

Pee Dee Electric Awards 'Bright Ideas' Grants to Anson Educators

Pee Dee Electric is awarding over \$13,000 in Bright Ideas education grants to 13 teachers across Pee Dee's service territory. Bright Ideas grants help fund engaging classroom learning projects. Students at schools in Anson, Richmond, Scotland and Stanly counties will participate in Bright Ideas projects funded by Co-op this year.

"Our Bright Ideas grant winners are making a real difference for students," said Anne Edwards, marketing representative, of Pee Dee Electric. "Teachers have so many innovative ideas to engage students in learning, and we're excited each year to support pioneering initiatives and creativity in the classroom through our Bright Ideas grant program."

Winning projects from Anson County include "Under the Microscope and Beyond," written by Tammy Home and Shirley Hardin of Anson Middle School and "PAWSitivity + Physical Activity = Productivity," written by Darla McGuire of Wadesboro Primary. The winners are pictured at right with Principals Josh McLaurin and Betsy Ammons. All grant winners were honored recently at a luncheon hosted by Pee Dee Electric. "Pee Dee Electric is committed to the communities that we serve, and we believe there is no better investment than in the education of our youth and development of our future leaders," said Donnie Spivey, executive vice president and CEO of Pee Dee Electric.

Since 1994 North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively have awarded more than \$9.6 million to Tar Heel teachers. The Bright Ideas program has reached well over 1.8 million North Carolina students and sponsored more than 9,200 projects in all subjects including math,



reading, science and technology, history, music and the arts.

Bright Ideas grant applications are collected each year through mid-September, and winning proposals are selected in a competitive evaluation process by a panel of judges. The application process will reopen for interested teachers in April 2016. To find out more information about the Bright Ideas grant program visit www.pdemc.com or the Bright Ideas website at www.ncbrightideas.com.

WPS Offers Thanks to Pee Dee Electric for Grant

Thank you Pee Dee Electric for granting our bright idea! Thanks to you, we can provide additional PBIS incentives while increasing our students' physical fitness and social skills. The students and staff of Wadesboro Primary School sincerely appreciate your generosity. We are looking forward to a PAWSitive new year!



WES Implements New Support Program for Students

Wadesboro Elementary School has implemented the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Program. PBIS is being reinforced throughout the school. This program emphasizes proactive strategies in defining and supporting appropriate student behavior needed to achieve academic and social success for students. Students were introduced to PBIS on the first day of school. Since then there have been lots of teaching and activities to follow up.

On September 18 the whole school was invited to a PBIS Kickoff Program where everything they had learned about PBIS was reemphasized. The acronym "ROAR" was repeated several times throughout the celebration. It stands for R- Respect, O- Order, A- Attitude, R- Responsibility. Students were treated to games, contests, a PBIS video and drawings for prizes during the kickoff.

Students have been able to earn rewards on a weekly basis by collecting "Tiger Paws" in their classrooms and around the school. In addition, on September 24 students who had earned the required number of Tiger Paws were allowed to attend a basketball event where they competed in free throw, dribbling, hot shot contests, and, of course, they got a chance to play the game of basketball! On October 15 they were treated to a dodgeball competition if they had earned the required amount of Tiger Paws. Students are now trying to earn paws for a dance to be held on December 17 in addition to using paws for weekly rewards.

Many students have been recognized for their outstanding character that they display on a daily basis on bulletin boards in the hallways entitled "Tigers Who Deserve a Pat on the Back." Principal Owens also recently presented awards to some students he noticed were worthy of recognition. Teachers are recognizing students daily for their outstanding achievement. It is hoped that through PBIS students will enjoy learning and will want to succeed.



Traveling Art Exhibit Features Artwork from AHS Students

Anson High School students (pictured from left) Tina Tran (Proficient Visual Art), Teely Yang (Proficient Visual Art) and Colby Bacon (Beginning Visual Art) will have their artwork journey around the state with the 2015-2016 National Art Honor Society Traveling Exhibit. AHS Art Teacher Mrs. Nicole Sikes said in an effort to allow for more to view the 2015-2016 National Art Honor Society Traveling Exhibit, the artwork will start its tour around our state being exhibited at various venues.

The 2015-2016 venue exhibit schedule is below:

- December - Red Gallery and Studio, Rolesville NC
- January - Meredith College, Raleigh NC
- February - Imperial Centre for Arts & Sciences, Rocky Mount NC
- March - Temple Theater, Sanford NC
- April - East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- May - Artwork sent back to its home school

AHS Volleyball Players Recognized by School Board

The Anson High School Volleyball Team was recognized at the November 23 Anson County Board of Education meeting for having a successful season and for advancing to the first round of the NCHSAA State Playoffs. Congratulations girls!

