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## Omicron

*Article by: Paris Burdex*

The Omicron variant continues to spread around the world, infecting fully vaccinated people. With some omicron cases, those who are fully vaccinated and have their booster shot, symptoms are mild. Many wonder if they are sick with a cold, the flu, or Covid- 19. Those that are not vaccinated seem to have similar symptoms early on in the pandemic. The overall symptoms reported by the CDC are fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

Covid symptoms can appear anywhere from two to 14 days after someone is exposed to the virus. This new variant can infect the same person twice, experts have said. Omicron is 2-3 times more easily transmitted between individuals than the delta variant. In a study that has not been peer reviewed , the team found that omicron multiplies 70 times faster in the bronchi, the passages leading to the lungs compared to the delta variant. Deeper in the lungs, omicron replicates at a rate lower than the original version of the virus.

## Vaccine Article

*Article by: Sincere Whitefox*

A vaccine is a material used to restore the construction of antibodies and produce immunity against one or several diseases, prepared from the enabling agent of a disease, its products, or a synthetic substitute, treated to act as a substance without inducing the disease. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are forcefully recommended as safe and effective at preventing serious illness or death from

Covid. From December 2020 to December 2021, about 470 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been given in the U.S. Due to potential blood clots following administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines, from Pfizer and Moderna, are preferred over the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The processes were ready very early in the Covid pandemic. Countries shared information when it was available about Coronavirus, the coronavirus that causes Covid, which gave vaccine producers an early start at finding a vaccine. All vaccines go through medical trials to test safety and successfulness. The National Institutes of Health shows the four phases a vaccine goes through before it is released to the public. The CDC continues to monitor the spread of Covid and makes advice for wearing face masks, both for those who are fully vaccinated as well as people who are not fully vaccinated.

## Yearbook Staff Spotlight



*Article by: Jaeden Hunter*

Aniyah Norwood

Aniyah was born March 16, 2008; she is 13 years old. She grew up in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Aniyah's favorite colors are yellow, black, and white. Her favorite sport is basketball. Aniyah said she doesn't have a favorite fast food place because she loves all of them. She has six siblings. They can annoy her sometimes and make her mad, but she loves them. Her



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favorite dessert is all types of cookies. She said "I love to watch TikTok in my free time, as well as listening to music." She loves to listen to Tyler the Creator; she can listen to him all day, everyday. Aniyah said her goals for this year are to have good grades, pass the 8th grade, and go to highschool. When Aniyah grows up the place she would love to travel to is Jamaica. She said it's a beautiful place. She has many friends that love and support her.

"You can acquire your dreams, when you want them badly enough" -Unknown.

## 6th Teacher Spotlight



Article By: Jaeden Spray-Hunter

## Administrator Spotlight

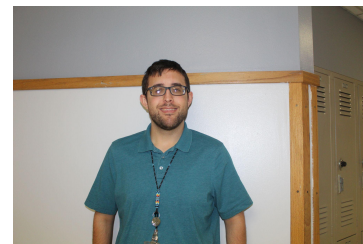


Article by: Sofia Lin

On December 10th, 11 days before the winter solstice begins, I interviewed the assistant principal of AMS, Mrs. Steverson. The best advice she ever received from others is "If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing well" -E.L. James. The greatest accomplishment she ever had is her kids and that all her life she has always given her best. In high school she was salutatorian, just behind her best friend. Mrs. Steverson always chose to stay around positive people. She believes success brings success. Mrs. Steverson was a high school dropout who had straight A's in school. She got married at 16 and had two sons. She then returned to high school taking night classes and working full time jobs. In the next 10 years, she hopes to spend time with her grandkids and travel around the United States.

I recently interviewed Ms. Cantrell for Teachers Spotlight! Ms. Cantrell decided to teach for Anadarko Middle School because she wanted to coach. She was a teaching assistant for 12 years! She loves working at AMS because she graduated here and loved our community. She likes to build relationships, make connections, and treat each of her students as her own. She loves teaching science because people use it everyday without realizing it. She evaluates her students by their effort. As long as they are giving their all, she is happy!

