

Anson Middle School Student Receives Special Recognition



Anson Middle School is proud to announce that Jalen Andreas Powe has been recognized for his performance in the 2012 Duke University Talent Identification Program's (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search. Duke TIP provides students with the opportunity to learn more about their abilities by extending the opportunity to take college entrance exams alongside high school students. Jalen achieved scores which have qualified him for state recognition through Duke TIP. He is the son of Ms. Fenetra Gaddy. North Carolina is one of sixteen states in the Duke TIP region. While over six thousand students in our state participated in the 2012 Talent Search, just over two thousand students earned scores which qualified them for this recognition. Jalen will be receiving special recognition on June 1 at Wake Forest University.

Wadesboro Elementary School Sixth Grade Graduation Information

Wadesboro Elementary School is excited to announce that the sixth grade students will be wearing caps and gowns this year during their graduation ceremony. Graduation is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at Anson Middle School, in the gymnasium. The dress code for female students is: black skirts, white blouses, and black dress shoes. The dress code for male students is: black pants, white shirts, black neckties (no bowties), and black dress shoes. The caps and gowns have been delivered to the school. Parents are asked to come to WES on Thursday, May 31 or Friday, June 1 to pick up caps and gowns, between the hours of 7 and 7:30 a.m. or 3 and 4 p.m. It is very important that parents and guardians make arrangements to pick up their child's cap and gown. Cap and Gown pictures will be taken Sunday, June 3, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Wadesboro Elementary School. Please plan to capture this momentous occasion. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Boyes, Ms. Liles or Ms. Mungo at 704-694-9383. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Schools Partner for Successful Transitions

On Monday morning, June 4 Wadesboro Primary School, Wadesboro Elementary School and Anson Middle School will join together for an event called "Passing the Torch." The first "Passing the Torch" was held at the end of the 2010-11 school year. This now annual event was developed to help students with the transition of moving from one school to another.



Anson Middle School Administrator, Mr. Corey Ross and several AMS faculty members will travel to WES at 9 a.m. that day and address the class of 2018 during an assembly in the gymnasium. Wadesboro Elementary sixth graders will learn about the many opportunities that await them as they enter into the world of middle school. Mr. Ross will contrast the difference between elementary school and middle school, and will share information about class choices and programs such as AVID and athletics.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to speak to the current WES sixth grade class at Passing the Torch," commented Mr. Ross. "This is an excellent opportunity for students to become oriented with life at Anson Middle School. I will be presenting information about academics, schedules, activities and different programs Anson Middle School has to offer. Mrs. Terrie Carpenter and current AMS Teacher of the Year, Ms. Daphne Mills will be joining me at the ceremony," Mr. Ross added.

Recalling the vision of Wadesboro Elementary School, "Students will be equipped with the skills necessary to be successful and productive, WES Principal, Mr. Willie J. Owens reflected. "I am very optimistic that once students leave WES they will be successful. Passing the Torch of Knowledge will be a test of our vision."

Third grade students from Wadesboro Primary School, along with their teachers and their Principal, Mrs. Betsy Ammons, will arrive at Wadesboro Elementary School at 10 a.m. and will meet the administration and staff in the WES gymnasium. During this assembly students will hear WES Principal Mr. Owens discuss what fourth grade life is like and what the expectations will be for these future WES students. Students will have an opportunity to meet the fourth grade teachers, and the event will conclude with a tour of Wadesboro Elementary School.

Mrs. Ammons, WPS Principal, enthused, "Wadesboro Primary School has received this wonderful invitation for third grade students to visit the fourth grade at Wadesboro Elementary School. This is a terrific opportunity for our third graders to feel more comfortable enrolling in Wadesboro Elementary once the 2012-13 school year starts. With the welcome of Mr. Owens and the fourth grade teachers, the excitement is evident on third graders' faces. Just being familiar with the expectations of their new school helps lessen their fears."



Willie Owens

Driver Education Information

The Driver Education program will be offering eight classes this summer to provide the 30 hours classroom instruction for driver education students. Each class will be for eight days, four hours per day. There will be a break scheduled each day. Students will be allowed to bring snacks from home and vending machines will be available. Driver's Education will offer behind-the-wheel training during the school year.

The program is offering these eight classes in hopes of accommodating the summer schedule for all rising 9th graders. All ninth graders are encouraged to attend and will need to pick a class that fits their summer schedule, attend all eight days and pass the exams associated with the class.

Ninth graders who do not turn 14 1/2 years old until later in the school year will also need to take the Driver's Education classroom portion this summer. The behind-the-wheel training for these students will then be postponed until they reach the legal age for behind-the-wheel training of 14 1/2 years old.

The program schedule is designed to prevent it from interfering with student schedules during the school year. By offering these classes during the summer students will not have to choose between athletics, after school tutoring, homework and Driver's Education. Also, by having the classes in the summer, students can focus their time and energy on becoming a knowledgeable and safe motorist.

Transportation services will not be provided. Students will need to make their own transportation arrangements for getting to class and home. The classes will start at 8 a.m. and end at 12 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 7:40 a.m. and picked up no later than 12:05 p.m. The drop off and pick up point will be the Anson High School Campus bus parking lot.

