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Letter from the Superintendent

Anson County Students, Parents, and Community Members:

On behalf of the Anson County Board of Education and all ACS staff members I would like to extend greetings as we begin the 2016-17 school year. I want to thank those of you who have been involved in helping a child or several children learn during the summer months and previous years. Our children have been provided many learning opportunities during the summer months from ACS sponsored programs. Additionally, children have benefited from programs provided by other agencies, faith based groups, and business programs. Each of you plays a vital role in the success of our community, schools, and each child served by ACS.

Our staff has continued working throughout the summer as we prepare to open each school on August 29, 2016. We are set and ready to provide each child enrolled in our schools a solid education. We are fortunate to have added several new teachers who have decided to begin or continue their educational careers by serving children in Anson County. We also have a large number of veteran staff members who have agreed to return to ACS and continue with their commitment of serving as an educator in Anson County.

Our journey of partnering as a team will be continuous and exciting. My staff and I will be available to provide support and guidance to you ensuring that each ACS student has the opportunity to learn while acquiring skills and knowledge necessary to become successful and responsible citizens. Learning opportunities should be embraced as one would accept a treasured gift. Teachers and other ACS staff will be prepared to present the gift of learning to our students based on research proven practices and well-planned lessons that appropriately engage students. When students accept the gift of learning they will have this special gift forever.

Support from every community member is needed as our students experience learning and internalize knowledge one lesson at the time during the 2016-17 school term. Community members can support us by being an encourager for each student, reading with a child, listening to a student read, providing resources such as supplies, and tutoring a child. We are all teachers, so let's accept the responsibility of educating our children as they prepare to be the workforce and leaders in our world.

As North Carolina continues to face difficult budget challenges that may remain strong and steady as educators and community members to provide our children with a bright future that can be attained as a result of learning. Anyone can promote a negative outlook - yet, those with wisdom and strong character can always find the positive in challenging times. We will find the positive so our children will benefit as we move forward.

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S.

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates

- 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.*
- January 30, 2017
- February 27, 2017
- March 27, 2017
- April 18, 2016
*Budget Development Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m.
(Determined if needed.)*
- May 22, 2017

All meetings are 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.

AIG Campers Enjoy Fun Learning Experiences

This summer the AIG Department of Anson County Schools held camps for qualifying third to sixth graders. AIG stands for Academically/Intellectually Gifted Program.

Third graders attended a camp entitled *Math Around The World*. Students made suitcases, created passports, packed their bags, and traveled by multiple transportation modes around the world to learn how other countries multiply and divide.

AIG and Nurture students also attended a Citizenship Camp where they learned about the different branches of government. Mr. Steve Adams, Director of the Anson County Board of Elections, led an information session with the campers about the importance of voting. The students took a field trip to the Anson County Courthouse and participated in a mock trial led by Chief County Magistrate, Mr. Weaver Thomas.

Fifth grade students attended a math boot camp entitled *Treasure Island* where they learned math skills relating to pirate adventures. Students also held a competition on designing a pirate costume for their classmates, using math concepts.

Sixth grade students attended a math boot camp entitled *Game Extravaganza* where they played a variety of games like Math Feud and Deal or No Deal, which helped them to practice numerous math skills.



Citizenship Camp



Fifth Grade



Sixth Grade



Third Grade