## 7th Teacher Spotlight



Article By: Lyndzie Burford

Today, I got a opportunity to speak with Mr. Farr. He decided to become a teacher because he'd always been fascinated by the world, it's history, it's various cultures, and the interesting people who inhabit it! He loves his

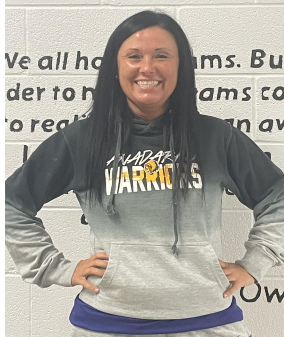


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subject and wanted to do it justice by sharing his passion with the next generation.

## Support Staff Spotlight



Article by: Gia East and Nevaeh Post

Today we got the chance to interview Debbie Knight. She has lived in Anadarko all her life. She likes being part of the custodial staff because she likes working with the kids. She has been a custodian for 3 years now! The silliest gift she's ever gotten was mens underwear for a Christmas gift. That's all for the support staff spotlight!

## AMS November Students of the Month

### 6th Grade Girl Spotlight



**Hanna Johnson**

Article by Vailee Toppah

"What effort did you show to become student of the month?" "I showed hard work and paid close attention." "What examples do you show to other students in your grade, do you have any advice for other students looking for this achievement?" "Do your work and keep up." "What subjects do you excel in?" "Math." "Did you know that you were going to be nominated for student of the month?" "No." "Once your month ends, will you continue to show effort and work hard?" "Yes." "Why do you think you were chosen for student of the month?" "I don't know." "What are your current goals for this school year?" "To work hard." "What are your two future goals?" "To excel in reading and english."

### 6th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by Nevaeh Post & Gia East



We had a chance to interview Christopher Olguin-Divilla. His advice for students looking to become student of the month is to keep your grades up and do your best. The subjects he excels in are literature and math. His current goals are to get through middle school and then graduate from high school. Something unique about Christopher is that he is the only boy in his family.

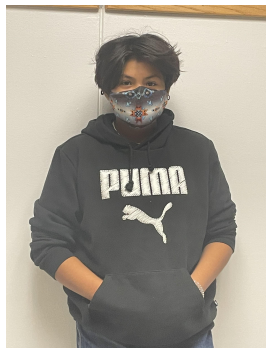


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## 7th Grade Girl Spotlight

Article by: Gia East & Nevaeh Post



Today, I had the opportunity to interview Brooklyn Brown, a seventh grader. Her favorite colors are royal purple and royal blue. Her favorite subject is geography. Her favorite food is chicken andouille. A unique thing about her is that she barely talks during school. Last, but certainly not least, she participates in several activities. She plays basketball and she likes to write every now and then.

## 7th Grade Boy Spotlight



Article by Georgia Redbird

I had a chance to interview Kylan Wall for our December 7th Grade Student of the Month. He achieves his goals for this semester. He shows others to work hard and pay attention to this opportunity. His goals in life are to play good basketball and go to college.

## 8th Grade Girl Spotlight



Article by Georgia Redbird

I had a chance to interview Aniyah Norwood. She always works hard and has good grades. She pays attention in class and stays on tasks with her work. She had no clue she was going to be student of the month. Her future goals are to pass 8th grade with all A's and B's. She is hoping to play basketball again, as well. She will continue to show effort and hard work for this school year.



## 8th Grade Boy Spotlight

Article by Georgia Redbird

I had a chance to interview Troy Pendarvis for student of the month. He does his work and shows others to do their work for this spotlight. He had no idea he was considered for this opportunity. His current goals for this school year are to have all A's and B's. His future goals are to go to college and play basketball and football. He will continue to work hard for his goals.





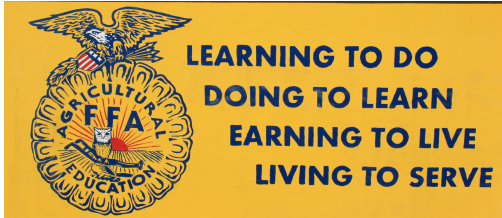
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## CLUB NEWS

### FFA

Article by: Sofia Lin



The National FFA Organization has evolved in response to expanded opportunities available in the industry of agriculture. Today's FFA helps members prepare for careers in agribusiness, agrimarketing, science, communications, education, horticulture, production, natural resources, forestry and many other diverse fields.

