



Wadesboro Primary School Celebrates Dr. Seuss in March

Wadesboro Primary School celebrated Dr. Seuss March 2 through 6 with different activities every day. Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He published his first children's book, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, under the name of Dr. Seuss in 1937. The book was rejected 27 times before finally being published.

Not only did Dr. Seuss write and publish over 40 children's books, he was also the illustrator, creating many of the characters from his imagination.

Dr. Seuss died on September 24, 1991, at the age of 87. Children all over the world read his books daily. Dr. Seuss is such an inspiration to children's literature that the National Education Association celebrates him yearly with "Read Across America" on his birthday. WPS celebrated the entire week, and on his birthday, Monday, March 2, students dressed in red and white. On Tuesday students showed off their wacky socks, and enjoyed the green eggs and ham cooked up by our cafeteria staff on Wednesday. Thursday was "Hat Day," and the culminating event of the week was dressing like a Dr. Seuss character on Friday.

Students (and teachers) thoroughly enjoyed getting into the role of the many characters of Dr. Seuss. Students also participated in a contest to see who in each grade level could estimate the number of M&M's in a jar. The winners won a bag of books from our recent book fair. Congratulations to Sarah Gathings, Nehemiah Burch, Aleah Powe, Dashunna Polk-Lillie, Tyler Nguyen, Mya McCoy and KaVien Brown.

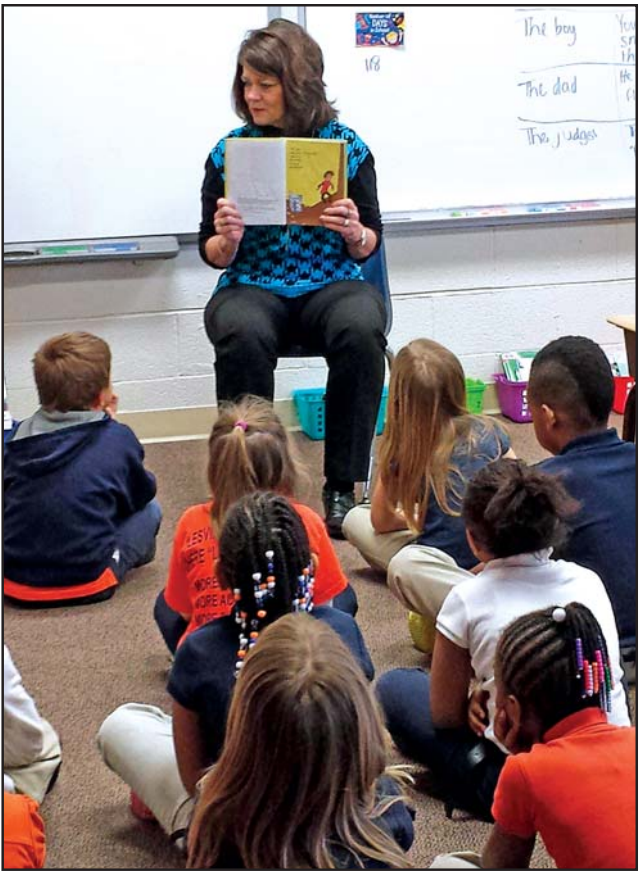
LES Student Recognition Assembly

The Lilesville Elementary School Community recently took part in a Student Recognition Assembly Program on Friday, February 13. This event was held to acknowledge accomplishments students achieved during the second 9 week report period. Over 30 Terrific Kids were selected by their peers and recognized for the character education trait of Caring and the character education trait of Fairness.

Additionally, the school level Spelling Bee winner Xzyreon McClendon was recognized for representing LES in the Anson County School's district level Spelling Bee competition. Spelling Bee runner-up Millie Ingram was also acknowledged for being prepared in case she was needed in the district level competition. Students were also recognized for perfect attendance for the second 9 weeks of school and for making the Honor Roll.

Lastly, students were recognized for meeting their personal best in the Accelerated Reader Program. LES Principal Ms. Maresa Dutton Phillips was excited to welcome a large number of school stakeholders that included parents, guardians and community partners to the event. Principal Phillips closed the program by reminding the staff, students, and other school stakeholders that when you work really hard and are kind, amazing things happen.

Pictured here, Ricky Dawkins (left) and Denise Hunter (below) share stories with students during Read Across America.



ACEC Students Learn by Volunteering in the Community



In addition to the time they put into high school and college work, extracurricular activities and jobs, Anson County Early College students have been actively involved in the Anson County community ... as volunteers! Most of the community service hours ACEC students fulfill are built into the Early College program so that they can prepare for future careers. Yet, most ACEC students tend to have the passion for helping others, and more times than not, they will jump at any opportunity to get involved with their local community in any way they can.

ACEC tenth grade students volunteer at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School every Thursday morning where they assist in classrooms and help younger students with reading and math. Eleventh and twelfth grade students spend a total of three semesters interning and job shadowing at local businesses throughout Anson county, and some in Richmond and Union Counties. Depending upon a student's individual interest and skills, Mrs. Robbie James, Career Development Coordinator at ACEC, carefully places each student in an environment that will suit them well.

Some students will go significantly beyond the required 100 community service hours within a four to five year time span. Outside of internships, job shadowing and Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, other community events that students have participated in have included volunteering at elementary school fairs, local barbecues, Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. events, Partnership for Children's Barn Blast, and the Chamblor of Commerce Dinner just to name a few of the events. Without a doubt, ACEC students will continue to give back to their communities for years to come.

ACEC Students Win at the National History Day Competition

Anson County Early College is proud to announce that several of our students participated in the Southwest Piedmont National History Day Competition on Friday, February 27 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Several high schools throughout North Carolina participate in this event each year. National History Day (NHD) helps make history come alive for today's youth by engaging them in the past through hands-on experiences and presentations.

This engagement inspires the students through project-based instruction.

This year two student groups from Anson County Early College competed in the regional competition. Jake Sessions, Hannah Ross and Corey Lowery completed a performance titled *Legacy Left Behind: The Great Leadership of Jesus* and placed second in the competition. Erin Kelly and Joshua Barbour completed a documentary titled *Joan of Arc* which placed third in the competition. Both groups will now move on to the state level competition on April 25 in Raleigh.

Anson County Early College English teacher Ms. Benton has helped these students with their projects and stated, "I am so proud of all of these students. They have worked so hard, and are prepared to continue improving each step of the way as we prepare for the state competition."

Mrs. Carri Decker, Principal of Anson County Early College, is beyond proud of her students. "We have talented students at Anson County Early College and we are happy to support them every step of the way," said Mrs. Decker. "I know they will represent Anson County well at the state competition in Raleigh. There have also been numerous community members and local businesses that have supported our students in this effort and we greatly appreciate all that they have done for this project."

