

Anderson Articles

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Cougar Codes

By Hayle Malone, Rayna Callejo, & Graceann Moore

Does it ever bother you that the boys dress code has way less rules than the girls? Have you been dress coded for wearing a pair of shorts that are "too short"? Well, Jasmine Baldwin and Aeris Keegan are tired of this happening and started a dress code petition here at Anderson Middle School in February, 2018.

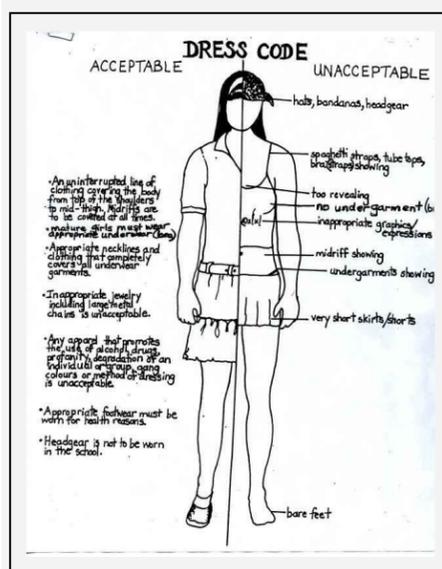
"Girls should be able to wear what they want.", says Jasmine Baldwin, 7th. "The dress code for AMS is very sexist", says Aeris Keegan, 7th.

Several students throughout the school don't agree with Jasmine and Aeris. "I honestly think it's kind of stupid. The school isn't going to change the dress code."

Ms. Jarrett and Mrs. Feusi both agree that the current dress code is fair for the students and we should keep it the way it is. Although, Jarrett says that the dress code on shorts needs to be revisited. "I don't think it's sexist. What are boys going to wear against the dress code?" Asked Feusi, PE teacher. "We have never seen a boy wear short shorts or a spaghetti straps shirt," added Jarrett, PE teacher.

"Girls don't need to expose themselves," says Feusi. However, clothing options for girls in the stores are limited. "Short shorts" seem to be the only items of bottom clothing on the shelves at times and the school doesn't seem to understand that. Especially during this time of the year. It is getting hotter and girls will need to wear clothing that won't make us melt like the cement outside, seriously! (Please Do NOT Go Picking At The Cracks On The Blacktop*.)

"We should be able to wear what we want to express ourselves," said Baldwin. A lot of students agree with Baldwin and Keegan. "Well, guys can wear whatever they want. We're not allowed to wear clothes that expose skin. It's not fair." Says Tessa Manson, 7th. It's easy to feel restricted when you're assigned certain clothing options in one hundred degree heat.



Acceptable and Unacceptable Dress Code



Softball Season

1,2,3 Strikes, You're out!

By Kailyn Skaggs and Jalan Steffler

Baseball season has begun at AMS. We have a baseball and softball team! Unfortunately, the AMS baseball team has not won in years, five to be exact. Hopefully this season we will have good luck and the strength we need.

The first game of the season took place at Big League Dreams against Pacheco, on March 12th, 2018. The second game was against Evergreen at Big League Dreams on March 19th. The third game was on March 26th against Happy Valley. On March 28th the game was against Pacheco.

The next game was in April on the 10th, a double-header of baseball and softball against Berrendos. The next was AMS vs Evergreen on April 11th. The next was another double-header, AMS versus Cottonwood on April 16th. The final game was AMS v Happy Valley on April 18th. Due to the difficulties, two games were cancelled, the one on March 14th, and the one on 21st. Unfortunately, this season was short and sweet.



Spring Break

Justin Weidner & Naiya Steffler

March 30th was the start of spring break, Woo Hoo! Students tend to relax and have fun during spring break. Jeffrey Moreno, 6th, in Mrs. Carter's class says, "I just want to do nothing," he said. "I am going to the movies and I'm going to play Call of Duty Black Ops 3." Gauge Dempsey, 6th, in Mr. Burgess' class says, "I am going to hang out with my cousins," he stated, "I am going to play Little Big Planet 3 & Hack." Kilee, 5th, says, "I am going to Oregon to visit my aunt and stay with her."

Amanda, 6th, says, "I am going to hang out

Passing Periods: Yes or No?

By Makayla Hardcastle & Graceann Moore

Have you ever been going to class, but ended up getting a tarty? Everyday students get a tarty. It's probably because we don't have passing periods. We don't have time to get to class, go to the bathroom, or even stop to tie our shoes. Seventh grader Mitzy Rose has noticed this, along with many other things, and started a petition.

"It's putting a lot of stress on us and we feel we don't have enough time to get to class," said Amber Otten, another person involved in these petitions. Many students agree with her, too. Here's a quote from Mason Freeman:

"Some people need time to go to the bathroom. About three minutes should be fine." Every student interviewed agreed with him. Ms. Jarrett, the PE teacher, even agreed with Freeman.

"Yes, the kids need to know when they need to get out of class and when they need to be in class. Personally, I would like music bells." Jarrett even wanted music bells! However, I can't say that everyone was on board with this idea. Some people on the AMS staff are not fond of the idea of bringing passing periods back, like Ms. Feusi says, "I would not prefer them because I think class time is more important."