### STUCO

Article By Vailee Toppah

This week, December 6th through 10th, Student Council is participating in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army to collect any donations to help needy families in Caddo County. During this semester, they will continue to form a plan for community events that they will take part in for the upcoming New Year.



### TE

Article by; Aniyah Norwood

This morning I had a chance to interview some of the kids that are in Tech ED and they are building cars and doing computer coding.

### NJHS

Article by: Sofia Lin

Five main purposes have guided chapters of National Junior Honor Society 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 of secondary schools. These purposes also translate into the criteria used for membership selection in each local chapter. In order to be considered for the Anadarko Middle School NJHS Chapter, the student must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater.

### FCCLA

Article by Tia Tilis

6 & 7th graders are learning about safety regards when cooking in a kitchen during this nice month of december, As 8th graders they are learning about relationships, marriages and how to have healthy connections.

## Basketball

Article by Shaden Walker

Today I had the opportunity to interview Blane Mooney. He thinks he is doing pretty good this year. He thinks his team is doing well because they are working together very well. Blane plays small forward. His basketball number is 13. I am glad I had the opportunity to interview him.

## Softball

Article by Alyssa Parker

The girls softball team is working on their lower body strength and will soon start



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*working on their hitting skills . Their coach, Jordyn Troxell, is encouraging them to improve their breathing while running.*

## **Cross Country**

*Article by: Tia Tillis*

*Cross Country kids are on off season right now and are getting ready for the next season and what is coming with it. **Go Warriors***

## **Colorguard**

*Article by Georgia Redbird*

*I had a chance to interview Mikalyn Domebo for the 21-22 Color Guard. She learned new motions with the flags every week. They have an upcoming show coming up and it's about dancing with the flags. Her achievement at color guard is to get better at flipping the flags. She continues to work harder and practice for the 21-22 Color Guard.*



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## **Calendar 2021-2022**

### **December**

3-4 Wrestling @ Kingfisher  
Tournament  
6 Basketball Weatherford girls-away  
boys-home  
9-11 Basketball Chickasha 8th  
Tournament  
10-11 Wrestling @Hinton  
Tournament  
13 Basketball Elgin girls-away  
boys-home  
14 Wrestling @Hobart  
Magnum/Cordell  
16 Basketball Elk city Girls-home  
boys-away  
20-31 **NO SCHOOL**

### **January**

3 **NO SCHOOL/PD Day**  
3 Basketball Noble girls-home  
boys-away  
6-8 Basketball 7th Chickasha  
Tournament  
10 Basketball Weatherford  
girls-home boys-away  
13 Basketball Altus girls-away  
boys-home  
17 **NO SCHOOL**  
Basketball Elk city girls- away  
boys-home

20 Basketball Lawton Mac  
girls-home boys-away  
24 Basketball Elgin girls-home  
boys-away  
27- Basketball Cache girls-home  
boys-away  
28-29 Wrestling @Firelake  
Arena Conference  
31- Basketball Cache 7th and 8th  
tournament girls and boys

13 Wrestling @WFH Homecoming  
14-15 Wrestling @Kingfisher  
Tournament  
17 **NO SCHOOL**  
27 Wrestling @WFH  
Hinton Dual

### **February**

3-5 Basketball Cache 7th and 8th  
tournament girls and boys  
7- Basketball Chickasha girls-home  
boys-away  
17 Parent/Teacher Conference  
3:30-9:00  
17- Basketball Clinton girls-home  
boys-away  
18 **NO SCHOOL**

### **March**

10 **NO SCHOOL / ½ PD DAY**  
11-18 **SPRING BREAK**



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## **April**

State Testing Begins

15 **NO SCHOOL**

## **May**

2 **NO SCHOOL**

9 **NO SCHOOL**

19 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL