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December is always a busy month at AMS.

8th Grade Algebra

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Students just finished looking at slope, standardform, slope-intercept form, point-slope form, parallel lines and perpendicular lines. They are now exploring inequalities which will also use what they learned in the previous chapter to graph inequalities and shade their solutions.

8th Grade Math

Students completed the unit on relations and functions. They have also learned about slope and graphing lines on the coordinate plane. They are now finishing up the semester working with percent problems, simple interest and compound interest.

6th Grade Math

Regular classes are finishing up Integer operations as we approach the end of the semester, while advanced classes are exploring and using percentages with rates, proportions, constant rates of change, and in financial literacy with tax, tip, discount, and simple interest. Students are researching holiday related math facts for extra credit. Student's work will be posted in the hall.

<u>Library</u>

6th graders have been in the library researching and writing a paper on Ancient Egypt. 6th and 8th grade students have enjoyed hot chocolate while reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas". They also shared about their family holiday traditions, while they sat by a virtual fireplace. 7th graders are reading "A Christmas Carol" while enjoying traditional wassail (hot spiced apple cider).

<u>Art</u>

Mrs. Greenwood's classes designed Christmas cards for a six year old girl known as Little Addie. They added words of encouragement that were heartfelt. They signed them and added from Aubrey, Texas or Aubrey Middle School. Mrs. Nishia Newton is going to mail them to Addie in Utah. Her story went viral on Facebook and can be found under "little Addie".

<u>Band</u>

On December 15th at 6:30pm AMS 6th grade band and AHS bands will perform a Christmas concert in the High School gym. On December 16th at 6:30pm AMS 7th and 8th grade bands and AHS jazz band will perform a Christmas concert in the Middle School gym.

Student Council

Student council is sponsoring a 6th grade Winter Social Friday December 12th 4-5pm in the AMS Cafeteria. They are also sponsoring a 7th and 8th grade Semi-formal Winter Dance Friday December 12th 6-8pm.

PTO

PTO is hosting their annual Christmas luncheon on December 11th. Local business's donated 50+ gifts to give to the AMS staff. Thank you PTO!!

Arts & Crafts Extravaganza

On December 6th we held our fourth Annual Arts & Crafts Extravaganza. This is a fundraiser for our 7th grade San Antonio field trip in May. We had over 30 vendors attend. We had parent volunteers helping in the concessions and Jr. Beta students helping vendors. Jr. Beta also had a gift wrapping booth set up where donations were accepted.

<u>AG</u>

7th grade classes are learning all about writing resumes. 8th grade classes are working on a short lesson in Floral Design. They are making Christmas Bud Vase arrangements to take home to their mothers. 8th grade students just wrapped up their Military Care package collection. They worked for one week collecting items to put in stockings for the Marines. A former Aubrey ISD graduate, Anthony Alford is stationed in Miramar, San Diego and won't be home for Christmas. That is what inspired the kids to do this project. They sent 11 boxes (370 lbs) of snacks, activity books, cards, personal care products and nic nacs to the soldiers.