for boys and girls basketball. They cheer at all home games.

Calendar 2020-2021

January

- 1-3 **NO SCHOOL**
- 4 **NO SCHOOL/PD DAY**
- 7-9 Chickasha 7th BB Tourney
- 7 Wrestling @ Mangum 6pm
- 11-15 Typing Bee
- 11 GBB @ Weatherford 5:00
- 11 BBB w/ Weatherford 5:00
- 14 Wrestling @ Watonga 5pm
- 14-16 Wrestling @ Kingfisher
- 14 GBB @ Atalus 5:00
- 14 BBB w/ Altus 5:00
- 18 GBB w/ Elk City 5:00
- 18 BBB @ Elk City 5:00
- 18 **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 GBB @ Clinton 5:00

- 19 BBB w/ Clinton 5:00
- 21 Wrestling @ Tuttle 3pm
- 21 GBB @ Lawton Mac 5:00
- 21 BBB w/ Lawton Mac 5:00
- 22-23 Wrestling @ Tuttle tournament 10am
- 25 GBB w/ Elgin 5:00
- 25 BBB @ Elgin 5:00
- 27 Color Casuals
- 28 GBB @ Cache 5:00
- 28 BBB w/ Cache 5:00
- 28 Wrestling @ Hinton 5pm
- 29 Wrestling @ Harrah

February

- 1-6 Cache 7 & 8 BB Tourney
- 4 Wrestling w/ Lawton Ike 6pm
- 8 GBB w/ Chickasha 5:00
- 8 BBB @ Chickasha 5:00
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-9:00
- 19 **NO SCHOOL**

March

- 1-11 NWEA End of year test
- 12-19 SPRING BREAK

April

- 2 No School
- 6-29 State Testing
- 30 No School

May

- 1-20 State Testing
- 20 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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