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Administrator Spotlight



Article by: Jaycee Epton

This month's administrator spotlight is on Ed Taylor. Mr. Taylor has been working in education for 23.5 years. He is happily married to Lolly Carson Taylor for thirty-two years. He has three daughters: Brooke Taylor McDonald - age 30, Jordan Lynn Taylor - age 27 and Halle Grace Taylor - age 12. They are very proud of each one of them. He also has two grandchildren who he loves dearly, Fitzgerald Taylor McDonald and Londyn Grace Taylor. Another thing Mr. Taylor loves is food! His favorite foods are Mexican, Thai, BBQ, and hamburgers. He also loves his Bible which he reads almost daily. He likes to watch football and drink Mountain Dew and when he's not watching football he's watching his favorite actor Denzel Washington. He likes to listen to Christian Gospel and Worship music. He loves the color red and Jeep Gladiators. His favorite thing about AMS is, "The ethnic and individual diversity within our student body and staff. I also enjoy the flexibility our staff demonstrates as we work to meet student needs and at the same time hold high academic expectations." A quote he likes is, "People don't care how much you

know until they know how much you care." - John Maxwell. Mr. Taylor is a class of 1980 Anadarko Alumni! He has great memories of many outstanding educators that he now considers friends.

Teacher Spotlight



Article By: Brooklyn Harlan

One of this month's teacher spotlights is on Deborah Tahsuda. She has been teaching for thirty-four years. She has a daughter, Kate, who is thirty-five, and a son, Joseph, who is thirty-four. She enjoys Italian food and drinking coffee. She likes 70's music and the book *Where the Red Fern Grows*. You can find her in her free time oil painting and watching golf. She loves the color Cerulean Blue and Porsche 911 cars. Her favorite actor and actress is Tom Hanks and Audrey Hepburn. Her favorite thing about AMS is, "AMS has a great group of teachers and staff! I learn something new everyday from the students who keep me feeling young and modern." Her favorite quote is, "Small accomplishments add up to great achievements." She loves traveling, especially to any coastline but her favorite trip was to Glacier National Park in Montana. All together she has been to eleven countries, and she hopes to be able to go back to Italy.



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One of this month's teacher spotlights is on Cindy Moore. She has been a teacher for twenty-eight years. Her husband's name is Rick Moore and they have three children Tony, Frank, and Lacey. She has seven grandchildren Jackie, Colin, Alex, Noelle, Hannah, Kenna, and Brody. Her favorite color is purple. She enjoys eating fried okra, her husband's chili and drinking diet Dr. Pepper. She likes OU football and Porsche cars. In her free time you can catch her quilting and sewing. She likes reading mystery books and listening to country music. Her favorite actress is Julia Roberts and her favorite actor is Elijah Wood. Her favorite thing about AMS is, "How well everyone gets along, from the administration to the kids." Her favorite quote is, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" by Benjamin Franklin. She also enjoys coaching Special Olympic which she has been doing for her entire career.



Support Staff Spotlight



Article by: Kiersten Bradshaw

One of this month's support staff spotlights is on **Kathryn Abbott**. She is the school nurse for the Anadarko School District. Nurse Abbott is starting her 20th year working for this school! That seems pretty hard to survive, but she had her supportive husband, Danny Abbott, by her side. They have two sons, Bryan and Brice, and one daughter, Christa. Nurse Abbott likes to watch basketball and listen to country music. She also likes watching Sam Elliot and Sandra Bullock on the big screen. She loves eating Mexican food and drinking Pepsi Max. She has to have a way to get to the Mexican food, so she has a RAV4 car. One of her hobbies is jewelry making and she uses teal beads a lot, because that is her favorite color. The best book Nurse Abbott has read by far is, *Mr. Perfect* by Linda Howard. One of her favorite quotes is, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." -Mother Teresa. She loves how, "The staff at AMS are so friendly, cooperative, and I appreciate what they do. The kids are fun to be around and work with too." Thank you Nurse Abbott for keeping us happy and healthy for so many years!



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One of this month's support staff spotlights is on **Joe B. Lucero Hobay**. Mr. Lucero has three daughters: Leah, Deanie, and Margaret. He has three grandchildren: Jude, Tegan, and Bowie. He loves going out to eat with his family, especially Mexican food and Mt. Dew. He drives a HHR car. One of his hobbies is playing music and he prefers to play spiritual music, because that is his favorite. He likes watching Nicole Kidmann and Robert Duvall on the big screen. He loves to read his favorite book, *Kiowa Voices*. His favorite color is Cobalt Blue and his favorite quote is, "To thine own self, be true." He loves to go to football games and support our school! Mr. Lucero has been the JOM person at AMS for eighteen years now! His favorite thing about AMS is, "The positive, unified, energetic, upwardly motivated atmosphere among the students and staff." He also leads the Native American Club and he is the preacher at the Fellowship of American Indians Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Thank you, Mr. Lucero, for all you do!