Class dates are as follows:

- **Classes 1 & 2** are held Monday through Thursday, June 18-28 (No classes on Fridays)
Class 1 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon & Class 2 from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Classes 3 & 4** are held Monday through Thursday, July 9-19 (No classes on Fridays)
Both classes from 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- **Classes 5 & 6** are held Monday through Thursday, July 23-August 2 (No classes on Fridays)
Class 5 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon & Class 6 from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Classes 7 & 8** are held Monday through Thursday, August 6-16
Both classes from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Students who are dismissed from a summer class for behavior reasons will be required to wait until the following summer to reapply to take the class. Students who are absent during their class will be required to make the time up at the discretion of the instructor. Students with multiple absences will have to retake the class at a later date or the following summer, unless extenuating circumstances exist. These situations will be looked at on a case by case basis. Once a student attends a day of Driver's Education and is removed or quits, the school system is under no obligation to offer the class to the student again.

Expectations for class:

- Students are required to be on time for class.
- Students are required to wear appropriate clothing.
- Students are required to attend all eight days of class.
- Students are required to complete all assignments in a timely manner.
- Students are required to follow the Make My Day program guidelines.
- Students are required to have transportation scheduled for pick up times.

Planetarium Summer Camp

The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center offers an exciting and informative Science Camp this summer for third, fourth and fifth graders. Here is the schedule for this summer:

- **July 30 - August 2** *Out of this World*
Students will investigate the world of outer space and its makeup. Experiments involving space, motion and aerodynamics, and many more hands-on activities will be included in the camp. Students will travel to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center in Chapel Hill, NC to learn about their planetarium, and they will visit the University of North Carolina campus.
- **August 6 - 9** *Under the Sea*
Students will investigate life under the sea. Squid and starfish dissections will be included in this week, as well as many more hands-on activities. The field trip for this week will include a visit to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science, where students will explore the new technology wing as well as the vast number of science exhibits.
- **August 13 - 16** *On this Earth*
Students will investigate how animals adapt to their habitats. Experiments using microscopes and pond life will be conducted as well as many more hands-on activities. The field trip for this week will include a trip to the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC. This zoo, which is quite different from the North Carolina Zoo, represents how animals have had to adapt to their environment and how they have coped with life in captivity.

We Need Your Help!

The Hampton B. Allen Library is offering a summer library program to the children and teens of our community to encourage them to read for pleasure during the summer and to retain their reading skills. This year's theme is Dream Big READ!

To add to the fun and to create a sense of challenge that will keep kids reading, we'd like to offer incentives and contest prizes at various times during the summer. Because of our limited budget, we cannot afford to offer this without your help.

We appreciate any donation you care to make. Possible donations include items to



give away as prizes, small toys, coupons for free goods or services (admission tickets, fast food coupons) or cash to buy prizes to offer as a Grand Prize. We will mention the assistance you have generously given.

If you can help us in any way, please contact me at the Library (704-694-5177). Checks should be made payable to "Friends of the Library." We hope to include you in our summer plans. Many Thanks!
Sincerely,
Donnie K. Lewis, Children's Librarian
Donald Perkins, Manager

Class of 2012 Preliminary District Graduation Information

Required Graduation Practice Friday, June 8

Anson High School Stadium

- All fines and fees must be paid prior to practice.
- Report at 8:30 a.m. - location to be announced.
- Seniors will receive report cards, seat assignments and graduation tickets.

Commencement Ceremonies

Saturday, June 9

Anson High School Stadium

- Report to assigned area no later than 7:45 a.m.
- Seniors should be in their assigned place in line no later than 8 a.m.
- The procession will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- Seniors who arrive late will not participate in the ceremony.
- The gates for spectators will close promptly at 8:25 a.m. with no more admissions to the grandstands.

Field Seating

- Graduates will sit in a block of seats with the respective school.
- Graduates will wear caps and gowns in their school colors.

Dress Code

- All students will wear cap and gown as instructed by supervising senior teachers. Tassels only. No decorations on caps.
- Only Anson County Board of Education approved regalia for honors may be worn.
- **Seniors in non-compliance of the dress code shall be pulled from the lineup and will be excluded from participation.**
- Do not bring bags, purses or other personal items because there is no secure storage.

- Female Attire:

- Dressy dresses or skirts
- Dark blue or black dressy **closed toe** shoes - NO sandals
- Dresses or skirts should not hang below the gown hemline
- Neckline of dresses or tops must not show above the gown
- If worn, hose must be skin color with no design
- Collars must be sewn in the gown
- No jewelry that extends below the neckline of the gown

- Male Attire:

- Dark blue or black pants
- Dark blue or black dress shoes
- Plain dark socks with no bold patterns
- Plain dark neck ties with no patterns - SOLID - no bow ties, no string ties
- White shirts
- No jackets
- No jewelry over the shirt, tie or gown

Tickets

- Each graduate will receive 10 tickets - **8 stadium only tickets and 2 stadium or gym tickets.**
- Everyone, including infants and children, must have a ticket.

Other Reminders

- Plan for heavy traffic and delays Saturday morning.
- Leave home early

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