So, as you see, some people don't want passing periods, but we'll just have to see what happens.

Open House

By Rayna Callejo, Graceann Moore & Hayle Malone

On May 16, we were able to come back to campus for open house from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We interviewed some of our fellow students, and most of them agreed that it was fun or interesting. Summer Campana, 8th, said, "It was exciting and interesting." She also said the 7th grade posters were really good.

The 8th graders had a meeting in the library and talked about graduation and their trip to Whiskeytown. The 7th graders had their career project presentations in the cafeteria. 5th and 6th graders had their presentations in their classrooms. In the gym, there was a game called rampshot. Rampshot is a 4 player game similar to Cornhole, but it only involves 3 of the 4 at all times during the game.

Ms. Larrucea had a wardrobe malfunction. Kia Sair, 7th, had noticed and asked if she wanted half of her underwear hanging out thinking it was a new fashion trend. Funny, right? After Kia asked Ms. Larrucea about it, she had immediately fixed her skirt. "She thinks I wanted that?" Ms. Larrucea asked.

Bike to School Day: Good or Bad?

By Makayla Hardcastle

Bike to school day. Is it a good event for the school to continue doing? Or is a disaster waiting to happen. Well, in my opinion it is a good way for kids at Anderson Middle School to interact with each other while getting some exercise. Walk to school day is a cool thing for the school to put on for the students at Anderson Middle school. It is also a good opportunity for kids to be outside of school for a little walk before school. But many of the locations may be too hard for kids to go to them.

This year bike to school day was at the Anderson Fairgrounds. Some people live far away from the Anderson Fairgrounds, but it is also convenient for others so I don't quite know how to feel about the location situation because it will always be an issue no matter where they start it at. Bike to school day is sometimes a good thing, from my experience... so is bike to school day a good thing? Well I haven't attended a bike to school day in a very long time like, fifth grade. Yeah I know right, so you may be thinking why is she giving an opinion on something she hasn't attended in almost THREE YEARS!!!! Well what I remember of bike to school day it was pretty fun you would meet somewhere, in this years case the Anderson Fairgrounds, and then you would walk, or bike, to school with your friends and sometimes you get candy. Well my answer is yes bike to school day is a good thing for the school to continue doing. So, THE TRADITION MAY LIVE ON!!!



Cougar Band April Car Washes

By Cloey Mckenney

In the month of April two donation car washes had been hosted by the seventh and eighth grade Cougar Band in the Napa Auto Body Shop parking lot. The Cougar Band had hosted these car washes for the purpose of paying for the buses for their band trip to Vallejo in which to attend a competition. The first car wash had been proven to be a hit with the students as many from the first shift group were dotted with soapy water and smiles as they welcomed their customers. Though they were covered in suds, the band students still worked hard! As a result of their hard work and persistence, they had been able to get a decent stream of customers to attend to.

To Graduation!

By Griffin Foster

That's right folks! The last day of school is when the 8th graders will be graduating to high school! We will miss them. Now let's hear what

with my friends and family." Mischka Hansen says." I am also going to hang out with friends and family and maybe go to hawaii." Reyna, 5th, says, "I am gonna ride my motorcycle." Jazzelin, 5th., says, "I'm going to hang out with my friends and going to have fun."

Festival Zestival

By Griffin Foster

For people who don't know, the CMEA Music Festival has gone by. It was greatly anticipated by students and faculty. The CMEA Music Festival was held at Shasta College on March 23rd. "I'm really excited," said Jalan, 6th, a saxophone player, when asked about the festival coming up. "I have never been at a music festival where I am performing. I really think everyone is ready for this, but I am nervous. My concern is that I might mess up."

"I'm very excited," Erik Graves, 6th, a bass player, stated, "I can't wait. I'm totally ready! I'm not really nervous. But if my bass isn't tuned and they don't have a tuner, that's a concern." "I'm really excited," said Mr Dykstra, the conductor of both the Blue + Gold and 7th/8th grade bands. "This is the first time they allowed me to bring a beginning band. I have prepared both bands for the event. I'm not nervous. I have done this before. My only concern is that everyone shows up and brings their instrument and music." Thanks to their hard work, both bands got a Superior ranking. Now that's something to brag about as the award winning bands add two more awards to their collection.



WES Camp

By Justin Weidner & Naiya Steffler

WES Camp also known as Whiskeytown Environmental School has come around again. WES Camp is primarily for 5th graders but to make 6th grade feel included too here are some things about what happened last year. 6th grader Xzavier Smith in Mrs. Carter's class says, "My favorite thing at Wes Camp was the food & the s'mores and my favorite hike was

Spirit week

By Amber Otten, Aeris keegan, & Andrea Valdovinos

A week were both teachers and students can dress up in funny or clever outfits. Ms. Johnson said, "Meme day and duo day were one of her favorites, but I don't think that most of the older teachers quite understood meme day so they didn't understand what to do."

