

## Anson Middle School News

### AMS Tutoring Program

The 21st CCLC Tutoring Program is going strong at Anson Middle School. This program, which runs from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, serves 156 middle school students, with an average of 65 in attendance daily.



The daily schedule includes snack time, homework assistance, academic classes and enrichment activities. Students are also provided with transportation home.

As members of the after-school program, students are provided the opportunities to participate in engaging academic and enrichment activities. Certified teachers are on staff to assist and teach students in the areas of English, math, science and reading. Students are placed in a subject area based on academic needs and parent recommendations.

Following an hour and a half of rigorous homework and academic support, students take part in enrichment activities. In partnership with the Anson County Arts Council, students make Christmas wreaths, metal art, and attend art club on Mondays. Students also go on field trips to the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge, the Rotary Planetarium and the Ansonia Theatre. Through these enrichment activities students acquire hands-on experiences in the arts and sciences.

Students interested in becoming part of the after-school tutoring program can pick up an application in the main office of Anson Middle School.

## Homecoming Week at Anson Middle School

Anson Middle School students and teachers participated in an eventful Spirit Week from January 13-17. The fun-filled days included College Day, Twin Day, Wacky Tacky Day, School Spirit Day and Dress for Success.

Students were enthusiastic and excited about the chance to show their school pride. On Thursday the cheerleaders led a walk through pep rally to heighten the school spirit before the Homecoming basketball games. Later that evening Anson Middle students, families and friends packed the gym for the two awesome games. The gym was full of proud Bearcat fans, and the support was electric. At halftime of the boys' basketball game, eleven Anson Middle School representatives and their escorts gracefully took the court for the 2014 Homecoming ceremony.

On Friday students sported their best dress and behavior, both at school and at the



Homecoming Dance. Students and teachers hit the dance floor Friday afternoon, and celebrated the closing of another great week at Anson Middle School.

We are proud of the participation during Spirit Week and look forward to next year!

## Anson High School News

### Anson JROTC Sends Soldier Care Packages

This year the Cadets of the Anson Bearcat Battalion completed a service learning project as a part of the Army JROTC program. This project lasted for the two weeks in December. For this project Cadets brought in items to create care packages, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, crackers, beef jerky, card games, wet wipes, etc. These items were brought into the Army JROTC department and were sorted, counted and packaged into priority mail boxes for easier



accountability and organization.

Cadets came together as a battalion and packaged a total of 160 soldier care packages for servicemen and women around the world. The battalion also invited soldiers from Fort Bragg to the Army JROTC department to receive the packages on January 23. The soldiers transported the packages back to Fort Bragg where they will then be sent to our Soldiers who are defending our great country.

### Anson JROTC Military Ball

On December 14 the Anson County Bearcat Battalion held their annual Military Ball. The event took place in the Anson High School cafeteria. Male Cadets wore their Class A uniform with white shirt and bow tie. Female Cadets either wore ball gowns or their Class A uniform. Male and females attendees not in JROTC wore formal dinner attire.

Along with the night of fun and entertainment there was also a portion of the ball that was very formal. There was recognition of POW / MIA soldiers who have served in our nation's military, as well as various toasts to the United States, Anson County, etc.

In attendance were multiple county officials, including Superintendent of Anson County Schools, Mr. Michael Freeman. Anson High School Principal Charles Murphy was also present. The ball started at 7 p.m. that evening and wrapped up at midnight. During those 5 hours there was dancing, chatting, eating and just a lot of high school students and adults having a great time and thoroughly enjoying themselves.



The Anson High School Bearcat Battalion had once again thrown a well-organized, fun and upstanding ball for the Cadets of Anson High School to enjoy. Events like this truly distinguish Army JROTC as a program that instills character and discipline into the students of Anson County.

## Ansonville Elementary School News

### AES Coats for Kids

With colder temperatures upon us, Ansonville Elementary School recently combined efforts with various Anson community members to collect "Coats for Kids." Ms. Mary Kay Woods, school nurse at AES, collaborated with these caring and compassionate Ansonians. She was personally able to deliver graciously donated coats to many children in multiple schools across the county. Now our students will be able to stay warm during the coldest months of the year.



### Over 100 AES Students Present *The Nutcracker*

Recently over one hundred Ansonville Elementary school students from grades three through six performed in the annual presentation of *The Nutcracker*. Faculty, staff, students, family and friends all joined together to celebrate this Christmas tradition at Ansonville School. AES used ETA Hoffman's Story of the Nutcracker Prince and Tchiakovski's ballet to create *Nutcracker - The Musical*. This work has been performed by AES students annually for more than ten years. All who participated did a fantastic job!

## Wadesboro Primary School News

### Literature and Art Taught in Collaboration at WPS



### WPS Fourth Graders Learn about NC Counties

Wadesboro Primary School fourth graders are learning about our great state. Recently students studied the counties of North Carolina and the government agencies that are represented in each county. The following is an article written by one of Mrs. Denise Hunter's students demonstrating what they have learned.

Our Counties: We have 100 counties in North Carolina. One is Anson County which is the one we live in. A county is made up of local government. The government helps the county perform many services for citizens. Counties are made up of schools, libraries, parks, the fire & police departments, and drivers' license agency. We have different police for each county. We even have a different fire department for each county. Which county do you live in? *By Labdhi Shah*

Wadesboro Primary School students have been able to gain a valuable insight into literature and art through the team teaching of Mrs. Teal, the media specialist, and Mrs. Davis, an Anson County School art teacher. Team teaching allows both teachers to collaborate on lessons as well as strategies.

Mrs. Davis' art lessons are related to the books read aloud to children in the library. Lessons allowed children to use critical thinking skills through class discussions of the text, and stimulate active involvement in the creative arts and promote learning and brain development in young children. Art experiences allow children to convey their ideas, feelings, and knowledge in visual forms. They have explored the processes of art using materials, tools, and techniques and create products such as drawings and models.

Art is a critical part of a child's whole education, as it can help children build a sense of competence because there are no right or wrong ways to use materials, and all products are valued.