AMS September Students of the Month 6th Grade Girl Spotlight



Article by: Jaycee Epton

This month's sixth grade girl student of the month is Paris Burdex. Her favorite subjects are literature, math, and English. Her family consists of her mom E'vonne Zumwalt, her brother Rome, and her dad William Burdex Jr. Her hobby is cheerleading and when she's not cheerleading she's drinking Dr. Pepper and listening to Hip Hop and Pop music. She likes to eat Mexican food while watching OU football. Her dream car is a Mustang that is preferably purple. Her favorite thing about AMS is, "The awesome staff and the attendance challenges." She is also a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church's Altar server and youth group.





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6th Grade Boy Spotlight



Article by: Jaycee Epton

This month's sixth grade boy student of the month is **Jantzen Kilpatrick**. His favorite subject this year is math. His mom and dad are Beatriz and Clint Kilpatrick. His hobbies are swimming, singing, and playing video games. He loves eating chicken alfredo and drinking Red Diamond sweet tea. His favorite sports are football and wrestling. His favorite book to read is "Amulet". His favorite actors to watch on the big screen are Robert Downy Jr. and Winda Cordiliny. His favorite thing about AMS is, "The schedules and activities." His favorite quote is, "When I am afraid I put my trust in you." - Psalm 56:3. Some other things about him are that he is a member of Gospel Lighthouse Church and he is a 3rd division football player.



7th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article By: Tanaya McDowell



This month's 7th grade girl student of the month is **Selina Aguilar**. Her favorite subject is language arts and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Taylor. Her mom's name is Jessica McDougale and her brothers and sisters are: Jaquelin, Anabel, Claudia, Jose, Jeremiah, Jacob, and Wayne. Some of her favorites are the color blue, football, the books *Inside Out* and *Back Again*. She also enjoys drinking tea. She enjoys watching movies with actor Tom Holland and actress Emma Watson. Her hobby is reading and she likes football. Her favorite car is a Mercedes, and her favorite song is, "I don't wanna be you anymore". Her favorite thing about AMS is her teachers and friends. Her favorite quote is, "I have no special talent, I am only passionately curious." by Albert Einstein. Something she would like to tell us is that she is in Yearbook.





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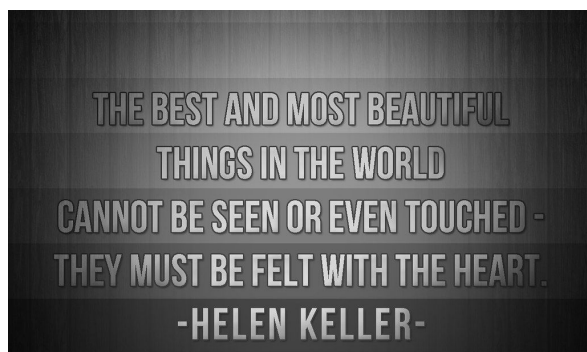


7th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article By: *Tanaya McDowell*



This month's 7th grade boy student of the month is **Addison Lin**. His favorite subjects are reading and math. He doesn't have a favorite teacher, he likes them all. His mother's name is Jessie Chen and his father's name is Andy Lin. Some of his favorites are the color red, he loves all types of food, he likes to listen to Hip Hop or Pop music. His favorite actor is Cheney Che and his favorite actress is Dilraba Dilmurat. He also enjoys playing basketball and the book *Last Days of Summer*. Addison's favorite thing about AMS is that he can sit with his friends at lunch or he can go outside. His favorite quote is, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt by the heart." ~ Helen Keller



8th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by: **Makinzi Smith**



This month's 8th grade girl student of the month is **Leyla Saldana**. Her favorite subject in school is art and her favorite teachers are Mr. Whitman and Mr. Heilman. Her mom is Melonie French-Saldana and her dad is Aldelzon Saldana. Her siblings are: Elizabeth Saldana, Lucius Saldana, and Oscar Saldana. Her favorite color is red and her favorite vehicle is muscle trucks. Some of the sports she participates in are cross country and basketball. She likes to eat Arroz con Gandules and Mofongo and drinking Malta Goya. In her free time she likes to sketch. Her favorite book is *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon. The type of music she likes to listen to is Reggaeton. Her favorite actor is Timothee Chalamet and her favorite actress is Saoirse Ronan. Her favorite thing about AMS is the sports program. Her favorite quote is, "You get what you get and you don't throw a fit" - Her mom. Something else she wants us to know about her is that she plays Double Ball which is a traditional Wichita game for women.