Jasmine Glass, 7th, said, "Spirit week was ok and that passion day bugged her because it's hard to dress up as your passion. Jasmine Baldwin 7th grade a opinion is that spirit week is that "it was ok," says Jasmine Baldwin. She didn't like meme day and Jasmine Baldwin told me to put this in. "WHAT HAS THIS SCHOOL CAME TO" says Baldwin. Alondra valdovinos says that spirit week was good and her favorite one was dou day. She dressed up like eleanor from alvin and the chipmunks.

Mitzi Rose thought that Spirit week was awesome and that Passion day was her favorite. In this school tradition many students have taken it way to serious or way wrong. In all results Anderson Middle Schools spirit week is a precious thing that Leadership makes sure that it happens. So let's give a big thanks to our school's Leadership! So, why not let the tradition of spirit week live on, I mean spirit week is one of the things that probably every single student looks forward to.

Rad Tricks

By Griffin Foster

On April 18, 2018, we had the StuntMasters come to school to show some awesome tricks. The more energetic we were, the cooler the tricks were. Cool, awesome, and, rad. From backflips, jumping people, to fancy footwork and flatland tricks. Lucky participants earned posters and, with their teacher's permission, got them signed. Go to StuntMasters.net for more information and locations for future shows.



Mix It Up: Good or Bad?

By Keira Leroy

Mix it up day; an outlet for fun...or an outlet for lying? I surveyed what kids were up to as the day went on, but all I seemed to see were children being forced to sit next to others and since most of them decided to be rebellious. They were sitting at other tables, hiding their wristband, so no one would see that they were at the wrong table. As we all know, lying isn't a good thing. So why would the school give an open outlet for kids to lie? Well, the whole point of "Mix It Up" was so that kids would have to sit next to kids they didn't talk to everyday and make some new friends. Instead. It made students feel uncomfortable and unstable. Lunch is a time where kids can really be free, sit with whoever they want, and

they have to say! "I'm really excited," said Ray Rendolph, "I can't wait to graduate! But I am going to miss my friends. Some of them aren't graduating." "I can't wait to graduate." said Leitonnio Lucero. "I am gonna miss my friends a lot. They aren't coming with me!" "It's okay," said Thomas Dukes. "I don't have many friends, so I won't miss them." "I'm really excited!" said Seth Dourney. "I am going to miss my friends." Most of the 8th graders said they would go to AUHS up the hill. Maybe we will see them in the near future. There is another school called Anderson New Tech School. Which path will you take?

Talent show

By Makayla Hardcastle and Amber Otten

On April 20th at 2:15 kids from all grades were in a talent show at the Anderson Middle School gym. From 5th to 8th grade tried out for the talent show. One of the people who was in the talent show, Griffin Foster, 6th, wrote an original poem about traveling around the world to places like New York. He said his favorite thing about performing is "winning over the crowd." People sang, danced, and played instruments.

A self-taught dancer, Jackson, 5th, did a dance called the dubstep. He says, "He likes performing." There was a lot of clapping for the people who performed on stage. In the end most people left the gym feeling like they had a little piece of heaven from all of the acts on stage.

The kids that performed were, in my opinion, very brave to go up on stage and perform in front of hundreds of kids and the adults. Over all the talent show is a tradition carried by Anderson Middle School, so that the students, performers, and teachers can all take a break from school and enjoy amazing acts performed by amazing people. In conclusion, the talent show was a very good success.

when it rained." Jessie O'Bar, 6th, says, " My favorite thing at Wes Camp was the churro we got on Thursday night and my favorite hike was the night hike." Brian Benfer, 6th, says, "My favorite thing at Wes Camp was the hikes, my favorite hike was the time we went up to Guardian Rock Savannah."

The Musical CottonWood Parade

By Cloey Mckenney

May, the month of many events as it is the wrap up month of the school. This month is also is the host to many band events, including the Cottonwood Parade. The Cottonwood Parade is a huge event that attracts many people and families to the streets of Cottonwood. This event is where many different school programs and other people around the community, including the fire department of Cottonwood, make floats, ride around in lines of cars, have baton twirling stunts, riding on horses, or march around playing music!

The Cottonwood Parade is a great place to express and impress the people along the streets with their skills, and that is just what the AMS Cougar Band did. The band had marched down the streets of Cottonwood with their instruments blaring and their eyes full of pride as they played the song 'Kashmir'. The AMS Cougar Band had done such a great job putting smiles on the faces of many onlookers from the streets with their music.



talk. For me, lunch is a moment of curiosity and fun with your friends.

Blocked, Why!

By Justin Weidner

Have you ever had free time in class but your not really free, why? You're blocked. You give us free time but we can't be free. Some of these sites we need for our other classes but they're blocked. We needed Rapid Typing give us typing practice, **BLOCKED**. We needed SafeShare for GATE class, **BLOCKED**.

Sometimes we need our freedom. Cool math games was blocked because of ads you could have put in an ad blocker instead of blocking the site itself. We have a very little library of games for when we have free time. Most of the games are for class anyway. If we have free time we don't want to do classwork as gaming free time. Also youtube is blocked for only 6th grade. Restricted mode is on so people can't watch to many things, but it should be blocked for only the ones who watch it during class and have bad grades. That's just my opinion and we will see what happens in the future.