

ALLEN BOWDEN'S



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Third Time is the Charm

by: Cadyn Ward

The third time was the charm for Allen Bowden! This past month the bond issue passed! The new activity center will be coming soon and we are all excited about it! It will seat anywhere from 600 to 900 people. That will be awesome because it won't be so crowded in the gym! We will be able to enjoy classroom areas for robotics and other programs. By building a new activity center it will help us be more aligned with other schools near us.



Picture of the new facility.

Tips to get good grades

by: Breanna Mecom

You're probably sitting there reading this and thinking "man, my grades are horrible but how do I get them up?" Well, you are reading the right thing! There are many steps to getting good grades. The first one is to listen. If you notice yourself starting to doze off in class, be sure and get plenty of rest. Next, do not talk so you can focus on your work, same with drawing, playing with your nails, etc. Pay attention to your teacher and be respectful. Lastly, you need to do your homework and really concentrate on doing your best. If you put your mind to it, you can quickly turn those bad grades around!

Teacher Topic

by: Halle Hamilton

We are blessed to have good and caring teachers here at AB. Our IT assistant, Miss Smith, or as some of you know her, Miss. Jordan, is an incredibly hard working teacher who ensures our computers are up and running and our internet is available for all students and staff. Mr. Sweet describes her as very professional, sweet and quiet. Although she may seem like a student, don't doubt her brains! "She is a hard worker and puts her best foot forward," said Mr. Little. We are very thankful to have Miss Smith here at Allen Bowden.

The Gist About GT

by: Halle Hamilton

Mr. Little's GT class focuses on developing critical thinking and problem solving skills, and encourages students to work together and tackle challenges. Mr. Little said, "My goal is to help students become better versions of themselves by fostering intellectual growth and creativity." The class explores a variety of activities suited to different age gaps, such as karaoke for older students and magic carpet for the younger ones. Mr. Little ensures that his students engage in meaningful learning experiences that enhance their skills and confidence while making learning fun and interactive. We are glad to have this program here at Allen Bowden.

Esports?!

by: Sayla Slavens

Next year Allen Bowden might introduce a new Esports club. Esports is a multiplayer game played competitively. This club would be run by Miss Smith. She would help students with gaming consoles and devices. She said, "A few popular games that might be played are Fortnite Rocket League and Super smash bros". If this club does open it would be some time next year, so get ready wildcats!

Candy or Kandi?

by: Abigail Conley

You may have noticed some students wearing lots of bracelets. Kandi bracelets, usually called "Kandi," are beaded bracelets typically traded using the PLUR handshake at music festivals or raves. They originated within the early US rave culture. Kandi's are typically hand-made using plastic pony beads, although other types of beads are also frequently used. The story of how Kandi became part of rave culture has a few different versions. Some claim the bracelets were originally made from real candy.

TRACK STARS INCOMING

by: Kambrey Milford

This upcoming track season will see two new coaches: Coach Rich and Coach Skoog. Both confirm that AB will be competing in the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, 300 meter hurdles, 100 meter hurdles, the 400, 800, and the mile. Also the shot put, discus, and long jump. Both coaches agree they plan on bringing home a lot of medals. We asked some athletes what they are looking forward to this track season. Ashley Acosta, eighth grade, said she is looking forward to throwing 90+ in the discus. She is also looking forward to getting first place in state this year and just trying to have fun. Eighth grader Paieton Ahlborn said she is looking forward to building stronger friendships with her teammates, and attempting to win. Karrysyn Hefley, sixth grade, is looking forward to winning her hurdles and her 100 meter dash. She also wants to make it to the finish line without falling. Fifth grader Kamilah Cruz said she is looking forward to running better and having a good attitude and she is also looking forward to making it to the finish line.

On the boys' side, eighth grader Daniel Wyant said, 'I want to win. Just win.' His fellow teammate Qu'aveyon Rowlett said, 'I am looking forward to seeing some of my friends from other schools and for sure, winning medals!' Jordan Vess and Zach Doran, each in the eighth grade, both agree they are looking forward to missing school and going to the concession stand. Well, let's hope those two look forward to more than that!

We look forward to supporting our track team this season and wish them the best of luck!



Eighth grade track students pose for a picture.