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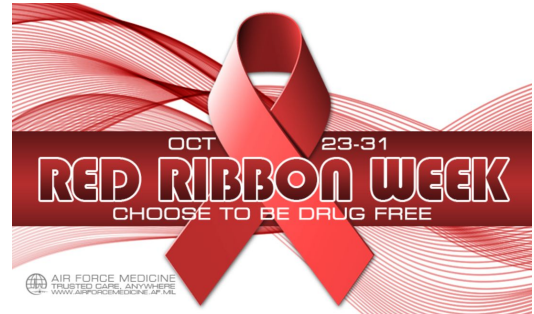
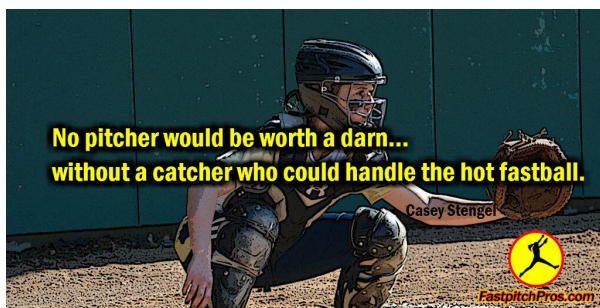


8th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by **Makinzi Smith**



This month's 8th grade boy student of the month is **Elijah Foreman**. His favorite subject in school is art and his favorite teacher is Mr. Botone. His family consists of Alicia Foreman, Matthew Foreman, Jordan Foreman, and Alexis Foreman. Red is one of his favorite colors. His favorite car is a Cadillac Escalade. He participates in football and also watches football in his free time. He likes to eat chicken alfredo and drink water. His favorite book is the Bible. He likes to listen to Rap and Hip Hop music. He loves watching movies with actor Will Smith and his favorite actress Margot Robbie. His favorite things about AMS are his friends and the electives. His favorite quote is, "You either make the play or watch the play be made". -Ray Lewis. Some other things that he wants us to know about him is that he participates in powerlifting, track, and honor's art.



Red Ribbon Week

Article by: **Karliey Parker**

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 28th-30th. Events for the week are:
Monday 10/28-Stay Drug free-Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday 10/29-You have the POWER to stay Drug free -Dress like a Superhero or wear your favorite shirt

Wednesday, 10/30- We may be different but we are united against Drugs-Bedlam: wear OU or OSU shirts



School Dance

Article by: **Ivory Miller**

On October 31, 2019, the Anadarko Middle School will be hosting a Halloween dance from 1pm to 3pm. You can not have any pink slips from October 7-31. It is \$2.00 at the door to get in and there will be a concession. For those not attending the dance there will be a free movie. For those with pink slips, there will be a study hall. You cannot check out during this time because it will be counted as an unexcused absence.



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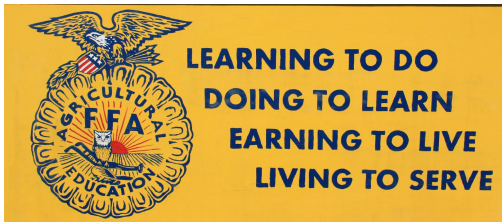


CLUB NEWS

FFA

Article By: Saniya Miller

FFA members competed in the Tulsa State Fair livestock show on September 27th-October 6th. They also competed in the Opening Ceremonies and Creed contests on October 15th, in Binger. On October 12th, they had a Special Needs Livestock Show at the Caddo County Fairgrounds. They served a delicious meal at 6:00pm and the show started at 7:00pm. They will also be helping with the mutton busting contest the City of Anadarko is putting on October 26th, as a part of the Caddo County Kids, Kites, and Frights Fall Festival.



STUCO

Article By Xavieriyonna Norwood

In STUCO they are still in the process of setting up dates for their planned activities for the month of October. On **Oct.26th** they are sponsoring a booth at the **Kids, Kites, and Frights Fall Festival** located **downtown Anadarko**.

STUDENT COUNCIL
SERVE LEAD INSPIRE

4-H

Article by: Brooklyn Matlock



AMS 4-H members Brooklyn Matlock and Ashlyn Jackson along with some Mission 4-H members and High School FFA members competed at the Woodward County Judging Contest and the Oklahoma State Fair Judging Contest. The teams did well and all placed in the top ten at the Woodward County Contest. There were also several exhibits entered at the Caddo County Fall Fair that qualified to go on to state. The following members have exhibits that were displayed at the Oklahoma State Fair: Kiki Bradshaw, Garryn Edwards and Brooklyn Matlock. Three members also showed their livestock at the Oklahoma State Fair. Stetson Hall had Champion Chi Prospect Steer and 4th overall in Junior Showmanship. Ashlyn Jackson had Champion Chi Heifer and 3rd Overall Heifer Brooklyn Matlock had Reserve Division in the open show and 3rd in the Junior Show with her Maine Anjou Heifer. The 4-H speech contest will be November 19th. 4-H members should start researching their topics and start writing their speeches so they will have plenty of time to practice before the contest day.



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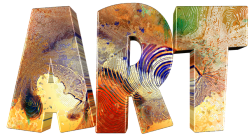


INDIAN CLUB



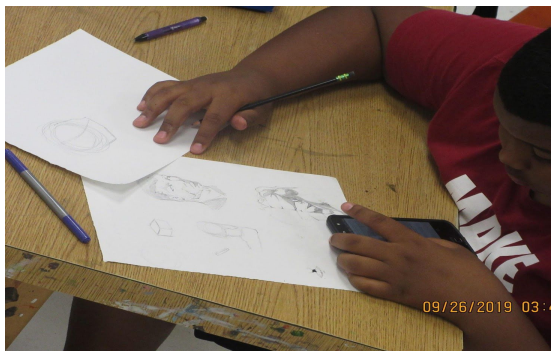
Article By Candelinn Toehay-Tartsah

The Indian Club was invited to perform at the AOA Health Fair at the Wichita Tribe September 27. The Wichitas had booths and they were raffling tickets for small prizes.



Article by: Selina Aguilar

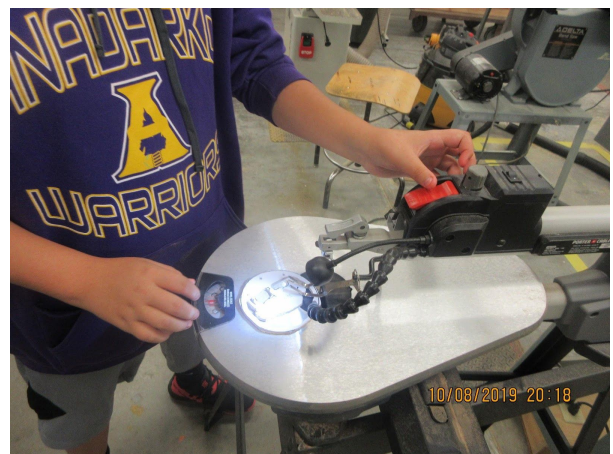
The Art Club will be working on a warrior head mural in the library and in the art room. Several of the art class will be painting an "A" on the football field. The honors art class has a "Dancing Houses" display in the library and the other art classes are currently working on watercolor painting.



TE/TSA

Article by Tanaya McDowell

This month in TE they are working on coding. The TE class is going on a trip on October 23rd. They are also working on Christmas ornaments





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FCCLA

Article by Brooklyn Harlan

FCCLA held Pink Out on Thursday, October 17th, in Anadarko when our high school football team played Elgin. They started delivering Pink Out shirts on October 14th. They have a district meeting on October 30th, at Minco. They will be taking donations for Weber Falls FACS Program because their school was destroyed in the flooding this summer.



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, talk to Mrs. Taylor and she will let you try out. Practices are held after school.

EXCEL

Article by Carsyn Gomez

The EXCEL students have been busy lately. The 8th graders are building and coding their ActivityBots. The 7th graders are starting their Space Rover Shoe Box projects. Then the 6th graders are doing a variety of activities like building LEGO Mindstorms, rollercoasters, and Star Wars robots. Students are encouraged to create a 3D project on their own time. Once they create it, they will be able to print it on the 3D printer.

7th Grade Football

Article by Saniya Miller

The 7th grade football was a part of the high school homecoming parade on Friday October 4th.





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8th Grade Football

Article by Julissa Balderas

The 8th grade football team has finished their season and they did pretty good. They would like to thank everyone came and supported them at their games.



Cross Country

Article by Ayanna Dobson

The AMS Cross Country team had their last meet on October 17th, in Chickasha. That was the JH All-Star meet. This is the meet that the middle school teams really want to win as a team and as an individual. This meet is like the high school state championship meet. They also went to see the movie Overcomer at the Liberty Theatre in Carnegie on Sept 9th. On Sept 23rd, they did their annual Mt. Scott trail run.





