



Inside Your Anson County Schools

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Letter from the Superintendent

Hello Anson County Community,

It is with excitement and anticipation to realize we are rapidly approaching the conclusion of another school term. I am pleased to report that we are providing awesome learning opportunities to each student who attends one of the Anson County Public Schools. Teachers and all other school staff are eagerly planning and delivering instruction aligned appropriately with curriculum standards for each child on every grade level and in every course.

I am proud to inform you that our teachers and other educational support staff have been provided appropriate professional development to meet expectations as to how teaching should occur in our new world of technology and global awareness. When I began my career, we did not have any classroom computers, tablets, smartboards, etc. Interestingly, we did not even have air conditioning in all classrooms at that time. Fortunately, we have progressed to an era where teachers not only have an abundance of technological teaching resources; they also have tremendous support to ensure that the resources are used appropriately to support instruction.

On many occasions I am asked by parents, business owners, members of the faith community, etc. about what we as a community can do to help children learn. Our children have certainly benefited from volunteer tutors in classrooms and other areas of the school. However, some volunteers are finding it more and more challenging to provide solid instructional support due to strategies currently being used to deliver instruction for our students. While I want to continue encouraging every individual to do everything possible to support students academically; I also have a specific request that would be very helpful for each child we serve.

The simple request I have is for every adult to influence our students to help them grow in the area of Soft Skills. When I speak of Soft Skills I am referring to basic skills needed to be successful in life such as communicating well verbally and in writing, collaborating as a team member when doing projects, learning to be a good problem solver, learning to critically observe situations and analyze data, and acquiring strong conflict resolution skills. As adults we can and should easily incorporate these types of experiences when we naturally interact with children. As we model showing respect to each other and being a good citizen our children will typically set standards to mimic us.

Thanks for the tremendous support you provide to educating children in Anson County. Together we can touch the lives of our children in a very positive way. Please join me by teaming up as a community member who will positively interact with our children to intentionally support learning both academically and through the development of "Soft Skills."

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S.

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. All regular meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session begins at 6:30 p.m. (Any changes in time will be published in The Express Newspaper, posted on the Anson County Schools website and posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office.) Meetings will be held in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center at the Board of Education Office, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro, unless otherwise noted.

April 19, 2016

Budget Development Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 (Additional dates to be determined if needed.)

April 25, 2016

May 23, 2016

June 30, 2016

July 25, 2016

August 29, 2016

September 26, 2016

October 24, 2016

November 21, 2016

December 12, 2016

Open Session begins at 3:30 p.m.
 Closed Session begins at 3:45 p.m.
 Open Session begins at 4:30 p.m.

Important Dates to Remember

ANSON ACADEMY

- May 3 Cap & Gown Pictures
- May 13-17 Senior Project Presentation
- June 3 Awards Day

ACEC

- May 9 Senior Boards (Senior Project Presentations) at ACEC at 5:30pm
- May 25 Awards Day at Lockhart-Taylor Center at 9:30am

AES

- April 13 3rd Grade Environmental Field Day at Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge
- May 6 Relay for Life at AHS Stadium at 6pm
- May 13 Field Day
- May 24 Parks and Recreation Football Sign ups 2:00-3:30pm
- June 1 Kindergarten Recognition at 9:00am
- June 2 6th Grade Recognition at 9:00am
- June 3 Early Release/Last Day for students

AHS

- April 26 Special Olympics
- April 28 Special Olympics Rain Date
- April 29 Mid Term Progress Reports
- May 20 JROTC Awards Banquet
- May 24 District Scholarship Night
- June 4 District Graduation

AMS

- April 11-15 Elementary school visits
- May 14 Spring Formal
- AMS Soccer Schedule**
- April 14 Home Hamlet
- April 19 Home East Hoke
- April 21 Home Sandy Grove
- AMS Baseball/Softball Schedule**
- April 14 Away Hamlet
- April 18 Away East Hoke
- April 21 Away Sandy Grove

PPES

- April 13 Media Night
- April 15 2nd grade Field Trip
- April 21 Kindergarten and 6th Grade pictures
- April 22 Kindergarten registration 9-11am
- May 6 Relay for Life at AHS Stadium at 6:00pm
- May 11 Media Night
- June 3 Early Release and Last Day of School

MES

- April 12 SIP meeting in Media Center at 3:15pm
- April 12 PTA Math Night at 6:00pm
- April 13 Poet Mitch will visit MES 11am
- April 14 Kindergarten Registration 9:00-11:00am
- April 14 Gang Awareness at Hampton B. Allen Library 12:00-1:30pm
- April 15 6th grade will visit and tour AMS
- April 28 Grades 3-6 attend Camp Barnhardt for Learning for Life event.
- June 1 Kindergarten moving up to First grade celebration
- June 1 6th grade moving on celebration
- June 2 Awards Day

ANTHS

- May 2 PTA meeting
- May 24 Scholarship Awards night
- June 3 Senior Recognition night
- June 4 Graduation