Basketball Wrap Up

by: Taylor Sammons

For almost 4 months the 5-6th girls and boys basketball teams and the 7-8th grade girls and boys basketball teams have all been working very hard. We lost some and won some. They all did an outstanding job and worked hard. The 7-8th grade teams had four tournaments in total and the 5-6th grade teams had two. They all did very well and worked very hard. They are all excited for next season. If you are interested in playing basketball next year, be sure and watch for notifications in the fall.

OUR THIRD GRADE HERO

by: Abigail Conley

Mrs. Ragsdale, third grade teacher here at AB, is a hero! She wears many hats at our school! Mrs. Ragsdale teaches students from the ages 8-9 years and in the 3rd grade. She is a wonderful teacher and puts a smile on everyone's faces. In addition to teaching, she also coaches 3rd and 4th grade girl's basketball. The athletes she coaches are up and down that court and are really good! And, she also coaches archery as well! She and her husband work together to give the students a great opportunity to become great achers! If you happen to see her give her a high five and a good job.



Mrs. Ragsdale coaching some of her 3rd grade students.

Geology Glamour

by: Lillie C. Dennis

Have you ever seen a cool rock and wanted to know why it looks like it is covered in glitter? Well this rock might have minerals in it! The most common type of rock in Oklahoma is limestone. Limestone is a type of sedimentary rock. In limestone there is calcite which is a type of mineral that is found in lots of different rocks and can be a crystal itself, this crystal is usually about one inch in size. Calcite can glow in almost all fluorescent colors under a UV light. Learning about rocks can lead to fun hobby of rock collecting! Give it a try!

One Year Already

This past month marked the one year anniversary that Mrs. Maria had her kidney transplant. Mrs. Burger headed up the celebration to recognize Maria. Maria provided lunch for the staff and teachers. We are so grateful she is doing well and we are so thankful she is here at Allen Bowden.



Mrs. Maria and Mrs. Burger pose for a picture during the celebration during lunch.

Man with the Bands

By: Audrey Jett

Mr. Emerson is the school band director. He teaches every single band and music class in the school! Mr. Emerson said that his mom was a teacher and that she told him he should also become one so he could make an income. He said, "seeing the light bulb come on" with his students is what he likes most about teaching. He loves seeing students have their "aha" moment and finally understanding something. He said being a band director keeps him busy, especially since he himself is in a band. He said, "I work all day at school, then I have to drive the bus, then go home and get things ready for a gig, and then go perform at the gig!" He said he likes being a band director and that he is blessed to be in so many bands and he loves being able to perform. His advice for 8th grade band students who are going into high school band is to "practice, practice, practice. There will always be someone who is better than you, and if you want to get as good as them you have to practice and work for it!" That is great advice for everyone, not just us band students.

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Can I 'aa-choo' a question?

by: Addysin Jones

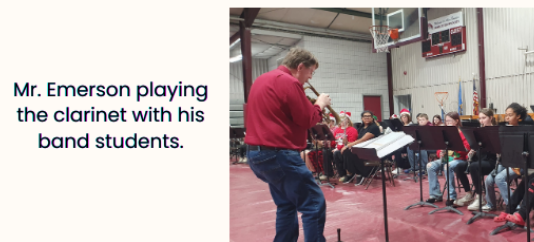
Winter time brings a lot of sickness so many people are staying home from school. We visited the office and asked school secretaries Mrs. Escoe and Mrs. Pethel some questions about this winter season and sickness. Mrs. Escoe said that 20% of the students have been out with a sickness. When asked if they have ever gotten sick from the students Mrs. Pethel answered, "Yes, I got the norovirus." But Mrs. Escoe said, "Not really, I have only gotten a cold." When asked what their worst day has been like, they both answered, "when 3 kids were in here at the same time, throwing up, and one of them threw up in their hand and then dumped it beside them in the floor. The other kid had a trash can, but threw up beside it and not in it!" We asked them what students could do to stay healthy. Mrs. Escoe said, "Wash your dang hands!" Mrs. Pethel said, "Stop drinking after each other, and make sure to sanitize!"



Mrs. Escoe and Mrs. Pethel field calls from parents.



Mr. Emerson speaking to the audience at a recent concert.



Mr. Emerson playing the clarinet with his band students.