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Football Cheerleading

Article by Brooklyn Matlock

7th & 8th Grade Cheerleaders have been supporting the football teams both in town and away.





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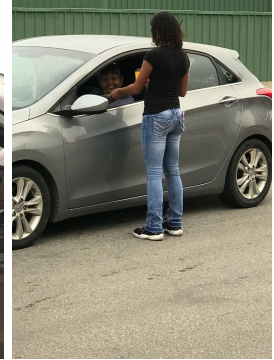
RAWK Projects

Article by: Ayanna Dobson

Mr. Botone's and Mrs. Hrbacek's classes made thank you cards for the police and fire departments for RAWK projects.



Mrs. Hancock's EXCEL and Mrs. McGlothlin's Yearbook students RAWK'ed parents dropping off their students with **coffee and calendars** of AMS events.→





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STEM

Article by: Tanaya McDowell

This month STEM class did an experiment. The students created containers to hold a raw egg. They dropped their containers and eggs from a 10 foot drop. There were some groups whose egg did not break! It was very exciting for the students to work with each other to create a container to hold their egg, without their egg breaking. The winners are:

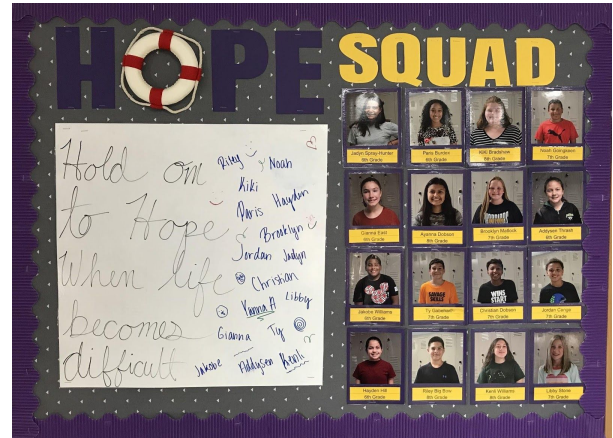
1st hour: Trever, Allison, Peyton.

4th hour: Gianna, Malana, Mathew, Malahkle.

6th hour: Apriel, Chassidy, Lluvia M, Stetson, Rihanna, Elijah, Paris, Sincere.

7th hour: Wyatt, Aliayah, Myles, Nephiel, Hayden, Gage, Nevaeh, Troy.

8th hour: Cyncera, Jayci, Peanutt, Alexia, Nicko, Ryan.





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Calendar 2019-2020

October

28-30 Red Ribbon Week (RRW)

- 28 Wear Red for RRW
- 29 Wear Superhero shirt RRW
- 29 Hope Squad meeting
- 29 Picture Retakes
- 30 Wear OU/OSU shirt RRW
- 31 Halloween Dance 1:00

November

- 1 Geography Bee Semi-Finals
- 2 County 4-H Awards 6:30
- 5 6th EXCEL Memorial Museum
- 10 Geography Bee Finals
- 11 6th grade Block Rotation
- 13 Vast Trip Group 1
- 14 Basketball girls @ Clinton
5:00
- 15 Vast Trip Group 2
- 18 BB girls w/ Clinton 5:00
- 18 BB boys @ Clinton 5:00
- 19 4-H Speech Contest
- 21 Vast Trip Group 3
- 21 BB girls @ Cache 5:00
- 21 BB boys w/ Cache 5:00
- 22 Hope Squad
- 25-29 **NO SCHOOL**

December

2,5,7 BB boys only @ Carnegie
Tourney

- 5 BB girls @ Chickasha 5:00
- 9 BB girls w/ Weatherford 5:00
- 9 BB boys @ Weatherford 5:00
- 10 Band Concert 7pm
- 11 Spelling Bee 9am
- 12 Choir Concert 7pm
- 14 BB Boys only w/ Chickasha
10am
- 16 BB Girls @ Elgin 5:00
- 16 BB Boys w/ Elgin 5:00
- 19 Hope Squad
- 19 BB girls w/ Elk City 5:00
- 19 BB boys @ Elk City 5:00
- 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
- 16 BB Girls @ Altus 5:00
- 16 BB boys w/ Altus 5:00
- 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



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23-25BB 8th Boys & 8th Girls @

14 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Chickasha tournament

27 BB girls w/ Elgin 5:00

27 BB boys @ Elgin 5:00

30 BB girls w/ Cache 5:00

30 BB boys @ Cache 5:00

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