LES

- April 13 Fourth Grade Field Trip to Reed Gold Mine
- April 13 Sixth Grade Transition Tour at Anson Middle School
- April 15 Third Grade Environmental Field Day at the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge
- April 18 School Improvement Team Meeting 5:30pm
- April 18 Parent Education Night for Assessments/Testing 6:30pm
- April 19 Spring Pictures (Pre-pay)
- April 22 Student Recognition Assembly
- April 26 Students participating in Special Olympics at Anson High School
- April 28 Rain date for Special Olympics
- April 29 Progress Reports go home
- April 29 NC School Bus Safety Posters due
- April 29 Torch Run for Special Olympics
- May 2 School Principal Day
- May 2-6 Teacher/Teacher Assistant Appreciation Week
- May 6 Relay for Life at AHS 6:00pm
- May 18 Kindergarten Field Trip to Lazy 5 Ranch
- June 3 Student Recognition Assembly
- June 3 Report Cards go home
- June 3 Last day for students

WES

- April 14 6th grade will visit and tour AMS
- April 19 Fair Project Outlines Due
- April 21 Appreciation Luncheon 12:00pm
- April 29 Progress Reports Go Home
- May 6 Science Fair Projects Due
- May 9 Muffins for Moms 7:30am
- May 9 School Improvement Team Meeting at 5:15pm
- May 9 PTA Meeting & Science Fair 6:00pm
- May 16 EOG Pep Rally Assembly 1:30pm
- May 20 Donuts for Dads 7:30am
- May 20 Field Day 8:00am
- June 1 End of Year Awards & Science Fair Awards Assembly 1:30pm
- June 2 6th Grade Recognition & Passing the Torch with AMS 6:00pm

WPS

- April 15 K Field Trip Rockingham
- April 19 Parent Advisory 7:30am
- April 19 School Improvement 5:45pm
- April 19 PTA 5:45pm
- April 26 Special Olympics
- April 28 Special Olympics
- April 29 Mid-Term Progress Reports go home
- May 3 5th Grade Field Trip Planetarium
- May 5-6 Field Trip Battle Ship/NC Aquarium Wilmington
- May 6 Relay for Life at AHS Stadium at 6:00pm
- June 2 Kindergarten End of Year Program
- June 3 Awards Program Grades 3, 4, 5 at 9:00am
- June 3 Last Day for Students / Report Cards go home

Board of Education and County Commissioners to Hold Joint Meeting

A Joint Meeting of the Anson County Board of Education and Anson County Board of County Commissioners will be held on Monday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Charles Riddle Staff Development Center, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Anson County School System Challenges the Community to Join in the Fight Against Cancer

Anson County Schools are fighting back against cancer by raising money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Campaign. The Relay for Life campaign is strongly supported by Superintendent Michael Freeman who says, "The school system continues to build their efforts each year with Relay for Life, and continues to foster that great spirit of giving among their students, faculty and staff."

Anson County Schools' Relay for Life Team is challenging community members, businesses and churches to participate in the annual Relay for Life of Anson County event on Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Anson High School Stadium in Wadesboro.

Relay for Life of Anson County is a six hour walk to raise funds supporting the American Cancer Society's mission to fight cancer through research, education, advocacy and patient services. Teams will create campsites filled with food, games and family-friendly activities while taking turns walking a track to symbolize how cancer never sleeps.

Through Relay events in 2015 Anson County raised over \$32,000 for the American Cancer Society. Additionally, Anson County Schools raised \$18,302.35 in 2015 for the American Cancer Society. So far this year 13 teams have raised \$7,450.57. We need your help to continue surpassing our county goal of \$34,800 for 2016.

We would love to see all of you at the event on Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at the Anson High School Stadium. If you are interested in getting involved, starting a team or volunteering in any way, please visit www.relayforlife.org to register your team or to register as an individual, or contact Anne Hyatt at hyatt.anne@anson.k12.nc.us or at 704-694-4417 x01903.

Anson County Schools New Online High School Transcript and Education Verification Request Portal

Former students, college/university admissions officers, employers and verifications companies must now submit high school transcript requests, document requests, and education verifications online.

In the interest of convenience, security and efficiency, all student records requests and education verification requests must now be submitted online using our new online request portal. The request portal will guide you through the ordering process. You will receive automated email updates as your order is processed.

On the Anson County Schools webpage (www.ansonschools.org) under Navigation, click on Transcript Request/Education Verification to start the process.

For information about document fees and turnaround times, please click on the FAQ link in the upper right corner of the Transcript Request/Education Verification webpage.

"Old Blue" 1955 Chevy Truck Up for Auction

"Old Blue," a 1955 Chevrolet truck used by the Anson County Schools Auto Mechanics Department for many years - especially when Mr. William Webb was teaching at Bowman High School - is being auctioned off by ACS. Sadly, Old Blue cannot appropriately be used for instructional purposes at this time so we are parting ways.

ACS has owned this truck since the mid 1970's. Old Blue is in need of a gas tank, carburetor and battery. It is sitting on the Highway 74 side of Anson High School close to the auto shop if you would like to stop by and check it out prior to submitting a bid on www.govdeals.com. The bids opened on April 11.

The highest bidder will receive a clear title for Old Blue from ACS. We would very much like to see this truck stay here in the county and be restored.

